

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

JULY 20, 2007

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. In attendance were Gerry, Gretchen, Emma, Rory, Dan, Lydia, Becky, PJ, Josie, Sarah and Sharon. Jesse Allen and Tom Sherbon came to discuss the Deputies Guild Breakfasts.

We began by discussing the breakfasts. It was decided that the deputies will handle all of the breakfasts on the grounds. (There will not be any served by the arena, as previously discussed at other board meetings). The deputies will deliver breakfasts if needed & a golf cart will be made available to them to use.

It was decided that they will pay \$50.00 each day for the main building kitchen and \$50.00 for the arena food booth. They will be using the Spring Hill Creek Grange Booth to make hamburgers beginning at 11 am.

Becky moved and Rory 2nded to all that Jesse and Tom presented. Sharon will create 2 contracts for the deputies for a total of \$400.00.

Gretchen presented the beautification project in front of the Home Arts Building. Shannon Calvert is heading up this project with his 4-Hers. Eddie Berry will trim & shape the junipers.

Royal Gardens out of Reardan/Medical Lake is bringing in landscaping materials decorate by the front ticket booth. We will need 3-4 yards of bark for the design. Josie said she would contact Mike Stormo to see if he would donate it.

Becky Hansen is our goat superintendent.

We need to get on the ball and get the "Friends of the Fair" going. Rory stated if we had a non-profit status, we could apply for grants for some recycling items, through the Transfer station.

Sharon stated you need a board of directors to begin with. Various names were mentioned. The names included Katie Rosman, Tamara Winfrey, Lydia, Katie Beaugant, and Jeanie Campbell.

It was moved by Becky & 2nded by Rory to make a display for fair to recruit potential members interested.

Gretchen reported that approximately \$345.00 was raised by 4-H groups in Davenport and Reardan for the livestock auction. The money will go towards computers & software.

Rory will talk to Joe Coppersmith at Davenport High School about borrowing the bleachers for fair.

Sharon purchased a fire house adapter in aluminum, not brass. They are too expensive in brass and an invitation to be stolen.

Dan reported that the water leak on the grounds is fixed. All the holes dug up to have the leaks fixed are now filled in.

The Dare Building has problems. Dan will check to see if there are leaks in the roof & ceiling. Do we need to replace them? If so perhaps the inmates can.

Sharon will order the memorial plaques for the "Memorial Wall." The wall has Bob Jones, Bill Foster and will include Bob Haynie and Lois Mecklenburg.

Dan will put lattice above the restrooms in the Home Arts building to make it look better. The junk up there has been cleared out.

The panels on the beef barn have been fixed.

It was moved by Josie and 2nded by Becky to award the running of the Hamburger Stand to Davenport H.S. Karen Hay will be the coordinator for the operation. The funds collected will benefit the FBLA & Honor Society.

The PA system was discussed. At the summer sizzler, it kept cutting out. It was very hot and the heat did seem to be a factor to it running properly. Sarah B. will check with Steve Brewster and see if he has any suggestions for repairing it.

The stairs to the announcer's stand were discussed. They are very dangerous as it stands presently. Should we put a spiral staircase in? Composite decking for the base of the stairs? Lots of ideas were thrown out, but no decision was made.

No Tractor Driving this year---it has been a problem to get teams here. Harvest usually interferes with it. We will see what kind of response we get, not offering it. The banners have been made & we can just change the date if we resume it at a later date.

Sharon brought up a farm set that was used for years at the fair. It was special to her because it was made by her father-in-law. If we do not need it anymore could she have it back? Now the question is where it is. Dan and Sharon have looked around the grounds, but will look upstairs. At this point no one knows what happened to it.

Lydia reported that at this time the horse kid count is down. Only 16 kids at this time.

The display case by the metal horse barn has old hardened dirt in it. It needs to be cleaned out before fair.

The Petting Zoo Panels are located in the Beef Barn. The attractions at the petting zoo were discussed. The stage coach rides will be by the lower arena. 40 bales of straw will be donated by Fred Sharf for the fair.

Move the display cases behind the red horse barn to the end of the restrooms by the arena.

Could tack be stored in the metal horse barn?

The Rodeo Royalty has rounded up sponsors for the rodeo. The sponsors will have flags bearing their name run through the arena during the rodeo. Some of the potential sponsors are: Huckleberry Press, Dale's Farm & Feed, Army Nat'l Guard, NN Bar Ranch, Kenworth & Almira Farmer's Warehouse.

There will be a hospitality tent for visiting royalty. They will be given a meal voucher.

Sharon reported that there are grants available for up \$40,000.00 for health & safety improvements. We will apply for a grant for residing the main building (it has asbestos siding). We will also contact Sue Lani Madsen to see if she would be willing to put together a plan for new restrooms by the horse arena---ADA compliant. Gretchen will contact her to see if she is available to put it together.

The Fair Convention is on the third weekend this year, not the fourth. The dates are October 18-20, 2007, in Yakima.

The fair board decided this year to give T-Shirts to all of our superintendents. We have given mugs with candy the past two years. It was decided they are a bit spendy, but without the superintendents we would not have a fair. Josie moved and Becky 2nded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Lowell will begin on July 23rd and will run the inmate crew.

We will have a superintendent's meeting on August 1 at 6:30pm if it works out with Karen Hay. Josie will facilitate the meeting. Sharon will send a letter to all of the superintendents.

Jay Wood will be our Fair Commissioner this year.

The Rodeo Royalty buttons were discussed again. It was moved by Gretchen and 2nded by Sarah to leave the buttons in the royalty fund. They initially were paid for out of the rodeo royalty expense line, they are to remain there and not moved to advertising. This motion passed unanimously by the board.

The tent for the livestock auction will be delivered on Tuesday. There was discussion about having it delivered earlier, because it is too close to fair. There is too much activity going on to get it set up and the show arena set up as well. Kathy Eastman will check on it.

Gretchen reported that Jan Roberts will be pre-cooking the chicken for the BBQ. She is working on the people to will cook outside. Sharon is checking to see if Teen Time wants to help with serving again this year.

Entertainment Warehouse mentioned that they thought it would be a good idea to have a ticket taker selling tickets to the attractions. Would we find one? It was not decided on.

Becky moved & Josie 2nded that all of the special royalty buttons & premium book cover contestants be given a \$1.00 off coupon to be used on the grounds during the fair. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be Friday August 10th at 6:30PM. It will be a potluck dinner again this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary