

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes November 8, 2016

Board Members Present: Gerry Stiles, John Merriott, Brad Ray, Theresa Chrisman, Justine Winn

Members Absent: Sarah Breshears, Brad Sweet, Paul Knittel

Others Present: Margie Hall, Sharon Nighswonger, Dawn Tysz

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on October 3, 2016 were approved.

John talked about the Haunted House. About 150 people attended the event provided by the Reardan High School Class of 2017. Discussed possible improvements for next year and the possibility of working with others who have the same events in the Davenport area.

Brad discussed of the need to improve the timing of when checks are sent for the Livestock Sale during the Fair. Brad would like to see the kids received their checks sooner than they did this year. Sharon said that the main problem for the payment to the kids is the buyers do not always pay for the purchase of the animals at a reasonable time. Some ideas presented were to make an announcement to buyers at the Sale that the buyers need to pay at the time of purchase or establish a date the buyers need to pay.

A date was set for the Jackpot Show, April 15, 2017. April 9th will be the setup date for the Show. A discussion followed about how the Jackpot Show will provide payment to the kids on the day of the Show. Dawn will talk with Linda Fisher to determine if the Revolving Account can be used. Sharon will talk with the Friends of the Fair Board Members to determine if the Friends of the Fair could provide the funds needed.

Justine mentioned the rodeo announcer, Dale Haughian, and if the Board was interested in having Dale here for another year. Discussion followed about the need to increase the number of competitors for the rodeo. John said he would contact stock companies for a new contract for rodeo stock.

Margie Hall presented a project she is working on for her graduate program with Western Governors University (WGU). Her project was to find a problem within her community that she could help to determine the need and present a possible solution(s) to the problem. She asked if the Board had anything she could present in her project. The Board presented a few ideas and decided the major problem facing the Fair is the deterioration of the Beef Barn. The Board would like to remove the Beef Barn and build an indoor arena that could also be used as the Beef Barn during the Fair. Building the indoor arena could provide further income for the Fairgrounds. Margie said she would present the Board with her findings when the project is complete.

Margie also wants a figure of the advertising needs for the Fair so EDC can prepare the 2017 budget. Gerry asked if the EDC would pay for a sign to be placed at the base of the roadside sign in place at the front of the Fairgrounds. Margie said she needed an amount to determine if the sign falls under the rules of advertising from the fund established for the EDC to use.

Loren reported everything on the grounds was winterized and shut down for the winter. He asked the Board if he could cut down the tree at the North entrance gate as most of the tree was dead.

The dates for the 2017 Lincoln County Fair will be August 24th-26th.

Sharon Nighswonger requested the Board provide a list of items or needs for the Fair so the Friends of the Fair can determine how much funding will be needed.

Gerry contacted a company who provides digital scales to replace the current one used during the Fair. To replace the entire scale would cost \$3200 and to install a digital reader would cost \$1770. A discussion followed about the best possible solution to replace the aging scale currently used. The decision was made to install a digital reader at this time. Also, an idea was made to talk to Kathy Eastman about the possibility of helping with the costs associated with to replace the entire scale. Gerry will talk to Kathy.

Gerry went to the budget meeting on Monday, November 7th. The County Commissioners approved the budget presented to them for 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Samantha Tysz
Office Manager