

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes September 18, 2024

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, Lindsey Smith, Samantha Wilke, Teresa Chrisman, Katie Bageant, Susan Aldridge

Members Absent: Anthony Wicks, Judy Samek, Cody Murdock

Friends of the Fair:

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Kaylee Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes for August 7th approved.

Cheyanna Peterson introduced herself to the Board. She is interested in becoming a Board member. Brad asked Cheyanna to write a letter of interest.

Brad mentioned that there was lots of positive feedback from fairgoers and not a lot of complaints. He said that the barnyard event was a success, and everyone enjoyed the different games available to play.

Kaylee mentioned that the kids really liked the livestock judge. She suggested finding another judge like her because she helped the kids understand what they were doing and not just there to judge. Brad asked Kaylee if she would be interested in finding a livestock judge for next year.

Lindsey said that everyone loved the stickers the Ambassadors were passing out to fairgoers. She asked if more stickers with the new logo could be ordered for next year.

Discussion turned to the rodeo. Katie said she felt the announcer was not quite ready on Friday and he was better by Saturday. Teresa said that the clown was not funny and a little bossy towards the announcer. The decision was to not have a clown, and Katie would research for an announcer for next year.

Teresa said she received positive feedback on the inflatables. Parents enjoyed there was no fee for the inflatables. The only issue she heard was the generator to operate the inflatables was too loud for the fairgoers who were camping.

Susan mentioned that the Jenga game in the beer garden was a great hit for everyone.

Samantha said that the rodeo contestants overall were happy. One issue was after the rodeo. She said that it took three weeks for contestants to receive their checks. The checks were issued by Friends of the Fair. She will post the results next year. She suggested ground rules for rodeo contestants be posted and that junior events should increase to \$60.

Samantha did mention that parking was a problem on Friday and was better on Saturday. Dawn said that Friday was a little crazy because she did not have a parking attended assigned to the East lot until 3:00 pm. Discussion turned to closing the rodeo lot to vehicles at the start of the Fair & Rodeo.

Brad mentioned that he did receive a complaint about the judging in the Quilt department. He asked if there was a junior department that was judged differently from the adults. A junior exhibitor had received a red ribbon and wanted to know if the quilt was judged as the same as the adult quilts.

He also mentioned that an exhibitor who entered exhibits in the Canning and Photographer departments suggested that the judges should provide more feedback and not so many negative remarks. Dawn said there needs to be a standard for judges in the still life exhibits. Many of the judges in the still life exhibits are friends or relatives of the superintendents. Dawn also said that many of the qualified judges do want to judge without some type of reimbursement for their time and travel. The judge fees for still life departments were discontinued in 2019.

Discussion started about having judging sheets for all the still life departments for the judges to provide feedback for the exhibitors. Dawn will work to put together judging sheets as well as put together a packet with information about judging exhibits to give to judges next year.

Discussion started about current Board members who are missing meetings. Brad will reach out to those members.

Dawn asked the Board members to bring some ideas for the theme for next year to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next meeting will be October 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

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