

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
April 12, 2016

Board Members Present: Gerry Stiles, Josie Breshears John Merriott, Brad Sweet, Jennifer Lewis & Justine Winn

Members Absent: Sarah Breshears, Brad Ray & Paul Knittel

Others Present: Scott Hutsell, Lydia Widmer, Kathy Eastman, Tammy Skipper, Dawn Tysz & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting began at 6:40pm.

The minutes of the March 8, 2016 were approved.

Jennifer reported that the Mike Walter Family would like to donate a belt buckle to the beef department or the horse department. Jennifer will check more with them.

Instead of having sponsor flags we will convert them to banners to be hung during the fair and rodeo. **A motion was made by John and 2nd by Justine to increase the price of the flags/banners from \$75.00 to \$100.00 with no complementary passes. Motion Approved.**

Sharon will make a list of options individuals and businesses have if they want to help sponsor the fair. This will be in place of sending out individual letters for each giving opportunity.

Suzie Deiffe contacted Sharon about hanging a banner in the livestock arena for the Odessa Golf Course & RV Park. If she were to go that route, the money would go to the sale. The cost of having a banner hung in the sale arena is \$250.00. Sharon will get back to her.

The LC Deputy Guild sign will be moved from the sale arena area. The guild no longer exists as such. The guild has now become the teamsters.

There was talk about the beef barn and how to replace it. No solution was made.

The Jackpot Show was a success. \$592.00 was made and will be earmarked for the next show. There was talk of the Friends of the Fair putting on the event and handling the finances for it.

Sharon reported that she had not received any information from Pro-West regarding this year's rodeo. Justine will check into it.

Kathy and Tammy presented ideas about the sale. They would like to see an overall barn winner for each species represented in the sale. It would make it easier for them as all of the criteria would be the same for each barn. **Justine made a motion to allow each barn to have an overall winner & John 2nd it. Motion Approved.**

John made a motion & Justine 2nd it to allow out of county 4H and FFA to compete as such during our fair. Motion Approved. Since our 4H & FFA participation has consistently dwindled, this allows more kids to participate without going into the open class.

There was talk of moving the sale to before the rodeo. No decision was made. There has been interest in offering Go Cart races on Thursday night after a dinner. There was talk of having a group come in and offer a dinner like what was done in the past. The fair board would not be putting it on. Whatever group would pay the fair 10%.

There was discussion concerning entertainment during the fair. We will invite Dick Frost back at \$500.00 and Jazz NW at \$500.00. Sharon will contact Brad Largo and see what his groups' rate is. There needs to be seating in front of the stage. Some other options for entertainment are singer Lila Bowden and a fiddle group from Reardan. The Crazy Cowgirls are also on board for \$1500.00 for two performances.

Rodeo clown Joey Hackett would like to perform during our rodeo. He charges \$1000.00 per performance. Sharon will try to negotiate a more doable price for him to come.

We had to have our tractor repaired. The bill is \$3892.00

The trees in front of the main building need to be trimmed.

The quilt department is also going to have their entries turned in on the same day as entries for the animals, posters, demonstrations, and record books.

We will put our 1948 Tractor and school bus in the consignment auction.

Our red golf cart is not working and needs to go to Spokane to get repaired.

The Lincoln County Conservation District has requested donations from businesses to help out during 6th Grade Conservation Day. They requested 12 bags of ice from us. **It was moved by Justine and 2nd by John to allow them to use bags of ice we already have in our freezer. Motion Approved.**

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager