

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes November 1, 2023

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, Justine Winn, Katie Bageant, Teresa Chrisman, Cody Murdock, Susan Aldridge, Lindsey Smith, Anthony Wick

Members Absent: Judy Samek, John Merriott

Friends of the Fair: Bryce Bailey, Joe Chimienti, Libby Murdock, Lindsey McDowell

Others Present: Dawn Canfield

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

Minutes for September approved.

Dawn presented the Fair & Rodeo evaluation from the WA State Fair Commissioners. The board spent a few minutes discussing some of the points given to the Fair & Rodeo.

Dawn presented a list of suggestions from superintendents that were gathered from the superintendents after the 2023 Fair & Rodeo. Discussion followed.

A discussion started about how to help with the Livestock Sale. The final decision was Bryce would contact Kathy and discuss where the Friends of the Fair Board and the Fair Advisory Board can help during the sale.

Dawn presented the final financial report for the 2023 Fair & Rodeo. The board took a few minutes to look over the report.

Dawn mentioned she had contacted the County insurance agent about event insurance for a motorcycle and barrel racing event for the 2024 Fair & Rodeo. The event is possible but cannot be a race. The agent said that the event would be less complicated if a company or non-profit, such as the Friends the Fair, did the event instead of the County getting insurance for the event. Justine said that Colfax had this type of event at their Fair and would reach out to them to find out how they were able to do the event with their insurance. Discussion followed; no decisions made about the event.

Justine presented the name of a musician, Cody Bartlett, for Saturday night after the rodeo. Cody's fee would be \$1,250.00, hospitality included. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to accept Cody's fee for music after the rodeo. Lindsey 2nd. Motion passed.

Brad discussed having a carnival games area. This would provide something for the young kids to do. Discussion followed. The final decision was Dawn would contact All Star Jump about prices for some games and inflatables for a kids area.

Brad mentioned that the FFA BBQ contest was a success. Perleberg is interested in having the BBQ contest again and would like to have the contest on Friday and Saturday next year.

Brad presented bids for the announcer and rodeo clown that John had received for the rodeo. John did reach out to rough stock owners but no answers as of tonight's

meeting. The announcer, Dustin Christenson was for \$2000 and the bid for the rodeo clown, Ben James was for \$2500.00. Discussion started. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to accept the bids for the announcer and rodeo clown. Justine 2nd. Motion passed.

Lindsey mentioned there were two ladies that sent in applications for the 2024 Rodeo Queen tryouts in October. Neither applicant was ready to represent Lincoln County. Lindsey is moving tryouts to Spring.

Lindsey asked the Board to consider changing one of the rules of the qualifications for the Rodeo Queen and allowing young ladies that are married to compete for the Rodeo Queen position. Discussion started. The final decision was to not open the Rodeo Queen position to young ladies who are married.

Bryce started a discussion about the possibility of having an ambassador of the Fair & Rodeo instead of a Rodeo Queen. Discussion started. The final decision was to leave the position of the Rodeo Queen until Spring. If no applicants are received for the Rodeo Queen, then a discussion would start about having an ambassador.

The final item of the night was electing officers for 2024. The decision was for all Board members to stay in their current positions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be February 21st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

WSU Extension/Lincoln County Fairgrounds Office Manager