

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes Meeting

January 12, 2021

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, John Merriott, Katie Bageant, Teresa Chrisman, Justine Winn, Lindsey Smith, Cody Murdock, Rebecca Mattox, Brian Gunning

Members Absent: Paul Knittel

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Scott Hutsell

Meeting started at 6:38 pm

Minute for October 2020 approved.

Scott talked about the Department of Agriculture Fair funding and that Dawn is working on getting the paperwork to the Dept of Ag to determine if the Fair qualifies for any funding since there was no Fair & Rodeo last year.

Scott mentioned that he is still working with the State about getting the funding for the indoor arena and explained the process of requesting the money from the State for the project.

A discussion about going forward with events at the Fairgrounds with the current regulations in Washington State due to COVID19. Brad talked about moving forward, despite the current regulations, with the Jackpot Show, scheduled for April 17th. He said there are certain precautions that can be taken and still have the show such as the kids showing out of their stock trailers. Scott asked Brad to write down the process of how the Jackpot works as well as safety measures that will be taken during the event.

Brad talked about ordering the playground equipment in February. The current fund balance the Friends of the Fair has earmarked for the project is about \$9,000. He suggested they ask the Friends of the Fair for an additional \$3,000. Discussion about a few final details such as adding benches and a fence along the West side of the playground equipment.

Brad mentioned he did talk to Paul Knittel about his absence at the last few Board meetings. Paul is still interested in being a Fair Advisory Board member and would be at tonight's meeting.

John started a discussion about deciding to stay with ProWest or have an open rodeo. The final decision was to have an open rodeo. The Board would need to find a secretary, judges and timers. Justine suggested Katie be the secretary. A suggestion was also made that a Rodeo Committee be created to organize all the details. Tucker will provide the rough stock as well be the announcer for the rodeo.

Ideas were presented about events that could be held during the rodeo: mutton busting, lady sheep dressing, wild pony races and mini bulls. These ideas will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Katie presented a few ideas for entertainment for the Fair & Rodeo. The band, Rusty Vikings, will play on Saturday afternoon from 3:30pm-6:30 pm. Discussion followed about the entertainers Katie had presented. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to hire the following entertainers: Danger Magic and Equilibrium Circus. Lindsey 2nd. Motion passed.

Additional discussions followed about a band for the beer garden, the option of using the same DJ for the teen dance, having the train ride from Inland NW Rail Museum, having a climbing wall, goat roping fundraiser and having Nikki Ensor set up a photobooth with her mini horses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

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