

secure someone to help him , and both be paid for their time, this arrangement to be for this year only. John Wagner made the second, and the motion carried.

John Wagner moved, seconded by Fred Springer, that in the future each Livestock and horse club be required to clean out stalls and barns and dispose of refuse in designated area. The motion carried.

The President announced he would be away on Grange Tour at the time of the next meeting, but members preferred to meet at the regular date, October 8. Vice President John E. Deife will preside.

President at this meeting were Board members John Wagner, Bill Bailey, Fred Springer, John E. Deife, R. M. Plotts and the secretary; Carol Freeman, County Extension Rep.; Elizabeth Brown, Davenport Methodist Church rep.; W. C. Reinbold, Dairy Supt.; Les Seimer, Building and Grounds Manager; and Tom Musser, RHS Ag-teaching asst.

Approved: As read, Oct. 8, 1973 *Diana Waseca*  
Diana Waseca, secretary

*R. M. Plotts*, John E. Deife, Vice President, for  
R. M. Plotts, President, absent on October 8, 1973.

The Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association met on October 8, 1973, in the County Extension office for its regular meeting, with Vice President John E. Deife presiding in the absence of President R. M. Plotts.

The secretary read the minutes of the special Pre-Fair meeting held on September 4, 1973; they were approved as read. She then read the minutes of the September 10 meeting; they were approved as read.

A discussion was held about the Livestock Sale tickets for which the secretary had received a bill, with no explanation as to what they were for or who had ordered their printing by the Times Publishing Co. It was explained that they were properly an expense of the Livestock Sale and should have been billed in care of Bud King or Al Leipham who handled sale funds. The tickets were to have been distributed to prospective buyers prior to the Fair, but they were not received in time. Discussion was also held on the non-collection of the 1 percent (of sale prices) to be used toward a fund with which to meet miscellaneous expenses. It was also pointed out that this fund could be drawn upon to compensate for loss of show animals such as occurred with the hog owned by Gary Schulz, Reardan FFA member, during the Lincoln Co. Jr. Preview last April. Fred Springer also asked that the time of the Fair Livestock Sale be rescheduled in the future for 10 a. m. He said this would give buyers time to get there; also said additional help is needed to collect support money.

A suggestion was also made that entry blanks be placed in central locations in the communities throughout the County to make it more convenient for exhibitors to complete them in advance of the Fair.

Discussion followed on expenditures of funds. The secretary said she did not wish to have the full responsibility of submitting bills for payment since she did not always know which were in order. She cited, for example, the bill for Livestock Sale tickets, which she later learned, as stated above, this was not an actual Fair expense and it

had already been vouchered. A bill would be sent, <sup>(to the Sale)</sup> however, to get reimbursement. The secretary also said she does not always receive statements, but that some, like for insurance premiums, go directly to the county auditor and are paid without her knowledge or that of the Board until sometime later. It is difficult to keep accurate account of funds. John Wagner moved that all bills be read before the Board and approved for payment prior to vouchering by the secretary-treasurer. Donna Christianson made the second and the motion carried. Premium ribbons were discussed; a motion was made by Donna Christianson, seconded by John Wagner, to secure from Seattle; carried. Major expenses of direct Fair operation (most incurred during actual Fair dates) were also discussed and their payment by the secretary from Revolving Account funds. She said this included judges' fees, casual labor for garbage pickup, parking attendant and clerical help, cost of hay and straw, etc. which cut into funds for premium payment. She reminded of the discussion after last year's Fair and the action of the Board to approve transfer of additional money from budgeted funds into the Revolving Account to meet these costs; but, when she inquired of the county auditor, he said there was no way this could be done, having made the inquiry just prior to the Fair opening. Later, she said, she was told a resolution could have been submitted for the county commissioners' consideration, but by then it was too late.

Discussion followed in regard to communications addressed to the Fair. John Wagner moved, seconded by Fred Springer, that all letters and communications be brought before the Board meetings. The motion carried. The secretary reported on the communications she had received, including a number of acknowledgements of royalty appearances.

Discussion was also held on the budget proposed, and John Wagner said the Board should learn what limitations it imposes and secure some guidelines, perhaps from the State Auditor. Jim McKay discussed his experience in budget matters in the past, but some question of present application; general agreement this should be followed up.

Donna Christianson reported on the carnival rides held at Odessa during the Deutchesfest, and said they were owned by B & B. Fred Springer moved, seconded by John Wagner "we investigate the possibility of <sup>B & B</sup> coming to (Lincoln County's) our Fair and if at all favorable to book the Show." The motion carried.

Chuck Plumb reported on publicity that appeared during <sup>after</sup> the Fair; he also suggested that some arrangement might be worked out with Deb Copenhaver to book the entertainers he has appearing at his restaurant-dance-lounge in Creston <sup>to</sup> present their same entertainment at the Fair since they would be in the area. This was noted to be followed up in the spring.

The Vice President opened election of officers and called for nomination of president. John E. Deife was elected president. He then called for nominations for vice president. John Wagner was elected vice president. The new officers assume their positions immediately.

A discussion was held about change in meeting place and date. The secretary pointed out that the meeting should come prior to the first Monday and Tuesday of the month since those are the dates the county commissioners meet and act upon expense vouchers. The fourth Wednesday was suggested, but decided not to shift the date at this time. Donna Christianson moved, seconded by Jim McKay, that the next meeting be held on November 12, 1973, at 3:30 p. m. (McKay noted he favored afternoon sessions because of early darkness and possible bad roads in the winter.) Motion carried.

A discussion was held on a possible dinner for Fair volunteers in appreciation of their services. Donna Christianson said she would contact the Harrington Golf and Country Club and report at the next meeting.

The secretary was asked to send a notice of the next meeting to VFW representatives.

Present at this meeting were Board members Jim McKay, Donita Linstrum, Bill Bailey, Donna Christianson, John Wagner, John Deife and the secretary; and Chuck Plumb, Public Relations.

Approved: Nov. 12, 1973, as read.

Diana Waseca  
Diana Waseca, secretary

John E. Deife  
John E. Deife, President

The Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association met November 12, 1973, in the Extension Building at Davenport. President John E. Deife opened the meeting at 3:30 p. m.

Larry Lindbloom was present to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars and bring the Post's proposal of combining the VFW-sponsored rodeo with the Fair in 1974 before the Board. The use of facilities and space and changes in the Fair schedule and other effects of such a plan were discussed. The matter is to be further investigated and considered.

Lindbloom then "changed hats", and as a deputy county auditor, explained cash-on-hand funds of the Fair; also state matching moneys. The President asked about the procedure of securing matching funds in anticipation of a request for 1974. He was told the request should be made immediately.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 8 were read, and approved as read.

Mrs. Jim (Bea) Teel, representing the 4-H Leaders Council, was present to bring recommendations for changes in the Premium Book. The list (attached to these minutes) included items in Baking, Canned Foods, Beginning Home Economics, Clothing and Photography. She also urged that premium books be printed and sent out at least two months earlier.

The President reported that in Adams County books are not used, but a special Fair section, including entry blanks, is printed in the newspapers. The question was asked why entry blanks were not included in the Lincoln County books this year. It was explained that each entry had to be transferred to a separate card which required more time and work; also, the information given was usually incomplete.

Discussion followed on a report by the President of his contact at the State Fair Convention with Richard Nelson, Sheridan, Oregon, to secure his rides. Fred Springer moved, seconded by John Wagner, that the matter be followed up by the secretary. The motion carried.

Changing the meeting date and time was again brought up. A motion was made by Fred Springer, seconded by John Wagner, that the next meeting be held the first Wednesday of the month (December 4) in the afternoon; and, that beginning in January, the meetings to move to the fourth Wednesdays, continuing in the afternoon (3:30 p. m.) through the month of February. John Wagner seconded, and the motion carried.

Application for funds with which to pay premiums for the Lincoln County Junior Preview was brought up by Fred Springer. He said that, acting on the advice of Ray Meenach's recommendation that it be made, the secretary had written a letter to the State Fair Association which he (Springer) had signed making the request. A reply has not yet been received, and it is not known if it received consideration.