

Minutes of the Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board
August 13th 2004

President Gerry Stiles called meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report given. \$15,000. to be put in revolving fund leaving a balance of 9,000.

We will have \$6,000 plus expenses when we get paid for the DNR being there for the fire crew.

Jan Klein was present as the liaison between the extension office and fair. She talked about the health form that is now needed, and that it isn't the same as the quality assurance form that was in the premium book. She offered to help in any way that she can.

Sharon started off with her questions: Is the fair still responsible for the buyers breakfast, since the sale isn't really a part of the fair, but that is in just the auction part as the sale committee is separate. What is the money that we collected this year for animal entries for? Discussion followed. It is to help pay for the expense of the judges and if needed for supplies and or breakfast. Since the sale committee is a separate entity then next year they need to pay for their own envelopes and stamps etc. Can't do anything about it this year but can for next.

Gerry needs to talk to Carl Muldrom about the RV and boat parking. It was decided at the November meeting that we couldn't afford to hire it done, and that the board would have to take turns with doing that. It just wasn't cost effective to have him do it. Carl had a letter ready to send out to potential customers, so Gerry was to tell him that the fair would do it themselves this year.

There is a poultry show scheduled for Oct. so parking will have to wait until after that anyway.

Connie McKay thinks we can fix the beef barn by putting in a new foundation. That is a possible idea and is to be looked at. Josie suggested that the prisoners could possibly do that. The board will look into that.

The fair has 16 new phone lines thanks to DNR. They can be activated at any time. Sharon has most of the numbers written down.

Gretchen brought up that superintendents would like to park their RV's free. It is not feasible at this time. Money is too tight. It was also brought up that they would like a free meal. The money just isn't there to do that. Gretchen said the chicken BBQ was under control. She has arranged to buy the chicken at Wal-Mart. It is 3.96 for 10lbs. The menu will be chicken, BBQ beans, coleslaw, Jell-O, rolls and a beverage. She said she would be cooking the chicken with Vicki. She said that Vicki had some kitchen help. Everything was under control. She brought the radio spot for us to look at; the pricing was unclear so she was going to have that changed.

Josie said the light is not working properly out by the horse barn and bathroom. Very dim at horse camp. Will get that looked into before fair. We still need a 4-H livestock superintendent. Look at the pole where the cat barn was, it is leaning.

We have 13 of 17 radios that work. We are getting new batteries for them. The cost for the batteries is \$400.00 they are supposed to be here by Friday. Josie and Sharon are taking the signs down off the main building to paint. TJ is bringing a bucket truck to help take them down.

There are 50 Sheep and 20 Goats. Where to put them. Gretchen thought there was room in the sheep barn and the goats would fit in the poultry barn where they have been in the past.

Lydia: The horse numbers are way down. All the 4-H kids will be in the silver barn and the inside of the red barn. The pens are full down below with open horses and mules. The ribbons and banners are here.

It has been discovered that several items for the fair have come up missing. It was discussed to possibly put items in the storage room by the office and put a separate lock on it, to help with this situation. Also the combination locks on the outside gates need to be changed more frequently, as outside stuff disappears as well. Too many people know the combination and decide to borrow things, and they don't find there way back.

Lowell found enough tin to fix the new cat barn roof. Several buildings have a new coat of paint inside as well as outside. Things are looking better.

Ray Carter still hasn't gotten the things done that he said he would do when they put in the wash rack. The fence still needs to be put back and there is a water leak over by the horse wash rack where the pipes were connected. Gerry had been trying to call him and they were playing phone tag.

Marcie said that they have \$250.00 in support money for the car show; at the time of the meeting she had 12 entries. The trophies cost \$522.09 for the car show. There are a lot of advertising flyers up for that. They will have a table set up for the car show exhibitors on Sat. The car show people will come in the main gate and set up on the midway. The cost is \$20.00 that will only let in the driver; all others will have to pay the regular gate fee.

Bob: Walter Implement said that there is a flutter in the tractor and after fair they will fix it. We need to do a big thank you to them for the great deal on the tractor.

A flyer with that on it as well as something with the contributors that were missed in the premium book will be set up. Lydia said she would take care of that.

Jeanie: There are 3 entries for royalty. One Mom asked that if she got sponsors, could we do a princess too. The board had no objections to that.

FFA tractor driving will be in the main arena after the open horse show at 1pm.

The fair got a special permit to use the back gate for exiting during the fair. That should help with the congestion at the mass exit.

Dale: Questions? Is the water truck working, Sort of? He will be at the fair after Sunday to help with things.

Gerry will be there after Friday. Bob can't come up until Wed. night. Jeanie will be there from Wed. AM on.

Looks like RV parking is set up. Hopefully will go well.

Vendors: Bob and Dale looked at different spots to put them this year, have to wait until they see what fast track has set up. Will talk to vendors and see if moving them will work, if not will leave them for this year. Bob and Dale will do a bit of tree trimming and other necessary things to get things in place.

Other items discussed. What to do with the memorial money for the Munsun family. Will not be decided at this time. Open to suggestions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next meeting will be decided at fair.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jeanie Campbell
Secretary

Board members present: Gerry Stiles, Josie Breshears, Marcie Breahears, Gretchen Wiedmer, Lydia Widmer, Bob & Jeanie Campbell, Dale Winfrey, and Sharon Nighswonger. Visitors: Jan Klein.