

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes  
July 25, 2008**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Gerry, Stephanie & Connie Stauffer, Phil, Lydia, Dale, Gretchen and Sharon were in attendance.

The minutes were approved.

It was discussed about lack of entries for the rodeo royalty. Should the rules be changed? It was approved to change next year's rules to read something like, "If you live out of county and apply, Lincoln County applicants would have first priority." We will work on specific wording for next year.

Stephanie talked about the rodeo royalty attending Omak from August 8-10. Connie said she had judges lined up for this year's tryouts. What about the poles for the flags? Gerry will check into them.

There was discussion about ordering tiaras each year for the girls. Other royalty have a standard tiara loaned to them through their reign. Instead of keeping the tiara, they are given a piece of jewelry. A decision will be made before next year.

Lydia discussed Ramona's extra needed ribbons for the poultry department. Because Ramona is working toward a sanctioned show, she is trying to provide the show with specific breed class ribbons. Ramona was told she needs to find sponsors for the extra ribbons. The board has not heard whether a sponsor has been found or not.

Dale made the board aware that our rodeo announcer, Bob Garrett, has had the same pay of \$600.00 for 5 years and cannot continue to attend our event at that price with the rising gas prices. Dale moved and Phil seconded that we pay him an additional \$100.00 this year. It passed unanimously. He will be paid \$700.00.

Parking was discussed. People with stock trailers will need to park their rigs at the airport—No exceptions. If people are camping on the grounds we will not allow them to park their cars in the front parking lot. Those spaces need to be reserved for fair goers. We will have someone there on Sunday to monitor parked cars.

Dale reported that the Lincoln County Fair is no longer part of ProWest's Buckle Series. It is because our rodeo is well attended by contestants and they do not need an added incentive to participate.

Who will provide a manure truck? Dale will check.

Rocky disposed of our gas golf cart. Some of the board members were not pleased.

Royal Gardens will not be bringing plants this year, due to family issues.

Three Rodeo royalty from Asotin will be staying here and will need pens for their horses.

There will be a royalty luncheon on Saturday at 1 pm under the Safeway tent by the Floral Building. When the royalty luncheon is not going on that will be an added place for sitting in the shade.

It was decided to have a superintendent's meeting on Friday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Gretchen suggested a BBQ, it will be looked into.

There was discussion about renting our canopies that are used in front of the Hamburger Stand. Phil made a motion to not rent them and Dale seconded. It passed unanimously that they would not be rented period. They would be too expensive to replace.

Dan reported that the water truck top fill is not high enough; it needs to be 6 inches higher. By doing so, it will allow no back fill and loss of water pressure.

Dan replaced the third stair going up to the rodeo tower. The doors and stairs were painted.

Bob Martin will be using the Fire Department's water truck for the Drover's Rodeo.

There are some problems with the way arena speakers are facing. We will look into fixing them.

Phil made a motion that the fair purchase a new PA system. Gretchen seconded it. It was passed unanimously. Sharon will handle the purchase.

Gerry reported he contracted the "Old World Oxen" from Pioneer Days to come to the fair as an attraction.

The Friday & Saturday rodeo programs will be made ahead of time and emailed to Parks Print. They will be able to copy them quicker than we will be able to do with our machine. It will take some of the pressure off the office staff.

Rory Wintersteen brought by a brochure about recycling. It will be mandated in the near future to require at all public functions to have recycling bins available in addition to trash cans. Do we want to have them available? A decision will be made at the next meeting.

There was much discussion about renting the fairgrounds for 4-H functions. If the event does not include any set up or work by the Lincoln County Fair staff to prepare for the event, the rent will remain \$10.00. If there is labor involved for their function, we will have to pass on those costs to the WSU Cooperative Extension Office, 4-H Group, etc. This change is reflective of the hours that were

spent putting together panels for a judging clinic that was held in June. We will honor the \$10.00 fee for that event.

It was decided to make available 5 RV spaces for electricity only by the Silver Horse Barn. It will be first come first serve. The remainder of people who want electricity only will be out the back gate.

The location for the pony rides will be on the north side of the Silver Horse Barn.

Gerry will look for a gator for Dan.

It was moved by Dale and seconded by Phil to raise the price of a bag of ice to \$1.75.

The next meeting will be Friday, August 15, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary