

## **LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES**

### **September 28, 2007**

We began at 7:45 PM with Gerry, Phil, Lydia, Colleen & Emily Houger, Dan, Josie, Marcie, Sarah, Gretchen and Sharon in attendance.

Dan began with a report of the grounds. There is still a water leak under the old restrooms (storage shed) and will contact Fred Bell to help locate it.

Dan also reported he will move the dirt from the large mound. What is the use for the old telephone poles? Could they be used by the manure truck area? Josie will call Bob and see if there are any bridge timbers available for use on the grounds.

Many compliments on how well the grounds looked.

The Davenport Fire Department gave us 50 feet of hose with a 3 inch nozzle. And 50 feet with a 2 inch nozzle. They can not be used by the fire department anymore and we have become the lucky recipients of them.

We will need to purchase new seals for the sprinkler lines by next year.

There was discussion about the Agriculture Display by Gretchen. Gretchen and Sharon will take on the project and have it in a permanent area in the Grange Building.

The Floral Building needs a new coat of paint on the inside. It needs to be spruced up. The Home Arts Building also needs some repairs and painting on the inside. The wall by the men's restroom occupied by the knitting department is the wall in need of repair.

The photography department would like hinged panels to hang photos on.

Royal Gardens will come back again next year with their landscaping. There was discussion that they will sell their plants at the close of the fair on Sunday.

Gretchen made mention that again there were toooooo many desserts from the chicken BBQ. Could they be sold on Friday? Could the royalty go around and promote the sale of them?

We need to get more vendors and more community organizations involved in the commercial building. Gerry mentioned that the fair in Rockford had a large amount of vendors—Sharon needs to call them and get their vendor list.

Sharon will contact our Fair Commissioner, Jay Wood about the open cats and open horses. We should be eligible for more points than we received.

Phil reported that there are rollaway bleachers in the Spokane Valley to be given away. Gretchen will check with her brother-in-law to see if he could haul them.

At the Ritzville fair, the petting zoo got the Black & White.

For the 2008 fair, the church parking lot needs to be roped off before the rodeo. We also need to rope off the fire lane early.

Sharon reported she had contacted the realtor for Joel Jahn's land and he is selling it for \$35,000 an acre.

Gretchen reported that she talked to Joy Wilken and that the Teen Time kids needed to do a better job with the dinner. Too many hormones.

Dan reported that the lawn mower would cost about \$400.00 to be rebuilt.

If the Drivers Rodeo comes back, a few changes need to be made. They need to pay some up front. They need two 4 yard dumpsters by the arena. If they have the Fire Department water the arena, they need to be billed directly from the City of Davenport. To fill and use our water truck the cost runs \$25.00 per load. They also need to be charged for the use of Home Arts restrooms. There is also discussion of someone from the fair on site to collect RV camping fees.

There was discussion of raising the cost to the barrel racers. Sharon will contact them to get a price list of what they pay elsewhere.

The arena rental needs to be addressed. People ride without paying. One option is that you may not ride unless call during the day. And we keep the arena gate locked unless contacted. Payments would also be collected that day. There was also talk of a video recorder mounted on the rodeo tower to observe who is using it.

A dinner given by the Fair Board for superintendents will be on November 2 at 6 PM before our meeting. It was changed after the meeting to be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be prepared by Dan Eddie Berry. Sharon will send out a letter to all of the superintendents.

Boat & RV storage begins on October 6<sup>th</sup>, Josie, Phil, Dan and Sharon will be helping. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Gretchen, Dan and Sharon will be available. On October 27, Dan & Sharon only at this time.

Sharon discussed grant options. She was told the deadline was extended and wanted to include some other options. Some of the options are: the Home Arts showers, a new door for the main building, repaving the midway, dishwasher for kitchen, or new freezer.

Jay Wood requested our fairs "best practices." Sharon wanted the board's input on what they were. It was decided the shuttle service, landscaping and petting zoo were the board's choice.

It was decided we will not borrow pens from Spokane. We have enough out in the salvage area to make do.

The pen assignments need to be done earlier and will be done next year. There was too much confusion where animals needed to be.

There was discussion about sponsorships. Go after sponsors for the show ring.

KD Saddlery is interested in a sponsor flag for next year.

The superintendents need to be asked if they would like straw or shavings----just a thought for next year.

The next meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger