

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes November 19, 2015

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Sarah, Jennifer, Justine & John

Members Absent: Brad Sweet, Brad Ray & Paul

Others Present: Joyce Brede-Stiles & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting began at 7:00pm after everyone got food from our potluck dinner. The minutes of the October 7, 2015 and the special meeting of November 18, 2015 were approved.

Gerry & Sharon explained about the grants that were submitted. The deadline was met and we are waiting to hear the outcome.

John gave an update about the haunted house. It made about \$1200.00 after the fair was paid. He has a list of ideas that would help make it better next year. He wants to include using the outside grounds as well next year. It will add to the creepiness.

There was talk of shortening the arena and adding a "VIP" area to the outside NE corner of the arena. We would sell them as corporate sponsors and have special seating with a meal served. More planning will need go into this.

Would it be possible to have Public Works come out and grade the arena as well as the parking lot?

There was a lot of discussion concerning the benefit dinner on Saturday December 5th. The remainder of the supplies needed for the dinner were all accounted for by the board and friends of the fair. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction.

We have \$191.00 in our royalty account. It was recommended to pay the Lincoln Hospital for the TETWP first, then pay 2015 Queen Keiton. More money will need to be raised to meet both of these obligations.

The WSU Extension Office is working on getting a grant for a portable livestock scale. We would be able to use it during the fair. There is talk of them storing it here and making it available to the public year round. Gerry will talk to the people in the office.

We are still parking vehicles for the winter.

Gerry and Sharon attended the budget meeting. Gerry tried to have the county pay for the insurance for our buildings. But as usual that was not approved. We are waiting to hear what the insurance amount is for this year.

Linda Fisher mentioned at the budget the meeting that we may qualify for advertising dollars through an EDC grant. The grant works to bring tourism to Lincoln County.

There was talk about getting tickets to the fair to radio stations early, so they can give them out. It would be good to make them family passes.

We charge only \$15.00 per building for 4-H and youth events. If we have events during the winter months and need the heat on, we need to charge appropriately. Sharon will contact Joy Wilken of the Leader's Council and Bridget Rohner and discuss this with them.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager