

Meeting of the Board of Directors, Lincoln County Fair Association, March 27, 1974, Extension Building, John Deife, presiding.

The meeting was called to order by vice president John Wagner. The meeting was taken over later by President John Deife. The minutes were read and approved as read.

Attending the meeting were president Deife, vice president John Wagner, acting secretary Chuck Plumb, Board members Donita Linstrum, Donna Christianson, Fred Springer, R. M. Plotts, Ann Stevenson; Carol Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. John Kunz, Roberta Maurer, Commissioner Loren Moos, Larry Lindbloom, Shorty Taylor and Bob Wells.

Ann Stevenson was introduced by Carol Freeman. Ann will be the new youth member on the board.

Larry Lindbloom introduced Shorty Taylor and Bob Wells who were on hand to discuss the holding of the rodeo at the Fair. Wells told the board that the VFW had a problem of where to hold stock during the Fair and before the rodeo starts, but had solved it by utilizing the NFO yard. He asked the board for permission to move the stock into the Fairground by 4-p.m. and also asked about fending off an area roughly between the restrooms and the arena to have more control for ticket sales. He also asked that the hamburger stand be available for rodeo use. Springer moved and Donna seconded that the group be allowed to proceed with their requests. Motion passed.

Larry Lindbloom, acting as a representative of the Volunteer Fire Department, told the board about the upcoming Pioneer Days picnic due for July 13 in Davenport and asked to borrow tables and chairs for a planned "saloon" to be operated by the department. He said the Department would take responsibility for repair and cleaning of the furniture. Springer moved and Plotts seconded that the request be approved. The board passed the motion unanimously.

Roberta Maurer, last year's queen chaperone, asked the board about the queen candidates' expenses. She said their outfits cost \$50 and wanted to know if there was a way that expenses could be reduced for the girls. A discussion was held on this but no action taken. Mrs. Maurer also suggested that the girls be kept more busy at the Fair. Mrs. Christianson suggested the princesses be invited to a future meeting with superintendents and work out various jobs for them on the grounds. It was also suggested that they hand out ribbons after each event, but it was mentioned that the details of this would have to be worked out with the superintendents.

President Deife reported on his trip to Wenatchee. He told the board he had met with Roger Roberts who told him that the Fair was receiving \$15,480 from the state in parimutuel funds. (A later report found that the Fair was receiving \$16,249.)

Deife also asked about the existence of a Standard Oil Company credit card. He told the board there was a bill in for \$13.18. None of the board members knew of the card or the bill and President Deife said he would investigate.

The subject of Grange Booth themes was brought up. R. M. Plotts said the State Grange Lecturer's handbook contains the new themes and said he would obtain them.

President Deife then read a letter from former secretary Diana Waseca. Mrs. Waseca told the board that Florence Garber had judged 4-H activity day last June 27 in Sprague and never had been paid. Carol Freeman told the

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board that it should be paid from Fair Fund. Carol confirmed the fact that Mrs. Garber was there. Mrs. Christianson moved and Plotts seconded that the bill be allowed. Motion passed.

In relation to bills, Springer said he would like to see in black and white the agreements with the auditor and wanted ledger showing accounts in budget where they stand.

Wagner reported on electricla installation for the carnival. He said the Lincoln Electric Cooperative wrote that a pole, anchor and outlet would be installed for \$130 to provide 200 amp service. They also said a new transformer would have to be installed to handle the increased load. Wabington Water Power would have to install it. Wagner said the WWP informed him they would go out to the Fair grounds to look over the electrical installation. WWP wanted to know the total number of motors and amps to be used. It was suggested that the board write to Nelson, the carnival operator, to determine this.

Carol Freeman asked the board about the holding of a Livestock Judging Preview and Horse Leaders Clinic. John Wagner moved, Springer seconded that the events be allowed and held at the Fair Grounds. Motion carried.

Springer then began a discussion on the financing of the Livestock Preview to help sponsor premiums. He said that the Fair could cover premiums for two years, then the state might take them over. He said accurate records would have to be kept. He said the state money would come from Parimutuel funds. He estimated that it cost \$300 to run the Preview last year to pay for judges, ribbons, etc. He said additional sponsorship of the event might be obtained to award trophies and ribbons. And, he said, the Fair can get additional points from the state for additional exhibits being shown. He figured that \$700 would be the maximum cost to the Fair Board for cost of premiums. Donna Christianson, after some discussion, moved that the board allow money for the preview. Plotts seconded and the motion carried.

R. M. Plotts told the board that the Cattlemen Association have always given a cash award to the best housekeepers of the 4-H and FFA. He suggested there might be more competition if the two organizations would compete for the honors. Springer suggested a trophy instead of cash award. He also said that there was an agreement that FFA and 4-H cannot compete. Fred said he would check into this rule.

A discussion on booth contracts was held. Secretary Plumb suggested that a booth contract be accepted and sent out to last year's booth holders. He said that a date would be set for return of the contracts and, if not returned, the booths would be rented to someone else. Plumb also suggested a rate structure which would set direct-sale booths higher than non-sale booths. Springer moved to accept the booth contracts but objected to the classifications. He suggested there be three classifications; Educational, non-commercial and commercial. After much discussion, Plumb said he would look into classifications of booths and report back to the board. There was no second to Springer's motion and it died.


Wagner moved to set rates at \$35 for direct sales and 25 dollars for no sales booths. A discussion ensued and no second was made to the motion.

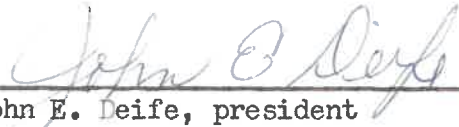
President Deife then asked the board about the Fair secretary's job. He told the board that Plumb was willing to take the job. Wagner moved Plumb be hired at \$50 per month. Plotts seconded and the motion carried.

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Adjournment was at 11:30 p.m. The July meeting was set for July 17 instead of July 24.

Approved: As read


Charles E. Plumb, Secretary


John E. Deife, president

Minutes, Board meeting, Lincoln County Fair Association, April 24, 1974, Extension Building, John Deife, president, presiding.

The meeting was called to order by John Deife and the minutes were read and approved as read.

Secretary Plumb gave a budget report depicting the totals left in each of the Fair accounts as reported by the Auditor's office. Bills also were presented. Jim McKay moved and Bill Bailey seconded that the bills be approved. The motion carried.

Bill Henrick, Fred Black and Bill Johnson spoke to the board concerning their doubts about the Fair and Rodeo being held together. They said they felt the Fair did not have facilities for both and said they heard the Saturday show was being cut down. Board members told the delegation that the exhibitors should not have to move before 4 p.m. A discussion of closing and moving times was held by the board and Mrs. Christianson suggested that the check out time be changed to 5 p.m. which everybody had indicated they wanted. It was agreed that the kids could start to move stock before 6 p.m. The delegation was assured that the children exhibiting would be given first consideration before the rodeo.

Secretary Plumb gave a report on booth contracts and suggested the board approve commercial booths as a class of booth and charged accordingly. After discussion, Jim McKay moved that booths be made commercial and the motion was seconded by R.M. Plotts. Donna Christianson then moved to amend the motion to allow the manager to decide which booths will be commercial based on need. Wagner seconded the motion to ammend and both motions passed.

John Wagner then read a letter from the REA concerning the installation of electrical service for the carnival at the Fair. In the letter, REA manager Boyd Ressel told Wagner that his previously quoted prices were 1973 instead of 1974. The 1974 prices of materials were higher. His quote included \$60 for a 30 foot pole; 300 feet 2/0 triplex wire, \$150; 200 amp meter loop, \$165; assorted connectors, insulators and hardware, \$30; for a total of \$405.00. He repeated his offer for free labor in making the installation. A discussion of electrical needs was made and the secretary was ordered to write to Richard Nelson to find out number of motors and horesepower to report to WWP. Donna Christianson moved and Elmer Mann seconded to have REA install the service at the prices quoted. The motion passed.

^{R. M. Plotts}
R. M. Plotts said the Lions club had expressed concern about what was expected of them this year at the Fair. Should they bring ponies...what about the swings/ Wagner moved and Plotts seconded to have the secretary inform the Lions of the Board position on the matter.

Secretary Plumb reported on the establishment of the Revolving fund at \$700. He also reported on queen expenses and suggested a fund be set up. He said he would check on the possibility of setting up such a fund with the