

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
February 15, 2011**

Fair Board Members Present: Gerry, John, Justine, Sarah, Josie, Gretchen
Others Present: Scott Hutsell, Fred Scharff, Marcie, Lydia, Dan & Sharon

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30. The minutes from November 2010 were approved.

Justine reported she is continuing to work on the beer garden. She will be attending a special committee meeting in Ritzville on March 5th concerning their beer garden.

Bernie Dunwalt (sp?) set up taps with the Golden Hills Brewery and has other people help behind the bar for events.

The horse leaders wondered who our horse judge for fair will be. We do not have one at this point. Justine wondered for royalty tryouts, who will be in charge? No answer was given. The royalty committee was ok with the decision that the board made concerning Justine being the point person for our royalty.

Could food vendors walk around selling pop during the rodeo? The board had no problem with the idea.

John was wondering if we could change our stock contractor. By using another contractor, we might get more bare back riders. Justine will get a list of contractors that work with ProWest.

John presented a peewee rodeo bid for \$700.00. Everyone thought it was a good idea, but he is going to get more bids.

Fred Scharff talked about the car show during Pioneer Days. They had 37 cars last year on display. Where will it be this year? Without an overall organizer, it maybe hard to get the individual events planned cohesively. The Road Knights help in the community and they would like to assist the fair in some way. What can they do?

Sharon reported that she contacted the lawn mower people and have not heard back. We would like to arrange a performance during Pioneer Days that would be a draw for the community and benefit the fair.

Margie for EDC has approached the fair about putting on another teen dance this year during Pioneer Days. Gretchen made a motion to do and Josie 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. Sharon will work on getting the same DJ.

Gerry discussed the DNR Fire Camp rate schedule. We will accept the contract with no changes in rate for the 2011 year. John moved the same rate schedule and Justine 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon brought up the situation with last year's rabbit superintendent, James McMullen. He is under investigation with his mother for animal abuse. We will need to find a new rabbit superintendent.

There was discussion about this year's budget. We may not be getting as much money this year from the Dept of Ag as usual. Where can we tighten the budget? We are waiting to hear.

Scott brought up is it in the best interest of the county to not have a fair? What would be done with the grounds, insurance will still need to be paid. There was much discussion about the possibility of no fair in the future.

Sharon will write letters to specific groups to see if they are interested in organizing a kid's area during the fair.

Sharon will call Tom Platt to get the phone numbers of Mike or Harvey Wallace to be our livestock judge.

When Sharon sends this year's superintendent letters she will mention we need to cut back on judges rates.

Sherry McKay needs to be contacted for this year's fair. Sharon will call.

The board discussed this year's themes. John made a motion and Gretchen 2nd the theme "Sew It, Grow It, Show It." The motion passed unanimously.

Dan reported that he needs a portable welder to repair 6 bleachers.

He also reported that the L & I inspector was out and looked at all of our water heaters. They all need to have some repairs done on them. He will be back out in May to recheck. The fair is responsible for paying for the inspection. We should be able to be reimbursed for them through the insurance company. Sharon will check.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger