

Fair Board Meeting  
12/13/2017  
6:04pm.

Members Present: Dean Schulze, April Courtney, Leslie Lewis, John Nyberg, Al Westhoff, Gary Wertz.

Public Comment: No one present.

PKA: They reported about their winter race the held Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. They reported that they are adding two more light bases for the pole lights they are installing along the rodeo arena. John Nyberg asked about adding lights to the backside so they would light up the rodeo pens. They said this could be done. They also asked the board about a thought of covering the grid area in front of the scale shack. Questions were asked if the roof would be tall enough to allow a vehicle under to drop off handicap persons during the fair. They didn't think that would be a problem. The board consented to look into the project. They also mentioned about putting in a removable fence from the track to the tower to close up that end. Board said as long as its removable during fair. Mr. Westhoff talked to them about adding a gate and driveway approach along Lafayette Ave to allow traffic a exit during fair up towards the storage units. They didn't believe that would be a problem. Ms. Lewis asked about their property tax issue and she said that they have been paying it and that Commissioner Primozich was also looking into it.

Minutes: Chair asked to accept the minutes of the last session. Ms. Lewis said that Mr. Schulze was spelled wrong and would move to accept with corrections, it was seconded by Ms. Courtney vote was unanimous.

Financial Report. Ms. Lewis went through the State yam report and Cash Flow Report and noted that we had a better month than projected. She also noted that the journal entries were getting corrected and noted the one for the Carnival Refund did not need to be done and should be corrected back to where it was done before. We then went through the A/R sheet and noted the income coming in from new events that are being booked for next year.

Old Business: None  
New Business: None

Managers Report: Mr. Wertz then talked to the board about the problem with Tuesday night open rides. We have had complaints that groups were using the arenas to practice and not paying and also not allowing the public to ride that night. The board was given a letter that staff had drafted to send out to 4H leaders to remind them it was public ride night and that they also had to pay for use of the arenas.

He also noted that we have also picked up another 4H Soccer group that is renting the arena for a 2hr block to practice.

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Mr. Wertz noted that ballots taken for the fair theme had chosen, "Blue Ribbon Dreams"

Mr. Wertz and Mr. Westhoff then talked about splitting the Rodeo/Show Office room in half and one side would become a Finance Office during fair to count the money and putting a strongbox in the cabinets to store the money. The other side would become Mr. Westhoffs office during fair along with a lounge for board members.

Mr. Wertz continued to talk about that gate receipts would be picked up at 1-4 and 8 and the drawers would be completely changed out. The parking gate would be changed out every 2 hours with a complete apron change.

Mr. Wertz and Mr. Westhoff talked to the board about closing in the gable end of the Harding Barn with the same metal as on the Lucas Barn and installing a roof vent the same as on the other barns. We are also going to make and install doors on the back of Harding and Kadell Barns to be able to close the barns up. Also installing and fixing the ones on the Hall Barn. They then told the board about the floor project going on in the Concession Kitchen.

Mr. Westoff then talked about the fair and entertainment and how proud of what he has been able to accomplish since he has been here. He talked about moving the auction to sheep show ring and how that will be done and noted that this is his last meeting as Fair Manager and will be moving to be Fair Consultant/Coordinator at the start of the new year.

Meeting ended at 7:24pm

Submitted by Gary Wertz, Fair Manager