

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES APRIL 20, 2007

The board meeting began with another potluck dinner. Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. In attendance were Gretchen, Rory, Lydia, Sharon and Joyce. Josie and Sarah arrived towards the end of the meeting.

The previous minutes were approved with one exception. Sharon had omitted that the fair has received the 8 radios and a base station from Steve Peters (Mark One Productions) for a cost of \$1200.00. They are all up and running.

We discussed the \$31,716.00 from the Dept of Ag. Gerry reported that the money was invested in two CDs. The two tractor payments are in one CD for \$3250.00. The other CD has an amount of \$13,000.00 invested. It can become available for usage in August. The hope is that the second CD can remain untouched until after fair for premium money.

Gerry presented the applications for the groundskeeper position—again. The board chose Dan Berry Sr. Gretchen moved and Rory seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. It was decided to keep the other applicants on file until after fair. Some of them may want to work during fair time.

Sharon brought up the issue of parking at the airport. The City of Davenport charges \$80.00 per year to park over there. She will write a letter to the commissioners to request a release from the contract. All references to parking at the airport will be removed from the premium book. Gerry will contact Joel Jahn about using the land adjacent to the fairgrounds to park stock trailers.

There was discussion about the royalty buttons and the ones with the stickers to claim a prize. The fair has already paid \$292.00 for 500 royalty buttons. 100 of these buttons have tagged with prize stickers. It still needs to be decided what prize will be given. From the conversations between Michelle and Sharon, the button will be brought in to the fair office and a coupon will be given for some kind of prize from a vendor. It was decided to have the royalty come up with more money.

Different ideas of fund raising were brought up. Putting pink flamingos in yards and purchasing insurance to keep the flamingos from appearing in your yard. Another idea is to put coupons on products at Safeway.

Sharon attended the livestock auction meeting. She was given the premium book changes. The sale committee will take a 2% commission instead of the previous years' 1%. The committee would like all of the animals pre-tagged prior to being unloaded at the fairgrounds. They would also like to have the swine, sheep, and goat ear tags available at the fair office to pick up. The beef tags will be available from Tom Platt at the Extension Office.

We are need of a food vendor by the rodeo area. Norvin's name was brought up. They indicated last year they would be coming and a week before fair; they let us know they would not be attending. It was decided to not contact them.

Sharon will contact Jill Swannack (sheep superintendent) about prolapse education in the barn. Also there needs to be some clarification about providing lambs for the 7 and under open show. Jill would like the fair to provide them, but she access to them.

So far Lydia has collected \$1445.00 in contributor money---a bit down from last year at this time.

Lydia reported that she ordered FFA banners for this year.

There was much discussion about ribbons. Different superintendents would like specialty ribbons for their departments. For instance the poultry dept. would like 12 Best Variety Ribbons. The cat dept. would like Grand Champion & Reserve Grand for best dressed cat. In some departments Grand Champion & Reserve Champion get both rosettes and trophies.

According to the ribbon sheet Jill S. used 45 Grand Champion Ribbons—Josie will talk to her about how many she really needs.

Lydia will talk to Carol Beaver (Beef Superintendent) about Best Variety for Beef.

Rory requested a contract be made up for purchasing signage for the bucking chutes (3' x 6'). Jim Baye from Ag Link (previously Edwall Chemical) will be purchasing a sign on the announcer stand. These signs will be purchased for the duration of 3 fairs. Sharon will have that done by the next board meeting if not sooner.

How much memorial money have we collected? Sharon will find out.

The Photo Department needs more lattice---we have that already.

The next meeting will be on Friday May 11th at 6:30pm. Please bring something to share for the potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger