

Lincoln County Fair

AGENDA

Meeting of September 18, 1991:

7:00 p.m. Call meeting to order

Approval of August minutes

Committee Reports:

Breathing Supts. - Jon, Orville  
Non-Breathing Supts. - Karen (Supts. meeting report)  
Grounds & Building - Howard

Treasurers Report - Bills, Gate Receipts, Attendance

Miscellaneous Reports - Resignations, Nominations

Old Business: How did the Fair go?

New Business: Set 1992 Fair Dates  
Convention - Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1  
Carnival  
Old Advertising Lease  
Entertainment Budget

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1991  
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Bob & Karen Jones, Orville Widmer, Cathy Schmitt,  
Jon Overmyer, Celeste Sterrett, Gerry Stiles

Guests: Joan Edwards, Lydia Widmer, Eddie Barry

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the August 14, 1991 minutes were approved as read.

Orville reported that 2 new superintendents will be needed for Breathing Superintendents. Painting of the horse barn was discussed, the paint may be purchased this fall, also the fair board owns a paint sprayer and he will try to locate it. Lloyd Thompson, FFA advisor, will be making the sheep pens and will begin as soon as he has the materials. Jon will get the material to him.

Karen reported on Non-Breathing Superintendents. Karen reviewed a list of suggestions for improvements made by those superintendents at a meeting held in September. Some suggestions were: start carnival earlier, put no smoking and exit signs up, panels for llamas, better communications for superintendents, gate needed on east end of cow barn, keep steers away from dogs, manure should be dumped at the back of the area used for that purpose, more garbage cans and recycle cans were needed.

Donations - Diane Baye has 20 folding chairs from the Ag Shop to give to the fair. Gail Heide has an upright freezer to donate.

Brenda Hays needs a hot water heater for the 4H building. Bob suggested that would be a project for next year.

Celeste suggested we have larger size posters advertising the fair next year. Discussed having 2 sizes of posters.

Lynn Knapp has resigned from the board and her job as superintendent of Goats, but wants to remain as superintendent of Dogs. It was decided to inform Lynn that we have someone else available for that position since Lynn now lives out of state.

Lynn Solberg, appointed board member in June, has moved out of state. It was moved, seconded and approved that she be dropped as board member.

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Two suggestions for board members were given: Gail Morton from Sprague and Brenda Hayes.

Other resignations were announced. Michelle will resign from Superintendent of Round Robin and Herdsmanship. Dawn Ensor will not be in charge of the coloring contest or poster contest.

The board received a thank you letter from Erica Guhlke.

Gerry gave the treasurer's report. He reviewed line by line, the budget status report dated 9/17/91 and included additional revenue and expenses to the budget items. He also reviewed the Revenue Master List from the treasurer's office. He presented a report on the fair gate for 1991. Total attendance was 6,087. That entire report is submitted as part of the minutes. Gerry will stay on as treasurer, but because of work obligations will miss some meetings.

Next was a discussion on some major projects for next year. Horse barn - it will be painted, the inside will be gutted and panels will be installed. Estimated cost \$4,500. Ticket booths - 2 new ones with power. Estimated cost \$1,200. Arena lights and speaker for the arena are needed. <sup>4,000</sup>

One bill was submitted for payment - Priceless Gas \$31.90. Gerry noted that \$202.86 was spent for trophies for the sheep department. He suggested that the board send a letter to the trophy company stating that anyone ordering for the LCF must have a signed purchase order or a letter of approval from a board executive. A dollar limit will be set for any orders.

Another gate is needed for the beef arena, the cost will be \$18.00.

An advertising agency is interested in renting sign space on fair property. Bob will find out more about the company and the lease before we pursue it further.

Lydia will be in charge of the premium book.

Teen Connection has requested the use of the dining hall and coffee pot for a function. Approved.

A request has been made for the use of the arena for a team roping event next year. Discussion followed on the fee to charge.

The 1992 fair date was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to set the date of August 20 - 23. This date was unanimously approved.

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Bob and Karen attended the Waterville fair and saw lots of good ideas. They had a very good deal with the carnival they had contracted with and had good entertainment ideas. It was decided that we contact Davis Shows and other entertainment groups at the convention coming up at the end of October.

Gerry reported the circus that was at the fairgrounds had poor attendance, 109 paid adults.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Celeste Sterrett.

The Fair was a success as far as I'm concerned. The new Queen and 1st Princess are going to represent our county and the Fair with great pride and excitement. Marisa Rowicki, Fair Queen is going to school at Reardan High School and will be a Sophomore. Becky Mattox is going to be a Sophomore at Creston High School. The two of them hate each other, but I think they will get past their petty problems and get through that. If they don't, I'll kill them! The other princesses, April Mather, Kristi Stanton, and Kathlene Peck were very disappointed with the outcome of the pageant, but as they ask me questions about the pageant, the little things that they didn't catch during the pageant I have explained to them, and their understanding is greater and they feel better about it all the time. We've been to the Wheatland Communities Fair and will be going to Odessa, Almira, and Harrington for their community festivals. I'm very pleased with the attitudes of the Fair Royalty this year, and I hope it goes as well throughout the year.

As far as the parade goes, I would rather not be the superintendant for that again. Organization in that department is difficult to achieve because of the entry form being in the paper, and the fact that people did not show. The Moonlight Riders did not show up--they were the only group of horses signed up for the parade, and no one bothered to let me know that they were not going to participate. Also, one group of royalty did not show up. If there were some way for the parade to be closer to the fairgrounds, I think there would be more interest in it and possibly more people would go to watch. Some of the visiting royalty said there were maybe 20 people out to see the parade. Why go to all the work of putting on a parade if no one is going to benefit from it? Four groups went to a lot of work to bring their floats and hardly anyone knew it. Some type of change needs to occur either to get the citizens of Lincoln County to attend the parade or move the route towards the fairgrounds possibly even on the fairgrounds so those who are busy with animals or departments, etc. can see the parade.

The teen dance went well, once it got started. The band got set up in 1.5 hours--faster than they've ever set up. They didn't do a full sound check with vocals, drums, keyboards, & guitars, but after a couple songs, they got it all set. I heard nothing but good comments from the kids in attendance, but I think that if the carnival weren't here to keep them occupied while the band was setting up, they wouldn't have stayed. The important thing, is that they had fun--so did I--and the band had a good time, too. However, set up times need to be set and kept as agreed upon. I understand all the reasons for the mixups, but there still needs to be some changes. Possibly moving the dance to another night or starting the Fiddle contest earlier, having the Grange program in another place, time, whatever. If we had the Grange program on Friday night--nothing happens on Friday in the Auditorium anyway, then the Fiddlers wouldn't have to take an hour off in the evening and they could then be done by 7:00 or sometime closer to that. Then whatever group is playing for the dance would have from 7:00-9:00 to set up. Incidentally, if Clif, Steve, Tom, and Kim had know they would've only had one

hour to set up, they would have brought the necessary people to set up in that amount of time. I know that the set-up time was unknowingly set back, the band was just not geared for that type of adjustment. The dance is over, as is the fair, and my blood pressure is pretty much back to normal! These are just some suggestions that may make things run a little smoother next year.

Eventually, I need to hand the royalty program over to someone else. My school and summer employment have suffered because of my involvement in the Fair, but I will continue until I can get someone to help me and I am comfortable knowing that they can take over without having any problems going on their own. I'm pretty sure that Carolee will be helping out next year and then maybe as Tricia gets older she can take on more of the responsibilities with the royalty. I enjoy working with the royalty and the pageant means a great deal to me. My parents are hoping to get me out of the royalty responsibilities by talking me out of it, but until I am comfortable with someone else's knowledge of the program, I will stay on the board and continue to work with the Royalty. No matter when I step down, I will always support the fair and be of as much assistance as I can be. The royalty is an important and vital part of our fair. They bring many young people to the Fair and promote it as much as they are able. Being a fair princess is a very good experience for the young girls that participate, and they will never forget their experience. I think something to consider would be a scholarship fund for whomever gets Queen, as some incentive for girls to participate. We need to at least have one girl from each town-8 girls-because the communities are not equally represented. This is not the fault of the Fair or the individual communities, there is just a shortage of girls throughout the county. The numbers are going up and hopefully in the next couple years, the program will get bigger and better. I have great things planned for next year, my wheels are already turning and plans being made. I'm going to concentrate on school for the next couple of months and try to get back on track as far as my future career goes. I'll try my best to get to all the upcoming meetings.

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY CONTRACT

Girls chosen to be Lincoln County Fair Princesses must be 15, 16, or 17 years of age and of freshman to junior class ranking, but cannot be a senior or in the eighth grade. Exceptions can be made if the girl will be a freshmen by fair time. They cannot belong to their town's royalty, such as Young Woman of the Year or Jr. Miss, as this is a conflict of interest and they cannot fulfill the requirements specified by this contract.

The princesses chosen by the Royalty Coordinator and your school do not have to be a member of 4-H or FFA as this is a county fair and as such is for all girls attending school in Lincoln County. The Fair Princesses must be signed up and approved by the Royalty Coordinator by May 1st. The girls interested in becoming Fair Royalty must meet with the Royalty Coordinator in person before they will officially become Fair Royalty.

The Fair Advisory Board requires that the princesses chosen be able to attend 80% of the activities planned for the Fair Royalty and be present at the fairgrounds all four days of the Fair in August unless specified by or prearranged with the Royalty Coordinator prior to the absence.

Rehearsals for the Queen's Pageant will begin approximately one month prior to pageant night. It is very important that the princesses be in attendance at all of the rehearsals because this is where all your preparation for the pageant takes place, all details explained, and any questions answered. If a princess has to miss any rehearsals, she is required to contact the Royalty Coordinator 24 hours prior to the absence. The Queen's Pageant will be held the first evening of the Fair. All princesses will be required to compete and furnish all materials necessary for skits, talents, poise and appearance.

All town activities will be chaperoned by the Royalty Coordinator. If she cannot attend the activities, she is responsible for making any other arrangements.

The Fair Princesses will be required to place an exhibit in the Fair. Any 4-H or FFA exhibits qualify for this requirement.

The Princesses will be required to wear their matching outfits chosen by the Royalty Coordinator to all town activities and any other activities scheduled by the Royalty Coordinator.

If the below signed Fair Princess fails to fulfill any of the above requirements, she will relinquish her crown and banner to the royalty coordinator.

Fair Princess \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Royalty  
Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_