

## **Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes October 12, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Brad Ray, John Merriott, Justine Winn Teresa Chrisman, Katie Bageant, Lindsey Smith, Cody Murdock

**Members Absent:**

**Friends of the Fair:** Bryce Bailey, James Llewellyn, Joe Chiminetti, Libby Murdock, Yvonne Bailey

**Others Present:** Dawn Canfield, Judy Samek, Anthony Wicks, Susan Aldridge

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes for September approved.

Introductions of Fair Advisory Board members, guests and Friends of the Fair members. The three guests, Judy Samek, Anthony Wicks and Susan Aldridge introduced themselves and are interested in joining the Fair Advisory Board. Judy and Susan present letters of interest.

**Motion:** Justine made a motion to present the names of the individuals interested in joining the Fair Advisory Board to the County Commissioners. Katie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Dawn will prepare a letter to the Commissioners for approval of the interested individuals who want to join the Fair Advisory Board.

Discussion started about electing officers for 2023. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to keep the same leadership for next year. Cody 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

The 2023 Fair Advisory Board officers are as follows: President, Brady Ray; John Merriott, Vice-President; Justine Winn, Secretary; Teresa Chrisman, Treasurer; Lindsey Smith, Graphic Designer.

Brad discussed the schedule for meetings. Board meetings will be every 6 weeks. Since the number of meetings will be lower all members will be expected to attend 80% of the meetings. Discussion started about updating the Policies for Expectations that every member signed every year and have ready to sign at next meeting.

Dawn presented an email she had received from Barbara Curtis about the eliminating the Sewing Department and combining the department with the Quilt and Knitting & Crocheting Departments. Discussion started about the reason for the request. There was a problem with Sewing Department selling items in the department and a selfie stand that the other two departments felt was distracting. The Boards final decision was to not remove any departments. Dawn will contact Barbara about the Board's decision.

Dawn presented an email from June Jasman, Quilting Department Superintendent, about having a display demo, spinning wheel, on Saturday of the Fair & Rodeo.

Discussion started about the display demo. The final decision was to have the demo and have Dawn asked June if the demo could also be available for Friday and Saturday.

Dawn asked approval from the Board to send letters and the FFA premium book page to FFA groups in Lincoln and Spokane County to draw more interest in the lack of FFA of entries over the years.

Brad provided a new list of topics to discuss and solve before the 2023 Fair & Rodeo. The list was created by the Board members after the 2022 Fair & Rodeo.

First topic was the courtesy shuttle. Discussion started about the need for a signup sheet and the shuttle should be decorated and named. John will oversee the courtesy shuttle.

Second topic was the concert flow. There is a need to improve the unsecured areas for the next concert or any other type of ticket events in the Arena. These areas include the hog barn and the showring.

Third topic was the theme for the next Fair & Rodeo. The final decision for the 2023 theme is "A Cow Tippin' Good Time at the Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo.

A discussion started about t-shirts. Teresa mentioned that the premium book cover drawing should no longer be used on the t-shirts, use a basic design like the hats. No final decisions.

Dawn asked if the Board was still interested in continuing the premium book cover coloring contest, if the decision to not use the drawing on the t-shirts. The Board still wants to keep the coloring contest. The winning drawing will still be on the premium book cover and the Website.

Next topic was the entertainment. Some ideas for the concert next year were to hire a local artist, rent a smaller stage, allow kids in the Arena but still have a beer garden section and ticket discount for RV campers. Discussion started about the continuing of the concert. **Motion:** John made a motion to have a concert next year. Justine 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Katie will contact a local artist and will provide a video of the artist at the next meeting.

Final topic discussed from the list was building a sky deck in the Arena as a VIP area. Final decision was made that a committee should oversee the design and planning of the sky deck. John will oversee this committee.

John mentioned that Dillon Pratt is interested in becoming a rodeo clown. Dillon would be the rodeo clown for our rodeo, \$100.00 per night. John had idea that if the crowd like Dillon as a rodeo clown, then Dillon would make \$200.00 per night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn Samantha Canfield*

WSU Extension/Lincoln County Fairgrounds Office Manager