

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
October 16, 2012**

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Sarah, Justine, Greg

Members Absent: Dale, John, Kim

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Marcie Breshears, Bailey Wiedmer, Connie McKay, Scott Hutsell, Brad Sweet and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:50pm. The minutes were approved without changes.

Sharon told the fair board that Dale will no longer be an active participant with the fair board. He accepted a new position with his work and is now located by Chicago. He calls this a "year long job interview." Sharon needs to contact him to write a resignation letter, if he indeed is completely done.

There was discussion about adding events to the LC Royalty contract. **It was moved by Greg and 2nd by Justine to add Wilbur Ag Days in October and alternate yearly the Fall Festival in Harrington and Almira's Country Fair if they both fall on the same weekend. It was approved unanimously, with the stipulation that it also depended on the Queen's schedule.**

There was discussion about having too many banners for the livestock arena. If a company wanted to hang a banner in the livestock area, it would cost \$250.00. The board decided room would be made for extra banners, by hanging them from the rafters or we would find another alternate location.

Lydia suggested that the general fair rules and livestock rules be gone through from old premium books and make sure important rules were not dropped. She said she would assist Sharon with the task. One rule that needs to be clarified is that if an exhibitor takes out any exhibits early, they will have their premiums pulled.

The lack of communication between department superintendents and Sharon to make changes was discussed. There has been a problem with changes made in a timely manner to make it into the premium book before printing. At this time there is no solution to the problem.

It was decided by the board that exhibits left here for over 2 weeks will be disposed of.

Josie mentioned that the Davenport Ambulance Management Services (DAMS) would like to do a haunted house here next year. There was discussion about the rental cost. The board suggested a percentage of the proceeds. She will present it to them and get back to us.

The royalty fundraiser was discussed. It will be Sunday November 4 from 2pm to 6pm here at the fairgrounds main building. There will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Bailey has been busy working on getting donations. If anyone has anything to donate, let Gretchen, Justine, or Bailey know. The fair will donate lightening nuggets.

Sharon mentioned that someone mentioned that if individuals give donations of \$100.00 over for a premium book listing they would receive 2 free passes. A motion was made by Josie & 2nd by Gretchen. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg will be handling RV parking next year. He would like to have a list of rates charged during the fair and off fair season. We are looking to capitalize on having work crews stay in the area and need long term hook ups. Sharon will send the rates to Greg.

The board decided it will keep the \$1.00 per day rate for vehicles that stay longer after winter storage pull out day. If they exceed 30 days, it will be \$100.00 per month. It was so moved by Josie & 2nd by Greg. It passed unanimously.

Sharon reported on the information she gathered concerning the health permits for a cook off. Each participant would need to purchase a \$35.00 temporary health permit and prepare their item in the commercial kitchen. All meat would need to be USDA approved. So if we were to do this, the first place prize would need to exceed the \$35.00 permit price.

The premium checks are all paid and all went out in the mail on October 15th.

We will be having a garage sale during vehicle storage on October 20th. Sharon will get coffee and donuts to serve. Josie will man the indoor table and Sarah & Marcie will handle the coffee and donuts.

Sharon brought up a couple of people wondered that if it was possible to list the sponsors on a sheet of paper at the sale, since they are not announced any longer.

It was decided to pick a theme for next year's fair at the next meeting. The list will be included with the minutes. Gerry wants everyone to bring in their top three choices to vote on in November.

It was discussed about new board members. It was again agreed upon by the board that spouses could not be Lincoln County Fair board members at the same time.

Brad Sweet said he would like to be a member of the fair board. He told us about himself and why he would like to be involved. It was moved by Gretchen and 2nd by Sarah to accept Brad on to the fair board.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 8th at 6pm. It will be the end of the year potluck dinner and families are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Office Manager/Fair Secretary