

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
April 8, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Sarah, Brad

Members Absent: Justine & John

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Scott Hutsell and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting were approved. Scott presented information on event insurance that the fair is researching. There has been discussion with George Arland regarding the Memorial Hall. They are in the same type of insurance pool as Lincoln County and at this time have chosen not to enforce the event insurance. According to Scott the commissioners are undecided as to how to proceed. He suggested that we continue issuing rental agreements as needed and as more information becomes available, we will pursue it.

Sharon requested from Scott a copy of the Memorial Hall's rental agreement, so she could compare some of the wording.

Gerry would like to run a horse sale with Tony Desautel at the fairgrounds on June 14th. It was decided he would be charged \$350.00 to use the facilities. Brad made a motion to have the sale here & Gretchen 2nd it. **The motion was approved.**

There was discussion concerning the non-profit and where we are with it. Rusty McGuire has taken over the paperwork portion of it. It was reported the state cost to file for a non-profit is \$50.00 and \$400.00 for an LLC with the IRS.

Sharon reported that \$171.00 was made on the BBQ and we served 73 people.

Lydia is again making copies of the contributor's letter. The copy machine is acting up. Sharon will call Ricoh and see about switching out the machine or getting a service call soon. The machine acts up after about 150 copies and doesn't feed right.

Lydia will be ordering ribbons soon.

Gretchen moved and Brad 2nd a motion to allow posters to be exhibited at the fair that were used at Jr. Show. If it has been entered here before, it can't be exhibited again. **The motion was approved.**

Josie is contacting potential livestock judges for fair. John Benner is not available this year, he is doing the North Idaho Fair.

Gretchen suggested that we use glow in the dark paint for our planters. It would be different and she will experiment and get back to the board.

Nova Pratt will be back as the photography superintendent. She would like more peg board so more photos can be displayed.

We will need superintendents for the following departments: Grain, Grasses and Weeds; Herdmanship and Quilts. A co-4H Crafts super is needed during the fair. The current one will not be available during the fair.

JoLynn Ray sent an email to Sharon voicing her concern regarding unsportsmanlike conduct and unprofessional behavior that was happening in the pig barn. Brad was assigned the duty to act as mediator if there was a situation in that barn.

Rodeo Queen University requested to use the facilities for their event June 19-22. They would be paying \$1200.00 for various buildings. They would pay extra for RV sites and shavings. A motion was made by Gretchen and 2nd by Brad to approve them coming. **The motion was approved.** This group would not be able to use the arena on Saturday morning, as the 4-H Summer Sizzler will be going on.

A question was raised about having the teen dance outside instead of in the auditorium. It is easier to control in and out in the auditorium, but it is very hot and the side door gets opened frequently to let in air. More thought will go into the planning of the dance.

We have been having continual problems with the Pepsi machine. A motion was made by Brad and 2nd by Josie to have the Pepsi machine removed and have a coke machine brought in just for fair. **The motion was approved.** Sharon will look into seeing if that is feasible.

All Star Jump would like to come back. They are very expensive. Reardan's Mule Days are using a company with similar items. Sharon will call the other company for prices to compare.

The Fair received \$30,253.00 in para mutual money this year. An increase of \$3000.00.

Gerry went over the grant. The fair received a grant of \$49,814.00. The Department of Agriculture will provide funds of \$38,214.00 towards the grandstand project and adding new pedestals in the RV parking area. Planning is being done concerning when the project will begin and how it will be done.

Sharon brought up that last year the board approved having Jazz NW here again this year as well as Chase Hubbard. She will contact the DJ that does the Pioneer Days Dance and see if he is available for fair as well.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager