

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes
Zoom Meeting
December 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, Katie Bageant, Lindsey Smith, Judy Samek

Members Absent: Justine Winn, John Merriott, Teresa Chrisman, Cody Murdock, Anthony Wicks, Susan Aldridge

Friends of the Fair:

Others Present: Dawn Canfield

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm.

Brad asked if Dawn still had the email from Justine about arena grounds training. The Board agrees this would be a good training for Jason. Dawn will look into the training.

Dawn mentioned she has superintendents and donation letters ready to go out in January. Brad asked that both letters be emailed to the Board members, as there are new Board members that have not seen these letters.

Additionally, Dawn said she added a sentence to the superintendents' letter that stated "if you do not respond by the deadline, your department will be considered open for a new Superintendent." The deadline is February 15th. Dawn said the letter is sent out to last year's superintendent and only four or five, out of 28 letters sent, respond to the letter. One reason for the added sentence to the superintendents' letters is to avoid any issues with changes to the department or to the department's premium book page. Some superintendents were waiting until May or June to let Dawn know they would be a superintendent and wanted to make changes to the department's premium book page.

Brad mentioned that Jolynn, current Swine department superintendent, could possibly be resigning as a superintendent. Dawn said that would be a total of four departments that would be open for new superintendents. Those departments would be the Poultry and Horses & Mules and possibly Floral and Swine.

Dawn said that ShoWorks will no longer be used as the Fair & Rodeo exhibitors entry program. The exhibitor entry program, FairEntry, will be an easier program for exhibitors and superintendents. Dawn mentioned she may need to provide a few trainings for superintendents, but the program is much user friendly than ShoWorks.

Dawn asked about the last date for registration of livestock exhibits for this year, July 28th. She wanted to know if 28 days provided enough time for exhibitors to register their animals or should registration of livestock exhibits end a few weeks before the Fair & Rodeo. Registration will open July 1st.

Katie asked why we ended registration of livestock so early. Dawn explained the reason was to get information to superintendents about how many animals they would have in their barns as well as how many pens they would need to have ready for move in day. The use of FairEntry will provide the superintendents, at any point during the registration process, the access to see who is registering animals and how many animals. Dawn would no longer have to prepare lists for livestock superintendents and the superintendents can help exhibitors with the registration process for livestock.

No final decision was made on the end date of registration.

Dawn asked if the Board could take a look at the 2022 Premium Book and determine if the lots in some of departments could be removed. She said that adding the lots into FairEntry is a little overwhelming during the registration process. She gave the Fruits and Vegetables department as an example. Do we need to know the diameter of a pumpkin or can the exhibitor just enter a pumpkin. No final decision made.

Katie mentioned that Jesse Quandt is booking for the year and needs to know if he will be performing at the Fair & Rodeo. Discussion started and the final decision was to book Jesse for Thursday, August 24th. Katie will get the contact information to Dawn.

Brad said that the professional atmosphere for the concert last year was great and should continue to provide that type of concert. He mentioned that we made need to work on the Arena grounds a little better but will discuss that at a later date.

Dawn asked the Board if they are wanting additional bands to play during Friday and Saturday of the Fair & Rodeo. Discussion started. Lindsey had an idea for a band for the beer garden. She will try to contact the ban. Final decision was to meet in January with names of bands to discuss.

Discussion started about new ideas for entertainment. Lindsey asked if the goat roping would be happening this year. Katie said she had a contact and would reach out to the individual for more information.

Katie mentioned that she felt it was not appropriate for the new Rodeo Queen to have facial piercings showing and that we should have that added in the Rodeo Queen contract. Lindsey said that she has talked to the Queen.

Lindsey asked about the talent show and not sure how to start the process. Discussion started. No final decision made.

Discussion started about sending out a survey to find out what the public would like to see at the Fair & Rodeo. Dawn will pull together a survey and asked if anyone would like to help her create questions, Lindsey volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

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