

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2011

Board members present: Gerry, Josie, Sarah, Gretchen, Justine

Others present: Lydia, Scott Hutsell, Tom Scharff, Brenda & MARRISA DORMEIER, Dan & Sharon

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The March minutes were approved as read.

MARRISA reported that she will be holding a Queens clinic on May 22 from 10am-2pm. They will use the arena and the Home Arts Building. Lunch will be served.

The serape name plate needs to be changed.

Scott reported that at the state level, there is a huge push to get the 2 million dollars back into the budget next year.

The contributor letters went out and we have received \$1720.00 so far.

There was discussion about how many ribbons to order this year. Davenport Elementary school will not be participating as they did last year, due to the remodel process. They have nowhere to store projects until fair time. Lydia suggested that instead of ribbon stickers, we use yard sale dots in blue, red and white. It was discussed that if we are not allocated money next year from the state, we may not be able to afford ribbons. **Josie moved and Justine 2nd that we use all of this years ribbon budget for this year and perhaps next year. The motion passed unanimously.**

Josie is working on finding a "local" livestock judge. She contacted Scott Mortimer, but he may start school that week. More research needs to be done.

Reardan Livestock Club, Reardan Renegades and Reardan Equestrian Group wants community service hours and will paint the red horse barn. We will need at least 15-20 gallons of paint for the project. We may want to use a sprayer as well as brushes.

Justine reported that Dawn Bennett from Traders will provide some of the food for a hospitality table during the rodeo.

The Drovers Rodeo will not be using our facilities this year, they are going to Colfax.

Dan reported that it took an excessive amount of hours to get ready for the Drovers Rodeo the last two years. For 2009 & 2010 the break down of hours spent are as follows: Dan—91 hours and inmates—31.5 hours. Other expenses included: shavings purchased just for the Drovers, water for the water truck; diesel for the tractor and tires from 2010 and electricity is used from the hog barn for vendor booths (the building is accessed without permission).

Tom gave a report about the lawn mower races. The Road Knights are helping sponsor the event and have given \$500.00 to the SSLMRA. Sharon forwarded the check on to them with a contract. The total due is \$1200.00. The fair will pay the remainder of \$700.00 the weekend of the event. We will split the gate with the Road Knights.

There is a possibility that a beer garden will be here during the event. The question will be if the beer garden is here, will we receive some of the profits.

Tom will take the posters advertising the event to Spokane for distribution through the local car clubs.

Sharon reported that the EDC will pay for the copying of the posters.

There will be a lawn mower race in Moses Lake April 30th. Tom and or Fred Scharff will attend and give a report back.

There will be lawnmowers in the Pioneer Days parade to promote the event. There may be one driven or they may have a couple of them on a trailer being pulled during the parade.

The Red Spoke bicycle group will be staying here during Pioneer Days as well. Sharon will contact the Junior Miss people to see if they will be serving meals to them.

The teen dance DJ is confirmed. We will hold the dance inside the main building in the Auditorium.

We are going to use a new port-a-potty company this year—"The Potty Barn." They charge \$90.00 per unit and pump them for free. Last year we paid \$900.00 and with this company we will pay half.

We have ordered 2 port-a-potties for Pioneer Days.

We received the invoice for the damaged boat cover. The cost was \$901.00 for the cover and we also reimbursed the Bechards' for gas to get their boat to Hayden Idaho.

Sharon presented a potential use of the auditorium year round for a dance class. There was quite a bit of discussion of how much heat would cost during each season. It was decided to charge one amount all year. **Josie moved and Justine 2nd to charge \$15.00 per time the class met. The motion passed unanimously.**

Sharon reported what superintendents won't be back this year; canning, floral and rabbit. A recruitment sign will be put up during the rabbit show in May to see if anyone is interested.

We would like to have a kid's area like we have had in the past. We paid Kid's Town \$3000.00 last year. We are looking for a local group to do the same type of event for \$1000.00. The Reardan Equestrian Group will head up the activity area. We are still deciding if we will pay the group \$1000.00 and let them provide the items needed or we provide the items & pay them the difference up to \$1000.00.

Steve Cools will again be bringing his archery group during the fair. He has a friend that will be coming to do marshal arts demonstrations on Saturday.

Sharon will contact Chase Hubbard and Dick Frost to see if they are available. She has also tried to contact Paradise Amusements to see about them coming, but they have not responded.

A motion was made by Justine and 2nd by Josie to order 50 metallic signs the say LCF & Rodeo on them with this years date. The motion passed unanimously.

Gerry will put an ad/letter in the Advertiser to solicit more money, county wide.

The Jr. Livestock Auction committee, may help pay for a 2nd judge to make to make the process go faster. There was also discussion about the youth paying for shavings. We don't know how expensive the shavings will be this year because of fuel costs.

Because there was so much discussion about increased costs for the fair, it was decided to increase the entry fees. **Josie moved and Justine 2nd all small animal entry fees will go from \$.50 to \$1.00 each and large animal fees will increase to \$5.00 each. The motion passed unanimously.**

We are still discussing the possibilities of having a junior rodeo on Thursday night.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30pm.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary