

## **Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes** **April 17, 2024**

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

**Members Absent:** Anthony Wicks; Judy Samek

**Friends of the Fair:**

**Others Present:** Dawn Canfield, Scott Hutsell

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes for February approved.

Scott updated the Board on the progress of the indoor arena and the arena lighting projects. The projects are moving forward with some small projects that need to happen before the indoor arena can move forward with construction.

Dawn had a few items to go over with the Board. The first item was finalizing the bylaws. Discussion started with the current number of board members. The final decision was that 11 members would be an appropriate number to have for the Board.

Justine suggested that the job of the office manager in the bylaws should include wording about advertising for the Fair & Rodeo. Dawn will include the advertising wording for the office manager and have a final copy for the Board to sign at the next meeting.

Second item was to make a final decision on the maximum weight of lambs. Discussion followed. Final decision was to increase the weight. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to increase the maximum weight of lambs to 160. Katie 2nd. Motion passed. Dawn will make changes to the rules in the Sheep department and weigh-in requirements.

Final item was to do a last check of the general rules, livestock rules and camping rules. Discussion started about removing some wording in the general rules and a few minor wording changes in the livestock rules.

Discussion started about having a map of the route for move in day of livestock and a map of where livestock trailers should park. The Board recommended posting the map online, on Facebook and on the website.

Discussion started about moving forward with having an ambassador. The decision was to have two ambassadors and start drafting the rules. The age requirement for the ambassadors would be high school age kids. That would include Freshman, Sophomore and Junior high school ages. The ambassadors would serve in the position from August of current to year to August of following year. Possibly have a ceremony for the new ambassadors or announcing at the start of the rodeo. A discussion started about creating a scholarship, no final decision was made at this time.

Cody asked if the ambassadors would be required to go to community events. Discussion started about having the ambassadors visit schools and Lincoln County community events. A list of requirements would need to be created for the ambassadors to understand their duties as representatives of the Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo. The requirements would also include a dress code. A suggestion was made to have the same shirts the Fair Advisory Board wear during the Fair & Rodeo.

Discussion started about finalizing the entertainment at the next meeting and start advertising the Fair & Rodeo in June. John asked if all the rodeo contracts had been received. Dawn said that she is waiting for the rough stock contract and has received the rodeo announcer and rodeo clown contract. The finalization of entertainment was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board chose winners for the four age group categories for the premium book cover contest. Winners are as follows: Reklynn Todd, 1-6 ages; Willow Everett, 7-12 ages; Oceanna Reeves, 13-18 ages; and Deborah Peha, 18 & over ages. The overall winner was Willow Everett.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

The next meeting will be June 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn Samantha Canfield*

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