

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes**  
**May 2, 2013**

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

**Members Absent:** John, Kim, Brad

**Others Present:** Bailey Wiedmer, Marcie Breshears, Rick Perleberg, Mark Stedman, Lydia Widmer, Dan Berry and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30 pm. The minutes from the April 2013 meeting were approved.

Rick presented a name as a potential livestock judge for this year if needed and future use. His name is John Benner, he goes to G.U. and is a good young judge. His number is 552-1227. Josie will speak to Fred Springer and see if he is still on board for judging this year.

Justine emailed Erica and Jennifer to see if they still want to head up the sponsor flags for this year, but have not heard back from them.

Justine revised some of the requirements for the queen position. Everyone was agreeable with the changes she requested and she will email the changes to all of the board members. She suggested that the new royalty will begin September 1<sup>st</sup> and end August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Greg moved and Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lydia donated planting pots for the sunflowers. She began the process of counting ribbons. She also brought up to the board that a parent questioned why their child had to give back a banner from the beef barn. We as a fair do not provide banners other than FFA ones, so we believe it is a special one provided by the department, but are not specifically sure what one is being referred to. (?????)

Sarah mentioned that they will have the wagon and team at the fair this year. They would like to use the portable PA system at Sandpoint. Sharon will call Hoffman Music and see what they rent their systems for and report back.

Bailey attended a Queen's clinic in Ellensburg. She reported it was ok, but not great. She gave Sharon the names of two potential food vendors. Sharon will check to see if there would be room for them and if they would conflict with other vendors.

Bailey mentioned a program called Fallen Heroes she was made aware of during the Lilac Festival. She wondered if we could collect donations at the rodeo on Saturday night for it. The proceeds go to banners placed on floats that represent "fallen heroes." Each of the banners cost \$100.00. No decision was made at this time.

Greg mentioned that the branches in RV section need to be trimmed.

Dan reported that he purchased new elements for the water heaters at the arena restrooms.

While working on the elements, he discovered that one leg was lost off the power pole. He will work with Gerry to get someone out to get it repaired prior to the restroom project starting. It was suggested that we get the breaker box secured, so the water heaters cannot be turned on when they are drained.

Dan replaced the bolts on the tractor. The doors of the Sheep/Goat barn are about ready to fall off. He will work to get them repaired. We need new parts for the cultivator but they are really hard to find. **Dan requested that everyone not come up with a lot of extra projects to have done. If you know of something, please let him know now, not a couple days prior to fair.**

Sharon reported that Steve Peters came out and checked out all of our radios. We will have to replace all but two of them because of new FCC guidelines in conjunction with homeland security. All radios need to be changed from broadband to narrow band. Our base station needed to be replaced as well. Steve gave us a bid for 2 different types of radios. For 14 Kenwood radios it would be a total of \$3408.00. For 14 Hytera radios (from China) they would cost a total of \$2840.00. It was brought up that there maybe less expensive options out there, but Sharon informed the board that Steve gave us a new base station free of charge, with a new microphone. A motion was made by Josie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg to purchase 14 Kenwood radios. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon has not had any luck finding a professional espresso vendor. As a result she asked if it would be ok if her husband Dave could set up the Harrington School's "Liquid Assets Espresso" stand to raise funds for his band. There was discussion about how much to charge and it was decided to charge 10% of the gross, not to exceed \$250.00 (the normal food vendor cost). A motion was made by Gretchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justine to allow them to come at the previously stated terms. It was passed unanimously.

We need to have more entertainment during the fair. It was mentioned to see if Semore the Robot is available. He was here a few years ago, and he was a good draw at the time.

We also need to find a band to perform on Saturday night after the rodeo. It was mentioned by Mark to contact Rick Rydell of KXLY radio. He is known for donating his time and efforts for good causes. We might be able to work it with the "Fallen Heroes" theme of the Saturday rodeo if possible. Sharon will contact him. Rick mentioned a band as well that we may be able to book as well. Hell Dorado is local band by Gabe Miller from Reardan. They would charge \$800.00 for a 3 hour set. 509-979-7100.

Gerry asked if we could get the National Guard humvee back here for display at the fair. Sharon will inquire about it.

It was discussed to perhaps having a draft horse exhibit on Thursday. No decision was made.

Kelly Hensley presented to Sharon about the fair board putting on a BBQ during the Davenport Dance Academy's summer recital. It was decided to take on the BBQ on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

People who volunteered to help were Justine, Gretchen, Greg, Brad and Gerry. Sharon will take money and Dan will BBQ.

Don Howard passed away and Dale is gathering information to put his name on the Memorial Wall.

There was some discussion about golf carts. We have a bad charger on one of the carts. We will need the 4 seater again for the Crazy Ladies. We would like to approach the people who donated the use of their carts again this year for use during the fair.

Lydia brought up that all exhibitors showing in market class are required to fit and show. The same is true for horses, but it is called showmanship. The FFA exhibitors in the horse department will be required to wear helmets. Justine will get the guidelines from the Washington equestrian group and provide the information to Sharon for the premium book.

Kathlene Shumway requested that a place for 4-H kids be provided; perhaps in the 4-H Building. The board felt it was not a good idea; there more than likely would be not enough supervision.

The board went through the premium book entries and chose the following entries by age category:

- 1-6 year olds-----Holder Iverson, Odessa
- 7-10 year olds-----Emma Bowden, Wilbur
- 11-18 year olds-----Sadie Merritt, Keller (the overall winner for the cover)
- 19 year old & older-Ashley Schenk, Harrington

There were a lot of entries to choose from, we received more than 100.

Sharon reported that the fair with Gerry's authorization purchased (4) 8' tables at a cost of \$10.00 each from the surplus sale. We were not notified that they were available for the taking, so we had to bid on them. We also acquired (2) wooden round tables, a 4' and a 6' in diameter, free of charge. They were left over after the sale and would be thrown out, so we took them. All of these items will be placed into our inventory.

A revised superintendent's book was presented. There were no noticeable changes that needed to be made.

The next meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Office Manager/Fair Secretary