

Fair Board Minutes from November 11, 2005

Gerry called the fair board meeting to order on November 11th at 6pm. In attendance were: Gerry, Josie, Lydia, Phil, Becky, Gretchen and Sharon.

The costs of the water, garbage, power, and restroom maintenance were discussed as reasons for increases in rental rates. A motion was made by Josie and seconded by Becky to uncover meter boxes on the grounds for actual readings. All voted in favor of it.

Sharon was approached by Muriel Turner asking about holding a fiddle camp here. It was decided to allow them to come at a fee of \$450.00 a day. Sharon will meet with Muriel and the director to go over the grounds with them.

The board agreed to rent the stage for \$25.00 a day.

Lydia mentioned the vendor who produced the mini ribbons closed her business. We could order the rolls of stickers at a reduced rate (2 Blue, 2 Red & 1 White) for \$55.00.

One of the main topics of concern was entertainment. It was decided to book early so we have a variety of acts. Lydia mentioned Cowboy Buck who performed at Creston and Almira school districts last spring. He charged \$2200.00 for the week. Phil, Becky, Josie & Sharon will meet to discuss entertainment for the 2006 fair.

Sharon will contact the 2 Dudes to see if they will perform earlier in the day to promote the dance on Saturday night. We would be willing to pay them an additional \$150.00 to \$200.00 for that performance.

Phil reported he was enlightened by the convention---a lot of information all at once. He said he will pursue checking into having a beer garden at the fair, since most all of the other fairs receive large revenue from them.

The grandstands seat 750 people.

The new combination for the gates will be 6002.

We would like to do a superintendent's dinner in the spring. Gretchen said she would like to have someone come out that could show how to display items within the specific departments. Perhaps we could use Northern Quest to have a Vegas night & dinner. It would be great if we could get some of the Indian cultural groups to come & perform during the fair.

We would contact the schools art departments and see if they have projects that the kids would like to submit for the fair. We could keep them here until fair & enter them.

Sharon said she would send press releases to the newspapers to announce the different events at the fairgrounds.

The board talked about having a "Wild & Wacky" daily contest.

There was talk of using a golf cart to shuttle people to and from their cars. Rhonda (Lydia's daughter) was interested in perhaps taking on that job.

There was talk of having Kelly Hughes come out to host a dance during Pioneer Days. We would see if the beer garden at Berry Bowl could come here in conjunction with the dance.

Josie moved that we move the "new" poultry barn to behind the Home Arts Bldg. Becky seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mardi Gras at the Lincoln County Fair was decided to be the 2006's theme.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Nighswonger.