

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
February 18, 2014

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

Members Absent: John, Sarah

Others Present: Dan Berry, Kathy Eastman, Mark Stedman and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:40 pm. Gerry began by reading Greg Wilkie's resignation letter. His resignation was due to living outside of Davenport and involvement with volunteer firefighting training.

Josie said she would contact John Benner the livestock judge that Rick Perleberg recommended last year.

Josie also recommended that we not spend a whole lot of money on flowers this year, but spread them around and use what we have. We may need to add a few to fill in the holes in the pots, but we should not have to spend much money on them at all this year.

Kathy Eastman reported on the program she bought to use for the fair and livestock sale.

Gretchen moved and Justine 2nd to have Lee Daggett back as our rodeo announcer again this year. The motion passed unanimously. Lee requested he would like to have some changes made to the announcer's stand to make it safer. That will be addressed as the weather improves.

It was also moved by Gretchen and 2nd by Brad to have Daniel Beard back again this year to be the stock contractor for the rodeo. The motion passed unanimously.

Justine will pick up the ProWest packet from the banquet coming up. She brought up instead of using local flag carriers for the sponsor flags, we check into "Sensation Flags" out of Yakima. Justine thought that paying them for their fuel would be payment enough along with stalls and water for their horses and outside camping. She would check with Erica to see what her thoughts about it were.

Dan Moriarty is the horse judge this year. He will also be judging the Summer Sizzler.

The 4H horse leaders want to use \$3000.00 from Orville Widmer's Memorial Fund to replace the doors on the red horse barn with panels. The money is in a CD that will become available mid-August.

It will be included in the superintendent's letter that if a department wants to include extra trophies or belt buckles as prizes they will have to find sponsors for them. The fair will not be responsible for purchasing extra prizes.

Cheyenne Thain will have a fundraiser soon to earn money for her scholarship account.

There was discussion concerning the new insurance policy we need to put in place for event insurance. It was decided Sharon will keep the policies in the office and include them with the rental agreements.

A draft horse driving clinic has approached us to put on a clinic from May 31-June 1. They would like to pay a reduced amount for the clinic since it is mainly for youth and they give out a lot of prizes. It was moved by Brad and 2nd by Gretchen to charge them \$375.00 for the event and additional charges for the stalls used and camping. The motion passed unanimously. Sharon will contact the group with the board's decision.

Brad brought up some concerns with parking. The major one being the rodeo parking area and how we can get a better handle on it. It needs to be done earlier to avoid vehicles needing to be moved right before the rodeo.

It was also decided the float trailer should be more up against the fence to allow extra handicapped parking.

Brad suggested that instead of BBQ chicken or salmon, this year we try pulled pork sandwiches with corn on the cob, coleslaw and dessert. Sharon will get how much last year's BBQ figures and provide them at the next meeting.

The Reardan-Edwall royalty would like to be the bathroom cleaning crew again this year.

John Murinko, from Bill the Fauceteer will install a donated pressure pump at the arena restrooms for free when the weather clears up.

Gerry mentioned AB Paints has donated 20 gallons of paint to paint the auditorium before the Davenport Booster Club auction. Prep work will need to be done prior to painting and the tentative date to paint is March 1.

It was brought up that it was a pain to continually fill the freezers with ice during the fair. Could we contract out with a specific ice vendor?? Sharon will contact Pacific Ice from Spokane. Also there will be mention of ice available in the vendor letter to alleviate our vendors from having to leave the grounds to get ice from downtown.

The Lincoln County Fair received a grant for two different projects on the grounds this year. The first is to add new pedestals with water and electricity in the RV parking area. The other is to shore up, replace the grandstand seating, and add toe boards and railings.

Sharon will draft a letter to see if groups and individuals would like community service hours to help tear down the grandstands. There will also be a letter sent out to the Lion's Club.

"Shooting for the Stars" was presented as the theme for this year. Justine moved and Brad 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lydia again this year send out the contributor letter. She wanted to know if we wanted to continue to offer two day passes for a donation of \$100.00. There was good response last year, so it was decided to do it again.

The next meeting will be March 18th at 6:30.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager