

## **Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes February 19, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Sarah, Justine, Greg, Brad

**Members Absent:** John, Kim

**Others Present:** Marcie Breshears, Lydia Widmer, Dan Berry, Jim & Zack Cooper, Robert ? and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:35 pm. The minutes from the November 2012 meeting were approved.

Jim Cooper from Circle C Productions made a presentation to use the fair as a venue for his rodeo show. The show would consist of bull riding, barrels and team roping. The stock would be provided by Adam Westman. The show would be cheaper than our current agreement with ProWest. It would be a two day show with a \$2500 purse and \$1500 of it would be the responsibility of the fair. They would provide stock for \$5500. They said they would be doing shows at Cusick and Springdale (for sure) and potentially in Rosalia, Sandpoint, Newport and Kamiah.

Jim was asked if there were other weekends besides fair available for a show and he said he had two weekends in June and all of September.

After the Circle C Production guys left, it was decided to open up for bids for rodeo stock. They would be contacted to give a bid for the ProWest Rodeo. Other stock contractors who have contacted Justine or John would be asked to submit a bid. We will stay with ProWest this year, as the contract will be sent in for approval.

Margie Hall from the EDC let us know we will be available for a grant using lodging tax dollars. We will be able to have 3 large ads and a series of small ads in the Spokane Inlander. We will also be able to place radio ads with Wheeler Advertising at the Grand Coulee station. Joyce who works with Margie will get with Sharon and be co-administrators for a new facebook page. She will add items that may pertain to the fair.

One suggestion was to advertise RV parking during the spring, summer and fall through the EDC information. Greg will be working checking on rates for extended camping. Discussed how putting in different water shut offs could benefit the entire process.

Lydia brought up we need some specific guidelines for the least amount of animals in a class to qualify for a grand champion. Sharon & Lydia are going to investigate what other fairs do.

It needs to be put in the premium book that premiums will be taken away if exhibits are taken out early unless the exhibitor has prior approval from the Lincoln County Fair Board. Signs will also be made to put in each department to remind exhibitors of the rule.

We are going to have scarecrow and sunflower special contests to go with the fair theme. Contests will be largest sunflower seed heads: Juniors 12-under; Teens 13-18; Adults 19-over.

There is a scarecrow division in the fruits & veggies department; but they will be judged with a special award this year only. The existing two sections will be broken down the same as the sunflower contest. The cash amount will be determined later.

It was decided last year to give 2 day passes if someone donated \$100 in response to the contributor letter ONLY.

Marcie will get Sharon a list of vendors from Sandpoint that may want to set up a booth during the fair.

Sharon will do a key inventory and Gretchen can order more main door/office keys for board members. We also need new combination locks for the front gate.

Gerry presented Allstar Jump—a carnival alternative. They offer a mechanical bull, bounce house, other activities, carnival games and a kid's activity table for various prices. Gerry proposed we do their package 4 for \$2175.00. **It was moved by Josie & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justine to have Allstar Jump come to the fair at the above price. It passed unanimously.**

Sharon asked for clarification on the bucking chute signs. **It will cost \$500 for a sign for 3 years and the sponsor will pay to have the sign made. The company would own the sign and if they did not want to renew, it is theirs and they would have to remove it. It was moved by Josie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg to the new bucking chute guidelines. It passed unanimously.**

**The board clarified the rental rates for the kitchen and dining room. If the either of the kitchen or dining room is rented the new rate is \$200. It was moved by Gretchen & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. It passed unanimously. The rates would be amended to \$100 for each of the rooms if the auditorium was rented as well.**

Gretchen will be checking into the canning rules from WSU Extension and comparing them to the Ball rules used during their contest.

Judy Samek wants to be a flag carrier during the rodeo. Sharon will email Erica to see if she wants to be involved with that part of the rodeo.

We need the following superintendents:

4H Family Living

4H Crafts

Fine Arts

Record Books

Round Robin

Sharon will send out information on the 4H list serve.

Brad and Greg will work on rules and ideas for a cook off.

Sharon will add a request to vendors for breakfast to be served on Sunday. Josie was going to see if the Davenport Ambulance wants to do a Wednesday night dinner.

The shavings again this year will sponsored by Wilbur Ellis.

Sharon will get the flyers ready to be given out at the schools for the premium book contest.

New animal requirements came from the Department of Ag State Vet. Gerry said none of them applied to us. Just as an FYI Sharon is going to send them to the animal superintendents.

The Fair Board received the new yearly contract from WSU Extension for rental of the facilities and insurance.

Move out date for winter storage vehicles will be April 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be March 19 at 6:30 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Office Manager/Fair Secretary