

The meeting of the Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association was held November 13, 1972, in the Extension Building, Davenport, and was called to order by President Plotts.

Minutes of the October 9 meeting were read, and approved as noted about early withdrawal of entries. Donna Christianson said she had not necessarily meant floriculture exhibits only when she asked about early withdrawals.

The paving was brought up again. John Deife said it had been discussed with the county engineer ~~about it~~ after the budget hearing. The engineer's office is to check it out.

The president announced the resignation of Roberta Archer of Sprague due to her husband's transfer to Missoula, Mont., which will require replacement on the board.

The Fair Evaluation Sheet was discussed, covering what "people liked, and didn't like". John Wagner said Review Sheets should be sent to all Fair Board members as well as superintendents and committee chairmen. *(Evaluation sheet Attached)*

The minutes of the Livestock meeting on October 10 were also discussed. Scheduling is to be arranged if possible to permit showing in both Open and Youth Divisions by 4-H and FFA members if they have animals to enter in both. Horse leaders meeting was also announced.

Jim McKay said care should be taken so that no mistakes are made in notices of awards, and said the Almira 4-H Livestock Club was notified had won all the herdsman-ship awards; then told error made, so it received only one. The members were duly disappointed.

Discussion was held on having a horse show and rodeo in conjunction with the Fair, if possible. VFW representatives have said they could schedule the rodeo which their Post sponsors for Saturday night and Sunday immediately following the Fair. The matter is to be pursued further with the VFW.

The president turned over the bill received from Chick Sales. He also read a note from the Lincoln County Citizens' Band Radio Club. It has disbanded and is turning over \$137.22, donated through its treasurer, Virgil Rux. The money is to be directed to the public address system at the Fairgrounds, per the Club's request. A loudspeaker was discussed; John Wagner and Bill Bailey are to follow up the proposal.

Discussion was held on the judges and problems involved getting them, plus arriving at amount to pay them. Manfred Lunt is a possible Horse Judge for the 1973 Fair.

President Plotts said he's received a call from a Mr. Thorson, Spokane Community College representative whose family is living in Davenport while he commutes to his job. They are in need of housing for their one horse and six goats, and wanted to know if space is available at the Fairgrounds. A motion was made by John Wagner that barn facilities be rented, according to a set of rules to be prepared. Seconded by Fred Springer who then moved to amend the original motion to charge Thorsons \$5.00 per month. Seconded by Jim McKay and carried. A motion was made by Donna Christianson that they also be charged a \$20 refundable damage

deposit that would also cover clean-up. Seconded by John Deife and carried. The vote was called for on the original motion, and it carried.

A resolution was read from the County Commissioners regarding advance approval of travel expenses.

President Plotts announced that August Schmauder has the foundation for the restroom facilities complete, and is to receive \$3,492.00 now, with the balance out of next year's budget.

Fair dates for 1973 are September 6-9, corrected to September 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The president asked Fred Springer to clarify judging schedule for better understanding. Springer suggested the following: Calling for 4-H Beef first; then while judges are working on those animals, other judges could be working on FFA and Open Swine and Sheep.

Question about Fair Budget: explained that the hearing was only preliminary. Final hearing to be November 27 (Monday) in afternoon at the court house.

Fred Springer brought up the Livestock report that recommends reduction in hog weight from 200-250 pounds to 200-240 pounds. Motion by John Wagner that the livestock report be approved and accepted with change in hog weight. Seconded by Springer and carried. Springer moved that minutes of the October 11 Horse meeting be reviewed at the next meeting; seconded by Jim McKay and carried. Springer also explained that Livestock judging was set at 9 a.m. because this time draws best turn out of teams from other schools. Earlier times discouraged added participation, especially those teams traveling some distance away.

John Wagner brought up the need for lighting at the highway intersection. The president appointed John Wagner to look into "light" possibility with Rural Electric.

Donna Christianson asked if the Board is to continue having Chuck Plumb as "public relations man". President Plotts said it would depend in part of whether the budget is fully approved and no reductions are made.

Final meeting with the County Commissioners (on the budget) has been set tentatively for 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 27, 1972, in the Commissioners' chamber.

Several Board members indicated they would attend.

Board members present were Plotts, Wagner, Deife, Bailey, Springer, McKay and Donna Christianson; also Chuck Plumb, P. R., and Carol Freeman of the Extension Service and the secretary.

Following adjournment of the meeting, President Plotts rapped the gavel to call for discussion of the next meeting date due to conflict. It was decided by general agreement to meet December 4 instead of December 11.

Approved: As read, Dec. 4, 1972 Diana Waseca  
Diana Waseca, Secretary

R. M. Plotts  
R. M. Plotts, President.

Attached: Report of Evaluation Meeting, Lincoln County Fair, held Sept. 25, 1972.

Mon., Sept. 25, 72, Ext Bldg.  
Havenport

EVALUATION MEETING - LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

- September 25, 1972

Thirteen present at 8 p. m.; several came later. Last year's recommendations read and reviewed by Karen Williams.

Reviewed sheets sent to Superintendents and Committee Chairmen:

(1) What people liked about the fair:

Additional bathroom facilities will be taken care of next year.  
Planning a new building for 4-H displays when financial situation is better.  
Busy people enjoyed fair more.  
Horse barns a little crowded.  
Three judges for livestock.  
Wonderful sheep exhibit.  
Selling lambs with hogs - good.  
Displays neater and cleaner and quality of overall displays better.  
Paving might have been helpful.  
Flower show was well displayed.  
A few put a lot of effort into their exhibits.  
Kids like the rides. Food served at salmon bar-b-que. Grange booths. 4-H displays. Really - something for everyone is offered.  
The quality of the displays were much better and much neater.  
Participation.  
Non-paid attendance. Friendly.  
The newly surfaced grounds. (horse...)  
The judge was very good and took the time to tell the kids where they placed & why.

(2) What people didn't like:

Errors in fair book.  
"4-legged creatures."  
Unhappy with livestock judging.  
Vacancies in open class display areas.  
Letter from livestock club read - rescheduling of judging so as to permit youngsters to show more than one fitting and showing is to be in a. m. Prefer judging contest to be set at 8 instead of 9 a. m.  
Buyer is to be outside ring, not in it when judging going on.  
Nothing to do! The whole fair takes about 30 minutes to see. I think Lincoln Co. should do a little upgrading in the area of bringing in a carnival. If you don't start making an effort to appeal to young people, everyone will move to the Spokane Interstate.  
The many that put very little effort into their exhibits. All would like to see more displayed.  
I heard the grange talent program was not well received (wasn't there, but several commented on this.) Maybe a new format should be considered.  
More light needed on pictures.  
Didn't like confusion of entering 4-H foods.  
Weather. Noise at programs - Dress Parade.  
P. A. system could not carry clear comments to help youngsters.  
More benches needed.

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Too much noise at 4-H Dress Parade (kids uncontrolled - need "bouncers" - or?)  
Need more (dependable) help - delegate responsibility.  
Lighting not good for arts and crafts (open). Suggest rearrangement.  
Time of Fair - change.  
Afternoon Show (Horses) lasted too long.  
Rodeo in conjunction with fair?  
Grange talent show?  
Change Parade route.  
Trophies for ponies in parade.  
Advance entry for parades - and all entries.  
Rules in fair book concerning equipment for horse entries.  
Sale days problems need for name and address.  
Beautification of grounds.  
Better signing - bulletin board.  
Directory - posting of schedule of events.  
"Hostesses" for buildings.  
Better use of the Grange booth building (there is a lot of waste space in the middle - could this be used for other displays?)  
Clarification in sewing division - just what is a "cotton house dress?" All the lots are ambiguous. A few extra lots rather than lumping everything else in "other" might help in the crafts dept.  
I think there should be more space. This space should be enclosed so people can't handle the dainty objects.  
Some improvement should be done to hold the sheafs of grain rather than nails and rubber bands. The Lincoln Co. Crop Improvement Assoc. was to do this, but as per usual we just didn't get it on the way.  
The County Crop Improvement Assoc. need to revise their premium list to match the fair premium book. This is up coming business for our upcoming meeting.  
Wish something could be done about the dust and dirt (grass planted?)  
Wish 4-H could receive larger premiums in all home economics exhibits.  
Would like to have more wall space to hang pictures. I think the arts and crafts should be along the wall.  
The open canned goods and baking display could be moved to the middle of the bldg.  
More space for 4-H exhibits - extension on bldg. - or new bldg?? 4-H demonstrations or activities during fair. Schedule of events posted on grounds - and exhibits.  
Would like to see open division for art exhibits - extra paintings put in open class building. Let public decide which picture they like best - award \$5 to first place, \$3 - 2nd; \$2 - 3rd. No other premiums.  
Lot for long dresses and skirts in open clothing  
Lot for acrylics paintings (oil).  
Have a directory and/or bulletin board of events and buildings.  
Communication between members on committee.  
More space in 4-H foods; 4-H booths too crowded.  
Does not give individuality to food exhibits as this year it was all bunched together.  
Have the rules that the kids are to go by in the fair book.  
The cow and sheep people clean out their own barns and then haul it themselves to the dump. We had to.

Discussion on time of fair. No alternative - as is.

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Entertainment needed to draw young people.

Urged to get "drawing card" to bring people in.

John Delle "Good crowd - all young people. Very successful." (Sat. night dance).

Discussion on securing "good carnival rides". Rental rides available from Spokane.

What possibility of having schools cooperate with fair on football.

John Delle - Speaking for fair board - good addition - Fred Springer.

Meetings open; held second Monday, each month.

The following comments arrived later:

- I. The comments were good in my junior division. We had a nice display and many interesting crafts. The baking was down a little and not quite as good quality as last year, but everyone was busier than usual this year.
- II. NEED MORE ENTERTAINMENT. Too long an arena show - should have a better Saturday afternoon event. Empty space in the wheat sheaves division - looks bad as you enter the building.
- III. Some parents suggested we have children put ages on their entry slips - think this might help the judge w/ so will enter that in the book for next year.
- IV. Sometimes one person has thirty entries in my division. I would like a different type entry blank for the juvenile division. Couldn't each individual list all their entries on one blank as ~~was~~ was done several years ago?
- V. The kids would like to see the premiums raised in the rural arts division, perhaps make it .80¢, .60¢, and .40¢.

Read & discussed  
at Fair Bd meetin  
Nov. 13, 1972  
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