

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes February 21, 2024

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

Members Absent: Anthony Wicks; Judy Samek, Justine Winn, John Merriott

Friends of the Fair: Bryce Bailey

Others Present: Dawn Canfield

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Minutes for November approved.

Brad introduced Samantha Wilke who is interested in joining the Fair Advisory Board. She spent a few minutes introducing herself to the Board. Brad asked Samantha to send him a letter explaining her interest in the Fair Advisory Board. Samantha was excused from the meeting.

After Samantha left the meeting, a discussion started about adding another person to the board. Final decision was to add another position. **Motion:** Katie made a motion to add another position to the Board to include Samantha Wilke Teresa 2nd. Motion passed.

Dawn updated the Board on the indoor arena and the arena lighting project. Both projects are going out to bid in April and more information about start times for the projects will be known later in the month of April.

Dawn had a few items to present to the Board. The first was items was a recommendation from Dawn for the Board to update their bylaws. The current bylaws on file were dated 2010, consisting of three sections and did not provide enough direction of the Board. Dawn provided a draft of bylaws for the Board to look over and make any recommendations for additions or removal of sections within the bylaws. The Board will provide recommendations at the meeting in April.

The second item was from Dawn asking the Board for approval of an official incident form that superintendents can use to document incidents in the still life department and livestock departments. The form would help superintendents record incidents within their departments as documentation if further action needs to be taken by the Board. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to approve the incident form. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

The second item was a request to increase lamb weight to 160. A discussion started and the final decision was to table the request until further information is gathered about the standard show weight for lambs.

The third item was a letter Dawn drafted to send to FFA chapters in Lincoln County as well as other chapters outside of Lincoln County. The letter was created to help increase FFA exhibits by inviting the FFA chapters to enter projects at the Fair & Rodeo that they worked on during the school year.

The fourth item presented by Dawn was changes to the 4-H departments. Dawn had discussed with the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Council last year about the possibility of making some changes to these departments. In January Dawn presented to the 4-H Leaders Council a draft of changes to the 4-H departments. The Council approved the changes. Dawn presented copies of the changes to the departments and divisions within the 4-H departments. The Board members will look over the changes at their convenience and make their recommendations at the April meeting.

The final item Dawn presented to the Board copies of the Fair & Rodeo general rules, livestock rules, weight and weigh-in requirements and camping rules for the Board to determine if any updates or changes were needed for these rules and requirements. Due to time constraints, Board members will have homework and present any updates or changes at the April meeting.

Byrce mentioned that the Friends of the Fair had their meeting the previous week. They used some of the funds from the Lydia Widmer fund to purchase timers. He also mentioned that Bison Tires and Napa would like to have some type of give away during the Rodeo.

The Board discussed having a cornhole or horseshoe tournament on Thursday night in the arena. There would also be games for the kids. The idea is to turn the arena into a game night for everyone of all ages. The event would be advertised as a barnyard party.

Brad discussed the possibility of having a carnival type area for the kids during the Fair & Rodeo. Lindsey said that she had contacted several carnival companies, and they are all booked for the year. Dawn mentioned she was waiting for a phone call from All Star Jump

Brad presented information from John about the stock contractor for the rodeo. John reached out to Pat with Shamrock Rodeo. Pat is available for the rodeo. Discussion started about reaching out to livestock contractors at the end of the Fair & Rodeo. This would provide a better opportunity for the bidding process for stock contractors. Brad said he will talk to John about getting more bids for 2025. **Motion:** Katie made a motion to have Shamrock provide the rough stock for the rodeo. Theresa 2nd. Motion passed.

Brad said that he has been talking with Lindsey about the future of having a Rodeo Queen. There has been less interest in the Rodeo Queen program over the last few years. Brad asked the Board to consider ending the Rodeo Queen program and have an ambassador program. Discussion started about creating rules and requirements for an ambassador program and establishing a scholarship through the Friends of the Fair. Final decision was Brad will reach out to Lori Williams with Spokane Junior Livestock Show about their ambassador.

Katie asked about having the drill team, Tough Enough Equestrian Drill Team, return this year. The fee would be the same as last year, \$500 for Friday and Saturday of the rodeo. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to have Tough Enough Equestrian Drill Team return for \$500 per night. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Katie mentioned having a chicken scramble instead of a pig scramble this year. Discussion started about changing the scramble to chickens. Final decision was to name the scramble to Chicken Chase with 2 chickens on Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Board decided to drop the entry fee and take donations that would be used to start an ambassador program for the Fair & Rodeo.

Lindsey mentioned that Lacy Gray had contacted her about the possibility of having tryouts for carrying the American flag at the rodeo. Discussion started about having tryouts. Final decision was to not have tryouts for a flag carrier and the Board would choose someone to carry the flag for the opening of the rodeo.

Kathy Eastman talked about turning over the livestock auction to the Friends of the Fair. She will continue to work with the Friends of the Fair this year to make the transition easier for the auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

The next meeting will be April 17th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

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