

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
MAY 15, 2012

Board members present: Gerry, Dale, Gretchen, Josie, Sarah, Justine.

Members Absent: John

Others present: Greg Wilkie, Scott Hutsell, Katie Baegent, Marcy Breshears, Lydia Widmer, Dan Berry & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:35pm.

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

At this point we have \$33,231.15 in our fund. **It was moved by Gretchen & 2nd by Justine to invest \$27,000.00 until before fair. The motion passed.**

\$150.00 will again be allocated for serving during the chicken dinner. Justine's 4-H group will again be serving this year.

Gerry is still waiting to hear back from Don Emerson to perform on Saturday during the fair.

The Reardan Royalty has volunteered to run the concession booth by the grandstands. There was talk of them perhaps serving breakfast.

There was quite a discussion about the \$25,000 grant. We will apply for three different grants. 1) Updating the restrooms in arena area. 2) Add a dishwasher to the commercial kitchen. 3) Purchase backflow breakers for the remainder of the hydrants on the grounds. Sharon will begin working on the grants; they are due in Olympia June 15th.

There was also discussion about purchasing a radio controlled water meter for \$625.00 to control water usage in the RV area. A motion was made by Justine & 2nd by Gretchen. The motion passed unanimously.

Katie presented the paperwork to pursue the public utilizing our arena. She presented the fees would be as follows: haul in fee \$15.00 for the first horse; \$10.00 for the second horse and \$5.00 per horse thereafter. Dale moved & Justine 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Katie would work with Sharon to get the paperwork ready. Scott would check to see if the county insurance covers the event. It was decided to try it twice in June and see how it goes. The first dates will be Thursdays June 7 and June 21. Katie will email and facebook people who have shown interest. She will collect the fees and pass it on to Sharon to receipt and deposit.

Greg Wilkie will be assisting Gretchen with the chicken dinner this year.

Gretchen said Bobbie Williams will help with the 4-H Family Living Department this year. She won't be able to be there all of the time, but would share time with someone else.

Dale reported he will contact Bob Garrett to be our announcer again this year.

There was much discussion about the horse and livestock judges. How much do we pay the horse judge? In the past the same judge has judged 4-H and the open show. Who will be the judge? Dusti Campbell was suggested as a possible 4-H judge. Katie was going to help Justine with some names of potential judges. In the past we have paid for the livestock judge to have a motel room. It was discussed to offer them an RV spot if that would work them instead.

Justine is working on the royalty. She wants to have the tryouts prior to Pioneer Days, so the new queen could represent the fair during the parade. If this plan doesn't happen, Breshears Belgians may ride in the parade and advertise the fair. Sharon will search for banners that were made saying Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo that could be used.

Sharon will work with Justine on the royalty application. Ads for the application will be placed in the Lincoln Advertiser on 5/30, 6/6 and 6/13; with the application deadline being 6/22 in the office.

Mark DeWulf may be interested in a bucking chute sign. Sharon will contact him.

The horse leaders suggested dropping the horse judging contest. It was also suggested to remove the cat department from the premium book—we don't get enough entries to make it work.

Sharon was approached by someone who would like to have a zumba class at the fairgrounds. Gretchen made a motion to charge her \$25.00 per class & Dale 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the RV parking rates during the fair. At this time the board decided to not increase them.

There was a motion made by Gretchen & 2nd by Dale to keep the Pepsi machine in the main building. Sharon reported we will only have to purchase 7 cases of product anytime we order. It was determined that would be a manageable amount to keep on hand.

Gerry was going to contact the Army Reserves to rent their climbing wall for the fair.

Justine was going to contact the Reardan Equestrian Group to see if they again wanted to put on the kids area that was done last year.

Gerry said the stockyards might be interested in sponsoring some events during the fair. They also may do some advertising with us.

Sharon has been trying to contact Sherry McKay about having the carnival come this year.

At the end of the meeting Greg Wilkie told everyone that he was interested in becoming a Lincoln County Fair Board member. He would like to help out in anyway he can and wants to give back to the community and this is a good place channel his energy. **A motion was made by Gretchen & 2nd by Justine to accept Greg as the newest Lincoln County Fair Board Member. WELCOME GREG!!!**

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Lincoln County Fair Secretary