

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
April 17, 2019

Board Members Present: John Merriott, Katie Bageant, Rebecca Mattox, Teresa Chrisman, Justine Winn, Brad Ray, Lindsey Smith

Members Absent: Jennifer Lewis, Paul Knittel

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Loren Reinbold, Scott Hutsell, Nan Wybark, Larry Ford, Debbie Ford, Heather Herdeen, Bob Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 2019 were approved.

Brad provided a report of the Jackpot Show on April 13th. There was a total of 61 entries, 35 hogs and 26 steer. The event raised \$915 for the Fair. Sponsorships were \$1400.

Larry had a few questions about who would be the main contact from the Fair Board to the Friends of the Fair, as Gerry had been the contact person for the Fair Board. A discussion followed. The final decision was for Brad and Katie be the contact persons.

Larry also mentioned that the Friends of the Fair had been asked by John Overmyer to provide the lunch for the Mule & Horse Plowing event held East of Davenport. The Friends of the Fair is having Julia Jacobsen prepare the lunch and asked if Julia could use the Fair's kitchen for this purpose. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to allow Julia Jacobsen to use the kitchen to cook the lunch for the Plowing event. John 2nd. Motion passed.

Additionally, Larry mentioned the current board members of the Friends of the Fair would be shrinking by the end of the year and would like to see new volunteers before they would have to dissolve the organization. There is a great need to reach out to the public about becoming a member of the Friends of the Fair and the importance of the organization.

Larry also asked the Fair Board members to create a list of projects the Friends of the Fair can do for the Fair.

Nan Whybark presented three pencil drawings for the Board to choose from for the theme of the Fair & Rodeo. The Board members made a final decision on one of the three drawings that best represented Gerry Stiles. **Motion:** John made a motion to use the drawing done by Nan for the theme of the Fair & Rodeo. Teresa 2nd. Motion passed.

Bob Martin presented his idea of building a silo BBQ stand that would be funded by the Davenport Lions Club. The silo stand would be 16' found with cement floor and BBQ with propane tanks. Discussion followed about the best place to build the silo BBQ stand. Board members went outside to see where Bob was thinking of placing the silo stand. **Motion:** John made a motion to build the silo BBQ stand be built between the Burger Barn and the Main Building on the asphalt. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Scott talked about the lobbying being done for the Fairs in Washington State to help increase the fair funding provided from the Dept of Agriculture.

Farren Reinbold from the Davenport 4-H club talked to the Fair Board about purchasing some supply and donate to the Fair. The 4-H club needs to spend down their funds and thought they could purchase either small panels for the horse barns, stall mats for the steer barn or portable trimming chutes. Discussion followed about what would be the best purchase for the 4-H club. The final decision was the portable trimming chutes would be the best purchase.

Katie introduced Heather Hedreen. Heather and her husband, Carl, are donating the bucking, roping and stripping chutes purchased at the beginning of the year from Tekoa rodeo grounds, in honor of Gerry Stiles. However, the a Railroad company owns the rodeo grounds and need to determine the best time to pick up the bucking chutes as well as what needs to happen to get the bucking chutes from the Railroad company's property. Discussion followed about who would be available and what would be best to haul the bucking chutes.

Dawn had a few items to go over with the Board. The first was T-shirts. Dawn presented the number of T-shirts purchased, sold and given to superintendents. Prices were compared to the ones purchased last year and the prices Katie and Teresa had presented in March. An idea was presented about putting an order form online for preorders as well as possibly looking at offering sweatshirts.

Next item was the bathroom cleaning agreement during the Fair. Dawn presented an agreement listing a cleaning schedule and the responsibilities of the group or organization that helps cleans the bathroom during Fair week. Discussion followed about the fee that would be paid to the group of organization. **Motion:** John made a motion to pay the bathroom cleaning crew \$300 plus a \$50 bonus if everything has been cleaned and stocked during the required time. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Finally, Dawn presented an error in the Premium Book about Open Horses and additional fees paid by 4-H and FFA members. In the Open Horse department, rule 2 indicates all 4-H and FFA members need to pay an additional \$5.00 to participate in the Open Horse divisions. This has never been enforced and Dawn wanted to know if the rule should be changed to indicate the price increase or removed. Discussion followed. **Motion:** John made a motion to keep the rule and to increase the fee to the new fee, \$15.00.

Brad inquired about any new information for shavings. Rebecca reported that she spoke to an individual in Deer Park and was given a quote of \$5.50 per bag with no discount. Justine reported that North 40 Outfitters have shavings for \$4.25 per bag. She will ask about delivery charges or possibly waiving the delivery charges.

Rebecca mentioned that Brandon will not be available for either teen dance in July or August.

Katie asked if there are any business cards. Dawn said the current cards are outdated and would order new ones.

Katie suggested that the Board considering having a pig scramble event. Discussion followed. Final decision was for Katie to pull some rules together for the possible event.

Katie mentioned Elly is joining the Gritty Program. This is a program that has ambassadors from every state who help kids who are not able to participate in rodeo because of the lack of tack. Katie

would like to have a designated place for people to drop off tack during the Fair. She will also have a drop off place during her annual Play Date event.

Katie also inquired about having something on the grounds to honor her father, Gerry. Discussion followed. No final decision but one will be made later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm. A Superintendents meeting will be at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield
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