

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

Gerry began the meeting at 6:45pm with Gretchen, Phil, Lydia, Dan, Josie, Sarah, Sharon and Connie Stauffer in attendance.

Gretchen reported that Reardan will not need the Fairgrounds for a Halloween party this year.

Lydia reported that she had lots of ribbons left over from this year and will not have to order many at all next year.

The rodeo royalty is already planning for next year. Connie has not heard from Taylor since the fair and she has not participated in any activities since then. The current royalty and new royalty plan to attend the Wilbur Ag Day parade. The new royalty will be attending a queen's clinic in Cheney. It was discussed to purchase new crowns with no date on them to hand down to new royalty. The cost could be anywhere from \$75.00 to \$250.00. Connie will do some checking on prices. There should be some banners made that can be used that announce our fair without dates---i.e. "Lincoln County Fair" Davenport, WA Fourth Weekend in August.

With the new royalty all being from Odessa, we should be able to get some sponsorships and donations from that area.

The letter that goes out to visiting royalty and to sponsor flag carriers needs to mention absolutely NO ALCOHOL on the fairgrounds. If any of these girls are caught with alcohol, they will not be able to participate in the fair and rodeo events.

Phil will check on where to order sashes.

Boat storage is coming up in October. We have three dates scheduled October 4, 11, & 18.

On October 4th ----Phil, Gerry, Dan & Sharon

On October 11th---Gretchen, Josie & Sharon

On October 18th---Dan, Gerry & Sharon

Josie talked about the flowers around the grounds. It would be good to have perennials planted in the boxes and accent with annuals.

Royal Dalton Gardens will not be participating at the fair anymore.

There was discussion about having a western dance on a floor instead of grass. People would like to swing dance and need a floor to do so.

Josie asked for the boards' approval to book entertainment at the convention this year. The board unanimously approved.

There was discussion about Sunday being free. There was also talk of admission being a can of food.

Sharon mentioned that Dave's music kids would like to run a few carnival games at the fair. They would pay a vendor fee and setup and man games. Entertainment Warehouse would not need to include all the games they bring then. They could concentrate on other events during the fair. Kelsey from EW will be charging us less this year as she feels that the money we pay them should go to events on the stage.

Gerry reported that the garbage pick up went well with the different schedule this year.

It was discussed that there needed to be vendors open on Wednesday night before fair. People are willing to purchase food, if it was available.

Sharon will check on the comedy group "Brothers from Different Mothers."

The chicken plop was a good idea, and we will only charge \$1.00 per space for all of the times it is run.

What size should the show ring be? It has been 40' x 60'; could it be changed to 30' x 60'?

There was discussion about sponsors. Some of the businesses to approach are American West, Wheatland Bank, Mid Mountain Machinery, Western States Equipment, Jess Ford, Bi-Mart and Wal-Mart.

Would it be possible to have the Oompa & Mas come to perform on Thursday again?

There was discussion about our parking situation. Should we get a larger shuttle and shuttle more people at once? More discussion needs to happen.

Three people were mentioned as potential new board members, they are Justine Winn, John Merriott, and Connie Stauffer. The board unanimously approved all of them.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 14th at 6:30pm at the fairgrounds. We will be having our end of the year potluck dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger