

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2010**

Josie called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. Gerry was absent and as Vice she directed the meeting. In attendance were Scott H., Dale, Phil, Ashley Smith, Erica W., Justine, Jennifer Lewis, Lydia, Jim Hirst, Marcie, Sarah, Gretchen, Kathy E., Dawn Bennett, Dan and Sharon.

There were two items from February's meeting that were incorrect. The first being it is Jennifer Lewis & Ashley Smith (the last names were reversed.)

The second being that I omitted voting John Merriott on to the Lincoln County Fair Board. The motion was made by Dale and 2nd by Phil and passed unanimously to have John be a board member.

The meeting began discussing the livestock sale. There was much discussion about when on Saturday the sale would take place. Kathy informed everyone the sale needs to happen on Saturday morning to attract the most buyers. There are other fairs going on the same weekend as the LCF & most of those hold their auction on Saturday afternoon. Having the sale beginning at 8 am allows buyers to attend our sale as well as other ones.

Instead of having a buyers breakfast there is discussion about having a hospitality tent set up during the sale. More information will be forth coming.

There was also discussion of where the Round Robin and Livestock Judging would fall. It was decided that Josie, Lydia & Sharon, with Gerry's input would revamp the schedule of events for the fair and present it at the next meeting.

Jim Hirst with Erica Whitmore's help will head up the Round Robin. It was stated that the Round Robin is for the Grand Champions only and the Reserve Champions would fill in if the Grand Champion can not or does not want to participate. Sharon will send Jim the premium book information for the department. At this time the Round Robin will be scheduled immediately after the sale.

Lydia reported that \$569.80 has been sent in for contributor money.

Justine reported that Matt Schneider would like to be involved with getting the beer garden started. She talked with the people in Asotin about their beer garden. They had Coors as a sponsor and they did not make a lot of money. There was talk about using Golden Hills Brewery out of Airway Heights. Scott said he had started a conversation with Jan Wiggen of the Drug & Alcohol Center about having the beer garden at the fair during specific times. He indicated that she didn't seem totally opposed to it. Further discussion will be done to prepare a specific proposal.

There was discussion about the Rodeo Royalty. A motion was made to have Erica Whitmore be the LC Fair Rodeo Royalty Chairman, with Jennifer Lewis & Ashley Smith as her assistants by Dale and Justine 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed as to how much the fair will be sponsoring the royalty monetarily. It was determined that each girl will receive \$300.00 in items during their reign. It will be broken down as follows:

\$100.00—Belt Buckle

\$ 50.00—A Piece of Jewelry or money towards a tiara

\$100.00—Wardrobe (Shirts, Vest, etc.)

\$ 50.00—Sash

A motion was made by Justine to accept the above sponsorship & 2nd by Dale. The motion passed unanimously.

Josie presented the contract for the Copper Mountain Band. Their price is \$2500.00, not \$2000.00 as originally thought. The fair will still be responsible for \$500.00 of the price as well as for three motel rooms for the band on Saturday night. The \$2000.00 will be paid for by a donation already established.

There will be work to be done to ensure the adequate amount of power can be accessed from the stage for the concert.

Sharon brought up move out for the rvs & boats is April 10th beginning at 9 am. Gerry, Dale, Dan & Sharon plan to be there.

The swap meet & auction will be the next Saturday, April 17th. Gretchen volunteered the Reardan Junior Class to sell potatoes at the event.

Sharon booked the DJ for the Pioneer Days Dance and the Fair's Teen Dance. Because we are not using Entertainment Warehouse, we will need to have a portable PA system. Dale was going to check with Bob Garrett.

We will not be judged by the Fairs Commission this year. They will be judging on a rotating schedule. We will be judged next year—2011.

We still have not heard from Sarah Smith about livestock judging this year. We will try to contact her again.

It was decided to have the premium book contest again this year with the same 4 divisions. 1-6 years old, 7-12 years old, 13-18 years old & 19 and over. We would offer the same prizes as last year. Each division winner would receive a wristband & meal voucher and the winner would have their design on a T-shirt and poster and receive the wristband & meal voucher.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 16th at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary