

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes**  
**November 12, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Gerry, Josie, John, Justine, Sarah  
**Members Absent:** Gretchen, Todd & Brad  
**Others Present:** Sharon Nighswonger

The meeting began at 6:45 pm.

The minutes from the October 15, 2014 were approved unanimously.

The meeting began with discussion concerning the fundraiser. Justine has enough spaghetti noodles and some spaghetti sauce for the dinner. She said Gretchen would bring bread. She is working on donations for the dinner as well as the silent auction.

Everyone needs to bring a few items for the auction to make it successful. Instead of names people will be issued numbers to use for bidding.

The Friends of the Fair will organize a beer garden. We will use both the auditorium and the dining room for the dinner/silent auction and beer garden. The benefit will run from 4:30-8pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for child 12 and under. We will offer a family pass for \$25.00 (2 adults & 2 kids).

John talked to Ian Wagner and they would like to put on a jackpot show at the end of March. It was decided it would need to be postponed until April 18 or 25 until all of the vehicles are moved out and the arena is dried out.

Mark McMillan charges \$4500.00 for stock for junior rodeos.

It was discussed to put on a weekend series of events. Friday night a barrel racing, Saturday a play day and Sunday a breakaway/team roping event. It was talked about offering this event 4 times during the spring/summer.

It was discussed that we need to update our name of the fairgrounds from the Lincoln County Fairgrounds to Lincoln County Fair and Event Center. It gives it a more professional and polished sound, especially when working with potential sponsors.

Sharon gave a report from the Friends of the Fair. The group will not run the fair, they are only interested in helping support the fair. The group will sell bricks with donor's names on them and have them placed by the ticket booth. Also the fair will not own the new panels, the Friends of the Fair will own them, since they will help pay for them. They will not be included in the LC Fair's inventory.

Gerry discussed our financial situation. He told everyone the loan will be used in 2014/2015 when our insurance comes due. We will be able to pay it back in 3 years at \$8500.00 each year. One way we will be able to off-set expenses would be to raise our storage rates to \$12.00 per foot. Sharon will call around and get some price comparisons from storage units.

Sharon brought up eliminating the ads out of the premium book. It would help getting the book out sooner and cut down on the amount of pages printed.

Instead offer advertisers the option to put together a banner similar to the float trailer with business names listed on it. We talked about offering a small banner for \$20.00. She will check on prices with

the Davenport Float crew and see what they charge. There was no motion until more information can be found out.

As a fund raiser, it was talked about having bingo here once a month and during the fair. The Senior Center used to offer it as an activity, but not any longer. Sharon will check with the Gambling Commission to make sure we would be ok to run it.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary/Office Manager