

Lincoln County Advisory Board Minutes
Feb. 21, 2012

In attendance, Gerry Stiles, Dale Winfrey, Sarah Breshears, Josie Breshears, Jim Hirst, Eddie Berry and Dan Berry.

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm.

Jim Hirst wanted to express his pleasure with the new Round Robin. Said it was a success. Also interested in having a parade of champions for the recipients of Grand Champion and Best of Show Ribbons. Gerry appointed Jim and Josie(breathing super) to get together and work out details, possibly before the rodeo, since we will have time since there is no Royalty this year.

Josie received word from Lydia Widmer that this was our 75th anniversary and suggested we come up with a diamond theme.

“Diamonds are Forever” was suggested.

Dale suggested “Lincoln County Fair-A Diamond in the Rough”. He expressed his concerns about funding .He has held off on the application for Pro-West until we were sure of funding. Gerry said the Rodeo would be separate from our funding, we can go forward with the plans. We will have a show even if its only for the kids and no entertainment. One suggestion was to go to two day fair.

Dale said there was the possibility of a new announcer, from Pendleton, he is a cowboy poet that could probably do a separate act in addition to announcing. Jim Hirst will contact him and check out what is actually available.

Dale asked if we still had one bucking chute available for sponsorship, he thought Pape (Columbia Tractor) might be interested. He also thought we should look into Sponsored entries for rough stock.

This should help increase the number of contestants, especially if we could lump the money together and subsidize each contestant some.

The Board checked the job description for the Sec/Office Mngr. position that Gerry presented.

Justine Winn and John Merriott came in at 7:15pm. Justine will try to determine the dispersal of funds for Royalty scholarships. She asked if the board would be interested in a spring tryout for royalty, they decided to wait till Fair.

John would like a budget breakdown at board meetings, said he saw a report that another fair uses, and liked it, will get a copy.

Gerry announced that Copenhaver Construction donated Eco Blocks for the loading area. The blocks are on site, the area has been leveled and we are awaiting gravel to set them in. Rory came in and helped get set up and he will be back this spring to install.

John talked to Bob Shragur about a Pro West Mtg. Dale was given the info. John also noted that we need to add Bud Light or Coors Light to Bernies Brewery line for the Beer Garden.

Gerry has been contacted by Lawn mower racers and the question was asked do we want to do again this year. We would have made money if we had done it all ourselves, had better control on the gates, and we need a guarantee of the number of mowers. Dale made motion and John seconded to do lawnmower races just with Fair Board for ourselves(all Aye, 0 Nay0. Need to increase gate security and issue wrist bands to anyone who does not need to pay entry. Between race activities were discussed, such as bicycle races for kids.

Gerry brought up possibility of increasing rv rates. We will get more information and re address at next meeting. In the last few weeks, Gerry has lowered our phone bill by \$50.00 per month, and our power bill is down \$40.00 per month. We have also cancelled efax which was an annual fee of 170.00 plus per fax charge. Gerry will be attending the

city council meeting to try to lower our city water, sewer and garbage bill. Also will check out if we could get govt. cell service.

Donnie Emerson has offered to play for 3 hours on Sat nite at rodeo arena for \$650. board agreed if we can get 1 hour before rodeo. (this is dependent on fair funding)

John made motion and Dale seconded it to have an indoor yard sale on March 17th. Dan and Eddie will do food from kitchen with proceeds going to benefit fair.

It was requested that Eddie send an e-mail to Phil & Becky Tallman to see if they wanted to remain on board and help with fair.

John asked for input on the idea of the Fair Board putting on a barrel race to make money. The idea was shelved for the time being.

Gerry asked that we dedicate this fair to Lowell and put a plaque in the home arts bldg. John made the motion and Dale seconded all aye.

Jim Hirst is going to check on the possibility of a college team to help with judging, and we need to re-visit our judges fees.

Justine moved and John seconded the motion to make the theme of the 2012 Fair "Diamond in the Ruff" all aye.

We received some information from the D of A . One sheet needs to be forwarded to our poultry Superintendent, one needs to be copied and forwarded to all 4-H leaders, the special sale application needs to go to Kathy Eastman.

We were adjourned at 9:45 With our next meeting scheduled for March 20, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eddie Berry