

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2010**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. In attendance were board members: Josie, Sarah, Gretchen and Dale. Others in attendance were Marcie Breshears, Celine Schwartz, Jennifer Lewis, Lydia Widmer, Brenda Dormaier, Jim Hirst, Dan and Sharon.

Josie reported we still do not have a livestock judge. Sharon will try Sarah Smith again. If she declines, Josie will call Willard Wolf from Valleyford (?).

Josie also reported that the Davenport Ambulance (DAM) will not be putting on the kid's carnival for the fair. DAM will help sponsor the Copper Mountain Band for \$200.00. They will probably want their name on the contributor page with their banner displayed during the fair. Josie will check on it.

Josie reported that the DAM does not want the grill & fryer that are now being housed in the Hamburger Stand. She thought they would be willing to sell them to the fair for \$600.00. If needed we might be able to make payments. In the past, that equipment has not been cleaned properly & left for the year. When used in the future should there be a damage deposit? The question is who does it go to? There will be further discussion as upcoming meetings.

Weather permitting, the flower seeds will be planted soon.

The Copper Mountain Band needs only (3) 110 outlets for power.

Jennifer reported the royalty needs insurance waivers for Moses Lake Parade on May 29, Reardan Mule Days and Odessa Deutschesfest. Sharon will call to get those arranged. She also reported that we have been approved through ProWest for the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign. Jennifer will send Sharon changes for the Premium Book.

There only needs to be a Canadian Flag at the rodeo if we have Canadian cowboys.

Jackie from the Copper Mountain Band will sing the National Anthem on Saturday night.

Gretchen reported that Harrington Golf Course will **NOT** let us use their golf carts for the fair. She has not heard from the Wilbur course as of yet.

Our Queen Marissa rode in Grand Coulee's parade placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in rodeo and judging.

There was much discussion about the weight of pigs at the Junior Livestock Show. Jim Hirst & Gretchen mentioned that the maximum weight for the pigs was 300 pounds. The weight of the pigs during the LCF is a maximum of 290. **It was decided to raise the weight to match that of Junior Show.**

Gerry reported that steer inspection for beef is changing effective June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Steer owners no longer can use self inspection. Gerry will give Sharon the new requirements for the Premium Book. Sharon will share that information with the 4-H website.

There was discussion about all of the animal departments with listing all of the breeds. **It was decided to change all of the animal departments to list the breed classes as "Purebred Registered" and "Unregistered." Josie made the motion and Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup>, it passed unanimously.**

Jack Praetorius in the past has sponsored a belt buckle for the overall showman for the beef department. He will not be sponsoring anymore, because he has never received any acknowledgement from the beef department or the Fair Board. Sharon will write a letter thanking him for his past contributions.

Nikki Chapman wants to bring mini donkeys to the fair as an exhibit. They would be penned in the horse area.

With the amount of the horse kids, is there a way to rebuild the front of the red horse barn panels? There was discussion, but no decision was made.

The next grant we can apply for needs to go towards updating electrical.

**Gerry presented the contracts for future Department of Natural Resources fire camps stationed at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. (The contracts are included.) Dale made a motion to accept the established costs and Josie 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously.**

The bathroom cleaning crew will again be paid \$500.00. Kids from the Warden Music Department will again be our cleaning crew.

Lincoln County has received a grant to have the Economic Development Council publicize local events in the Spokane Inlander. Sharon is working with them to get information about the fair to be publicized.

We need superintendents for the following departments: Floral, Rabbits, Fruits & Vegetables and Swine. We will not be having a Wool & Fiber show again this year.

Sharon asked about the metallic fair signs. It was decided by unanimous decision to purchase them again this year. For 150 the cost will be \$303.00 plus tax.

The lawn mower racers can not come on Pioneer Days. Gerry and Sharon have contacted a company who put on Monster Truck Shows. This would be an attraction to be held during Pioneer Days. They will report on it if the company is available.

Numerous rodeo entertainers have approached the fair. It was decided that the rodeo was busy enough and we do not need clowns and are very happy with our present announcer, Bob Garrett.

Sharon is working with Carey Guhlke to get goodie bags from the hospital for senior day on Thursday of the fair.

A vendor representing Dish-TV & Direct-TV will have 3 booths during the fair and wondered if we would give them a discount. It was decided to follow suit with other vendors that have the situation and charge them \$275.00.

The people who came last fall to check out the facilities to have a llama show will not be meeting here this year. They were pleased about our facilities, but still have ties to another arena on the other side of the state.

There was an inquiry by Kris Hubbard to see if her son Chase could perform at the fair this year. He is just launching his solo career and would like lots of local exposure. The board voted unanimously to have Sharon check into it.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Secretary