

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes September 16, 2015

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Brad Ray, Paul Knittel, & Sharon Nighswonger

Josie began the meeting began at 6:30 pm. Our president, Gerry was late. The minutes of the August 12, 2015 were approved.

John came to meeting with a few fund raising ideas to keep the fairgrounds used. He would like to have a haunted house here on October 23, 24, 30, 31 and November 1. It would be a fund raiser for the fair and Reardan's Junior Class. We will look into it more for the next meeting.

John and Brad would like to put on a 3 species jackpot show prior to Spokane Junior Livestock Show in May. It would be open to open, 4H and FFA kids. The show would be scheduled for April 16-17. **John made the motion & Justine 2nd. Motion passed.**

A couple of other ideas he had were having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament here prior to Hoopfest on June 10-12. He also suggested having some kind of event here during Pioneer Days.

John would like the board to put on a junior rodeo on August 5-7. (The weekend the Drover's Rodeo used to be.) There is an availability that weekend for a rodeo on the junior rodeo schedule. We would give wristbands to the contestants and parents and have a small charge (\$2.00?) to others wanting to watch. **A motion was made by John and 2nd by Jennifer to put on a Junior Rodeo here. Motion passed.**

There was discussion about having a ranch rodeo on Thursday night, with branding, cattle loading and a third event. We need to have something available for people on Thursday night during the fair.

Lydia brought up the adding more information in the premium book about the Round Robin. **Only a Grand Champion or the Reserve Champion (if the Grand Champion declines) may participate in the Round Robin. If there is not a Grand Champion or Reserve Champion chosen from a specific species, there will not be a participant.**

In the General Rules it needs to state that golf carts or ATVs are not allowed on the fairgrounds by non Fairboard members or authorized personnel. All drivers of any motorized vehicle on the fairgrounds and surrounding areas, must have a valid driver's license.

We need to have more benches available for sitting. We also need to look into getting more picnic tables without attached benches. We also need more seating for the stage area.

There was a suggestion concerning having a "Lincoln County's Got Talent." Make it a contest and award prizes.

Sharon suggested a way to count ribbons after the fair and Lydia responded by it is yours to do. So on that note thank you Lydia, for all of your hard work doing the ribbons all of these years.

Something needs to be done regarding the stairs to announcer stand. A plan will be submitted for the grant.

Justine suggested that we **NEVER** sell Kokanee beer in the beer garden again. We stick to Coors Light because it will sell.

We need to expand the beer garden and make it easier for people to see the rodeo and for the staff to sell the beer.

We need more electrical boxes outside the back gate for campers.

The RV Parking form needs a few more updates to make it easier to park people.

Jennifer resigned as Herdsmanship Superintendent; it is too difficult for her to do that job plus her fair board duties during the fair. Claire Pimley will be taking that over. The Clemensons will also be resigning as Sheep Superintendents, they are moving to the Tri Cities.

Instead of having sponsor flags—what about making them into banners? It will be easier to have them displayed and one less worry to find flag carriers. Grommets will need to be added to the already existing flags. Jennifer will check into that.

We need to come up with some beautification projects that 4H clubs can do early in the summer.

A motion was made by John & 2nd by Jennifer to have Dale Haughian as our 2016 Rodeo Announcer. Motion passed.

It was moved by John and 2nd by Justine to have the Open Horse Show at 12pm instead of 2pm. Motion passed.

Brad will find a livestock judge for next year.

The dates for the 2016 fair are August 25-27. After much discussion, a theme was chosen for 2016; "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots." In October, Sharon will send out flyers to the schools so they can participate in the premium book cover contest. The kids are too busy during the spring to do them then.

It was decided to have our annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, December 5. We will start publicizing it towards the end of October. There was discussion concerning the dinner. At this point the "Lincoln County Friends of the Fair" will be taking over the benefit. More discussion will be needed at the next meeting.

Sharon will include "Save the Date" reminders in with the premium checks when they go out.

Brad Ray and Paul Knittel are both interested in joining the LC Fair Board. They were asked why they wanted to join. After they spoke, they were asked to leave the room for the board to make a decision. It moved by John and 2nd by Justine to accept both Brad and Paul as our newest fair board members.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Nighswonger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Nighswonger

Fair Secretary/Office Manager