

## **LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2008**

We began with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. Gerry began the meeting at 7:15pm. Josie, Lydia, Gretchen, Phil, Dale, Dan, Eddie, Marcie, Sarah and Sharon were in attendance.

Josie started off the meeting with a report from convention. A main priority of many fairs is to have an EMS meeting prior to fair. This allows us to have emergency procedures in place in case they are needed. What would we do if the grandstands collapse??? Also where all of the electrical boxes and water shutoffs (5 on the grounds)? This will be discussed more in depth after the first of the year.

One of the best practices used at some fairs, were different colored name badges. For instance, people who were on duty as medics have a different colored badge than superintendents. A few other best practices from other fairs were; the fair president stood by the front gate and thanked everyone for attending the fair. There were pads and paper at the front gate for people's comments. Grant County had a very aggressive \$20 million renovation, based on bonds. The theme of their renovation was "if you believe, you will see."

Gretchen reported that there is a farm in Espanola that kids could keep animals. The Jensen Memorial Farm is going to be used for kids from Cheney, Medical Lake, Reardan and Spokane to keep their animals if they do not have the ability where they live. There will be a 4-H club based out of that location. Could kids show their animals as 4-H or FFA if the farm is out of Lincoln County? Rick Perleberg will be using it in conjunction with Reardan's FFA.

There was much discussion, but the conclusion was that it could NOT be a Lincoln County 4-H group because of location.

Dan has been keeping his eyes open for a new lawn mower. Lowe's can give us a 10% discount on a new purchase.

Kathy reported she has \$10,000.00 in outstanding checks. She talked about charging a reissue fee of \$25.00 to \$50.00 next year. She has repaired the computers for the livestock sale. It cost \$2148.00 for the tent.

Our current show ring is 36' x 36.' The show ring could be 30' x 36' if we could get tresses for a semi-permanent building. If the tresses were used, they would need to come with specs that indicate weight and span between them. Gerry will talk to Don Smith.

Sharon reported that we were asked at convention to host the Eastside meeting in March. I told them it depended on weather. If we do host it, we will need to be responsible for a luncheon. We will have to wait on the weather to see if it will work out.

There was discussion about if we need to put who the board uses as a caterer out for bid. Dale moved and Phil seconded that the board could choose who they wanted to use. The motion passed unanimously. It was decided that if Dan's schedule allowed it and we hosted the meeting, Berry's Catering would be chosen.

Also at convention we were asked to provide centerpieces for a meal at 2009's convention. We will be provided the theme and how many to bring later. The board members will have a craft day to make them.

Josie made a motion to have Dan head up shopping for a dishwasher to be installed in the kitchen. Phil seconded and it passed unanimously.

Wheatland little league would like to use our grassy area for T-ball in 2009. They would only need to use the facilities for 4-6 weeks. We would have the Home Arts Restrooms available to them for use. We would charge them between \$25.00 for the season. The fee would off set the restroom supplies. It passed unanimously.

Sharon reported that Brad Watkins asked if he could use the kitchen to store supplies to make enchiladas for Davenport's FFA. It was agreed he may use the kitchen for the weekend right before Thanksgiving. He will return the key to the office when he is done.

The recycle bins are gone from the fairgrounds for the time being. We don't know when they will return.

Entertainment was booked during the convention. Nevada Slim and Cimmaron Sue will be back next year. There will be games and activities for kids at the Kids Town America area. We will NOT have tractor pulls this year. Alan Buess can not afford to have his tractors here, when he needs them elsewhere. Entertainment Warehouse will greatly reduce what they charge us this coming year; we can use the money we spend on them for more entertainment.

A western clown was also booked. We will see if he will be willing to do a walk around during the rodeo.

What is the possibility of having a concert or carnival during Pioneer Days? We will discuss it in more detail after the first of the year.

There needs to be a better way to pick up people and shuttle them around. We could save money by using golf carts for local courses for the week. They would receive free advertising, etc. We will check on that.

Could the Oompas & Mas come again?

Phil will advertise boat storage on Craig's List.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary