

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes July 14, 2010

Board members present: Gerry, Justine, Phil, Sarah, Josie, Gretchen. Others in attendance: Ashley Smith, Jennifer Lewis, Erica Whitmore, Brenda Dormaier, Lydia, Dan, Sharon

Gerry began the meeting at 6:45pm. The meeting began with Gerry giving a letter to the royalty advisors written by Brenda Dormaier to the LC Fair board. (a copy of the letter is included with the minutes).

The conversation pertaining to the letter was that the royalty advisors were offended that the LC Fair queen's mother wrote a letter to the board without talking to them first. The board determined that having the letter addressed to them was the proper procedure. But the letter was very specific about how Brenda felt Marris was kept out of the loop with the advisors and princess. Much of that frustration is because the advisors and princess are from Odessa and the queen is from Edwall.

Phil mentioned the board is here to help and if anyone needs anything, please let them know.

Sharon will get a copy of the contract to the advisors so everyone is aware of all of the events that are required for the royalty to attend.

When all was said and done, better communication needs to happen between, the girls and the advisors. It is very important to include everyone in the decision making process!!!

It is important to make being the Lincoln County Fair Royalty a fun experience, not a chore.

The royalty raised \$1008.25 from the auction. Half of the money went to scholarships and half will be going to "Tough Enough to Wear Pink (TETWP)."

The girls need to purchase new shirts; one of them is falling apart.

The advisors are checking into getting a TETWP flag for the rodeo. Janet O'Neil may be able to get one made or has one to borrow.

The goal for scholarships for the girls is to raise \$1500.00.

The board agreed to begin each year with at least \$300.00 in the royalty account.

Lydia ordered ribbons for this year.

Gretchen reported that the Reardan float will be stored in the Grange Building for a few days.

Dan reported that there is a bad ballast in the auditorium.

There was discussion about removing the picnic tables off of the rental list. The rental will only apply to groups using them on the grounds. Phil made a motion to remove them, Justine 2nd, and the motion passed unanimously.

Josie made a motion to purchase 10 new folding tables to, not to exceed \$50.00 a piece to have for the fairgrounds. Phil 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. At least five will be purchased before fair.

We finally have the final count for the amount of golf carts to be rented this year. Gerry & Lydia are each renting their own golf carts; two will be available for board members to use and there is the fair's dent mobile. There will also be the Crazy Ladies 4-seater shuttle. We will try to get Josie the mule from Adams Tractor and the gator from Evergreen Implement.

Jennifer brought up giving away trinkets during the rodeo to highlight the TETWP promotion. She mentioned having a candy race or giving away pink gel bracelets.

The board authorized purchasing a new adding machine for the fair office.

Gerry brought up needing 5/8" gravel in the sale area under the new roof. It was figured that 3-4 loads needed to be delivered to make it 4" deep. Phil moved and Josie 2nd having the gravel brought in.

Sharon saved \$1000.00 by having The Yakima Herald print the premium book instead of Target Media.

There was discussion about who makes FFA banners. Erica mentioned she knew of a few people and would send out a message to FFA advisors. Sharon could sort through the replies and find one who could make them for this year.

Sharon brought up we still need superintendents for floral, veggies and pigs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary

Since the last meeting a few items came up with voting done by phone and email.

First, Gerry found a golf cart at HWY 2 Auto for \$600.00. The vote was unanimous to purchase it. Gerry, Josie, Sarah, Gretchen, Justine and John agreed. There was no reply from Becky and Phil.

Secondly, Sharon was contacted about having the lawnmower races on Saturday, September 11th. Josie & Sarah voted to have it with concerns of who would work it, Dale voted yes—but more than likely be out of town, Gretchen voted yes and John voted yes. Gerry voted no, because he will be out of town.