

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes June 21, 2011

Board members present: Gerry, Dale, Josie, Sarah, Justine.

Others present: Tom Scharff, Brenda & MARRISA Dormaier, Kathy Eastman, Tami Skipper, Bridget Rohner, Lydia and Sharon.

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

JoLynn Ray will be our new swine superintendent. Bud Largent will assist her at the fair. It was also mentioned that he would be willing to pick up the hog panels from Interstate.

Dale still wants to go to Cheney and look at their sorting chutes and see how we can improve ours.

There was a lot of discussion about opening up the livestock sale to open kids. Kathy reported that her sale application may not support it through her non-profit status. The sale application would cost \$50.00 if it included open kids. There may be a problem with the IRS regarding the change in the status of the sale. As a result of the uncertainty of the entire process, **THERE WILL BE NO OPEN ANIMALS SOLD DURING THIS YEAR'S FAIR.** The subject will be tabled for further research and discussion until next year.

It was brought up about us obtaining a wireless PA system. Dale mentioned that Bob Garrett had offered to find us a good system for our uses on the grounds. We need something for our entertainment and auction. **A motion was made by Josie and 2nd by Justine to contact Bob Garrett and see if he can find us a system ranging in cost from \$600-\$1000. The motion passed unanimously.**

Josie has not been able to find a livestock judge yet.

Josie mentioned her cousins have a music group that performed at Mule Days. She will ask them if they would like to perform during the fair on Friday and or Saturday.

Dawn Bennett will provide items for the hospitality tent for the rodeo contestants.

Justine would like to make a few changes in the royalty requirements. The tryouts will be for the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Queen only---no princess. It was discussed that in the rules, it should include **NO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.** The changes were approved.

The royalty "committee" was discussed. Instead of the past committee, there will be a Lincoln County Fair Board member acting as the royalty liaison between the board and queen. Justine will be the board member who will be the liaison.

After speaking with the LC Treasurer's Office, there is no problem with a board member being a signer on the royalty checkbook. There have been problems with bills not being paid promptly. The checkbook has not been available to be used at board meetings to pay bills. **It was moved by Dale and 2nd by Josie to have the royalty financing be overseen by the royalty liaison (board member) and an appointed person. Gerry appointed the secretary to be the appointed person. The motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Dale and 2nd by Sarah to have Erica Whitmore removed from the signature card and replaced with Justine Winn. The motion passed unanimously. Sharon's name is already on the signature card.

The new policy for royalty financing is that the checkbook will remain in the fair office and bills will be submitted during board meetings.

Marrisa reported that she participated in the Creston parade. She rode Bella (heifer) in Edwall and Medical Lake. She also participated in Newport and Colville.

Lydia has ordered the ribbons for this year and has spent what was allocated.

Kathy reported that Eldridge Chiropractic will be sponsoring the hospitality table during the sale.

Tom showed the poster that has been hung around town about the lawn mower races. He asked if we have liability forms for people that are not part of the Super Stock Lawn Mower Racing Association. Sharon will call the insurance company to check on it.

Tom also mentioned that a group wants to sell beef brisket sandwiches during the lawn mower races and give the proceeds to charity. There will be more information about this within the week.

There is a strict policy with the lawn mower racers that absolutely no beer is consumed in the pits!!!!

People needed for the lawn mower races are: 4 ticket takers and 2 people by the back gate to let the contestants in, 4 security people and 2 sheriff reserves. We will also have an ambulance standing by during the race.

There was discussion about updating the speakers in the arena.

We have \$28,000.00 invested at the county. We have \$7079.73 in our general account.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary