

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
October 7, 2015

Board Members Present: Gerry, Brad Sweet, Brad Ray, Jennifer, Justine & John

Members Absent: Josie, Sarah, Paul

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Scott Hutsell, Sydney Schneider, Farren Young, Loren Reinbold & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting began at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the September 16, 2015 were approved.

A 4-H community service day was decided upon having. There are now 40 kids signed up in the new 4-H group from Davenport. Since there are so many kids locally the community service day would be a great idea. The fair board will come up with a list of tasks to be done by varying ages of kids.

Instead of a horse event Thursday evening during the fair, as previously discussed, why not do a motor event? Maybe truck pulls, etc.; more thought will be given to this event. If an event is planned, we may want to have a beer garden.

We need to a better job of designing the beer garden area. We could shorten the arena, to allow more space for the beer garden. John has wooden trusses he may donate to assist with the configuration of the beer garden area. We might be able to borrow portable bleachers from the Davenport School District for the beer garden.

John said the haunted house is underway. It will be on October 23, 24, 30 & 31. Tear down will be November 1. It was decided last month to charge the Reardan Class of 2017 \$100.00 for the use of the main building upstairs for the haunted house.

The Junior Rodeo will be August 5-7. John will check into getting insurance for the rodeo.

We have a signed contract for Dale Haughian as our 2016 rodeo announcer.

Brad R. brought up when would be a good time for the livestock jackpot show? Spring is not necessarily a good time, the end of June or beginning of July. Or do a smaller show in the spring prior to Junior Show.

Our new rodeo royalty Emma Johnson went to Deutschesfest, but had volleyball games during Harrington Fall Festival and Sprague Days and did not attend. She will be available for Davenport's Hometown Christmas.

Daniel Beard would like to come again as our stock contractor.

Sharon will send a list of sponsors to Brad R. so he can review them.

There was discussion about borrowing an arena groomer from Grand Coulee during the fair.

Scott reported that we will be funded differently this next year. Instead of taxes we will be funded through the Rural Economic Development Fund. We will continue to receive \$25,000.00, but in one installment, instead of two at \$12,500.00 twice a year.

Sharon is working on the grant on the fire suppression system needed for our commercial kitchens. Oxarc and General Fire will be contacted. She will also send information regarding the stairs and deck for the rodeo announcer's tower. We are requesting funds for new stairs to be built and a new deck to be installed behind the bucking chutes.

Loren reported that there are a couple of trees on the grounds that need to be dealt with. It appears that they are dead or are dying.

Loren replaced pipes in the restrooms by the arena to allow a better water flow to the toilets.

There was discussion of having a car show during the fair. Tim Stromberger (926-1429) may be interested in putting it on.

Another attraction during the fair, may be the Medstar helicopter.

We might be able to get a fly by during the rodeo on military night.

Gerry took \$600.00 to victims of the Fruitland Fire Fund.

Justine will send out information to the 4-H community regarding supplies needed for the benefit dinner on December 5. The Friends of Lincoln County Fair and the LC Fair will split the proceeds from the benefit dinner and auction 50/50 after expenses.

Brad Sweet will help with vehicle storage on October 10.

The entry way and office have a new look. It has been painted white. The office has had some sheet rock work done. We had a community service person who did the work and it looks fantastic.

Sharon brought up that the office needs a new vacuum cleaner. A motion was made by John and 2nd by Brad S. to purchase a new one for under \$100.00. Motion Approved.

We need to order more keys from Allied Security for our main building.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm, beginning with a potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager