

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes February 9, 2022

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, John Merriott, Justine Winn, Lindsey Smith
Members Absent: Katie Bageant, Rebecca Mattox, Brian Gunning, Cody Murdock, Teresa Chrisman
Friends of the Fair: Bryce Bailey,
Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Scott Hutsell

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes for November approved.

Scott updated the progress of the paperwork for the indoor arena. He submitted the paperwork in December.

Also, provided an update of the electronic sign to replace the sign in the front parking lot. Scott mentioned that he, as well as Dawn, will be attending Davenport City Council on February 23rd to ask for a change in the current city ordinances to allow for an electronic sign at the Fairgrounds.

Dawn had a few items for the Board to discuss. First, was about removing the Grange Booth division from the Premium Book. Only one Grange is entered every year and that one Grange gets the prize of \$80 every year. The decision was to keep the division for this year, then evaluate next year.

Second item was to determine if Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) would be a requirement for entering 4-H livestock projects at the Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo. Discussion followed. Final decision was to not require YQCA to show 4-H livestock projects

Third item was to determine if exhibitors who entered an animal need to also enter an educational poster and make this a rule in all the animal departments. Discussion followed. One idea was to send letters to 4-H and FFA leaders about

Final item was about including a rule in the Fine Arts/Crafts Department that states that all sewing items need to be entered in the Sewing Department. The Sewing Department Superintendent, Paula Jones, contacted Dawn after the Fair & Rodeo to discuss adding this rule because some of the items in the Fine Arts/Crafts could be considered sewing items and the Sewing Department has not seen many entries the last few years.

A discussion started about how to reach out to inviting individuals of Lincoln County to join the Fair Advisory Board as well as individuals joining the Friends of the Fair. One idea presented was to advertise the need for more people to join the Fair Advisory Board and the Friends of the Fair. **Motion:** Justine made a motion for the creation of ads to reach out to community members about joining the Fair Advisory Board and the Friends of the Fair. John 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Justine mentioned she would like to step down as the Queen coordinator. She asked Lindsey if she would be interested in taking over as coordinator for the Rodeo Queen. Lindsey accepted the coordinator position.

John suggested the Board consider booking a big-name band. Discussion followed. One concern was the security issues of having a big-name band and how to keep from individuals who did not pay to see the band entering the Grandstands or Arena. Tabled for later discussion.

A discussion started about the entertainment for the Fair & Rodeo. Dawn mentioned to the Board that their entertainment budget for this year is \$12,000.00. Brad suggested that Dawn contact one of the two entertainment flyers that were mailed to the office and she emailed Board members the flyers. Dawn asked if she had the authority to book the entertainment, Ventriloquist Joe Grandelman, if Joe Grandelman had the dates available. Board members okayed Dawn to book Joe Grandelman after talking to him, if the dates were available and price for his show was reasonable.

A discussion started about the livestock sale and including a no sell option. Discussion followed. One idea was to create an informational booklet with information for buyers to contact butchers. The Board decided it would be a good idea to include Kathy Eastman in this discussion and no changes would be made to the livestock sale this year.

Byrce talked about the Friends of the Fair discussing opening the beer garden, during the Fair & Rodeo, earlier. The beer garden would open at 4pm and close at 1 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

WSU Extension/Lincoln County Fairgrounds Office Manager

