

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

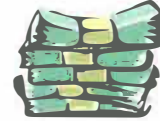
September 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gerry Stiles. In attendance were Gretchen, Josie, Lydia, Sharon and Gerry.

2004 Fair will be August 26-29, we need to send letters to the schools about the late fair dates.

Sharon asked what needed to be repaired if we were to apply for grants. (Capital Construction Account Grant, WSDA Special Assistant Grant)

1. RV Wiring, see if we can get some of what we paid, back.
2. Bathroom, remodel and make safe and cleaner
3. Horse barn stalls



Check with Davenport Building see about cost for the wall, and Herb Davis for estimate for plumbing.

We had 95 barrel racers each one usually had someone else with them and no gate was charged. We need to decide how to approach this for next year.

The budget shoed \$20,646.65 between the two accounts. Premium checks have not been mailed out yet still waiting for RV/Boat money. Should be mailed out in October.

If we want to have year round camping it is suggested we charge \$240.00 per month. To help save the grass we will put in the contract "No vehicles on grass period. Parking on the mid-way only." We will have to see if the county can include our area when they plow. We will also need heat tape for all of the spaces.

The Harrington Kids would like to run a carnival and/or Espresso stand.

We need to consider where the dance is held. If in the arena there is more space, but less control. if in the auditorium we can control admission better, it was suggested that if gate has been paid and the kids are on the grounds they get a stamp and pay \$1.00 at the door. If no gate was paid because they came after the gate was closed then they will pay at least \$3.00.

Sunday before the fair was closed, some of the open Mule stock was being removed. That is ok except no rigs are allowed on the grounds. It cause congestion and complaints. We will contact the City for next year for a Zoning Variance for livestock trailer and to be allowed on the city streets on Sunday for load out. (Livestock campers)



A fee for market animals may need to be charged to help off set the cost of the auction. One suggestion would be \$10.00 per steer, \$7.50 per Hog & Lamb, and \$5.00 per goat. (Moses Lake & Spokane Junior Livestock shows are only \$5.00 per animal.)

Ann Hennings says that family clubs are not to receive support money. We will ask Ann to come and speak at one of our spring meetings in regards to that issue.

Jim Hedgcock did not charge an entry fee although it was listed in the book as \$2.00. next year the participants will be requested to go to the office and pay fee there and get a pass for the day.

The cost to have the inmates do clean up around the grounds is minimal Sharon will see if we can get them more often next year like early spring, before horse camp, 1st of July and then before the fair.

The commercial building needs sprucing up. make it look more attractive. The commercial their hours be cut. 9pm is plenty late enough for rodeo they don't get much traffic and thought it close up.



Painted, new walls, something to venders have also asked that them to be open, after the would be nice if they could

Gretchen will get with the Interstate fair and see if we can barrow 1st or rent some of their displays they have in the Ag building.

Sharon is willing to do the Premium book, but is already over budget for the year.

Salmon BBQ, it has been suggested that we either do away with the salmon or have something else to offer with it like chicken. Foster Farms has already said they would either give us the chicken or give it to us at reduced cost depending on the amount needed. With donations and a simple menu like chicken, cole slaw (cabbage is in season then) corn on the cob (this is in season too) the cost would be very little and more people may be able to afford and willing to eat chicken over salmon. Families would buy more tickets because not many kids eat salmon. We will check with Vicki and see if she will head up the dinner next year.

We need to advertise more in papers, magazines like biking, camping, rodeo type for more to see. Radio is too costly with no big attractions.

Some suggestions for next year are

Spokane County fire safe house

Cowboy church

Music on the midway

Children's museum

Cat tails

Jeff Evens

Fast track

The tractor pulls

Mule driving-Thursday and Sunday

Car show -Sunday or on the day of the dance a teen car show

Bigger rodeo, broncs, bulls, team pinning, roping

New grounds keeper-6 applied 1 was chosen Mike McDowell, we will put his & Gerry's cell phone number on the camping sign.

Should send reminder letters to crafters/venders for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM