

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes September 6, 2016

Board Members Present: Gerry Stiles, Josie Breshears, John Merriott, Brad Ray, Paul Knittel, Jennifer Lewis & Justine Winn

Members Absent: Sarah Breshears & Brad Sweet

Others Present: Kathy Eastman, Loren Reinbold, Dawn Tysz & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting began at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on August 16 and the special called meetings of August 25 & August 28, 2016 were approved.

Brad R. mentioned that we need to have more people and board members help clean up on Sunday. He, John, Justine, and Gerry were here until 4pm. It would be easier if there was a checklist for all of the things that need to be done at the end of the fair as well as put away and where.

John mentioned we need more board members. One of the criteria needs to be that they come to the meetings and attend work days. We need younger people that are committed to making the fair better. We also need subcommittees for the fair and rodeo.

John reiterated the idea for the VIP area during the rodeo. If a company were to donate a large amount of money to the fair (for instance \$10,000) they would receive 20 special wristbands to have a steak dinner with two drinks and watch the rodeo in a VIP area. He is working on the logistics of it.

Kathy reported that the numbers for the livestock sale were down and made the sale down about \$10,000.00. The good thing was that the support money for the kids was up. A suggestion that was made for the sale was to split the alley for the pigs for the sale area. It would cut down on "pig traffic" coming and going.

Kathy would like to assign buyer numbers similar to Junior Show. Since there are so many new buyers, it would be a good time to implement the change.

Jennifer reported she is working on getting shavings donated for next year.

Justine ordered Queen Tyanna Ever's sash and buckle. Tyanna will need to get her chaps adjusted (lengthened) at Indiana Harness.

A motion was made by John and 2nd by Brad R. to have Justine work with the horse leaders to redo the horseshow. Motion Approved.

There needs to be work done on the south side of the red horse barn to make it easier to access the shavings and still keep them protected.

It was decided to have the Herdsmanship winners announced at the Saturday Rodeo.

Josie reported that Suzanne Deking would be willing to take care of the flowers during the winter, but we would have to get the flower pots there. It could be challenging, since the pots are so heavy. One suggestion was to put aluminum cans in the bottom of the pots and only put half the amount of dirt, they would be much lighter.

There was quite a bit of discussion concerning cars and trucks driving on the grounds during the fair. Signs will need to be posted on the front and back gates that say, "NO DRIVING OR PARKING ON THE GROUNDS BETWEEN 8AM AND 10PM." Sharon will talk to Webgar. A notice will need to be included with the RV parking receipt.

Jennifer reported that the misters in the Goat & Sheep Barn don't work. The Nixon's from Odessa will work on getting them repaired.

There needs to be more structure on our work days. We need to have more of them, a suggestion was once a month from spring until fair.

The Beef Barn power needs to be checked, the breakers kept being tripped.

The bleachers at the Beef Barn are dangerous. The bottom two seats are falling apart.

There was discussion about continuing with TETWP. We have to buy TETWP merchandise of \$250.00 yearly to use the logo and banner. We do not make that much back in sales. A decision was not made and was tabled until a later meeting.

We need to have something in arena on Thursday night. There was talk of cow milking, greased pig races or an Indian Rodeo. There was also talk of having a concert.

The lights at the south end of the arena need to be worked on.

It would be great to have a meeting with all of the superintendents after the fair and have the board members who head up the animals and still life departments bring the information back to the board, so it is fresh in everyone's minds.

There is concern about the status of the Beef Barn. To replace the barn with a 100' x 200' fully enclosed pole building it would cost about \$33,000.00.

Winter vehicle storage will be on October 15, 22, and 29 from 9am – 12pm.

The speakers for the PA system on the mid do not work. They need to be checked out in the spring, not a week before fair.

The Reardan Class of 2017 will be renting the Main Building again for their haunted house. A motion was made by John and 2nd by Justine to charge them \$200.00 for the dates of October 22 and 29. Motion Approved.

Gerry mentioned that the auditorium still needs to be finished painted.

The pole is set by the Beef Arena, but the wires need to be switched.

The fire suppression systems are almost done. The finish work needs to be done. After talking with Kim at the Health Department, we need to see if the fan needs to be a variable speed one. Sharon will check.

Gerry suggested that everyone bring names of people interested in joining the fair board. We can have up to twelve members.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager