

April 13, 2017

Board Members Present: Kelly Camino, Frank Sickler, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer, Byron Geis, Care Taker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman. Guests: Bill Novotny, Desiria Light, Heather Hampton, David Love.

David Love spoke about the proposed Bull Riding event discussed at the March meeting to be held July 29, 2017. The Board voted unanimously to offer to rent the arena to L-Lazy 3 Bulls for the event for \$275.00. Dave asked if we could help out by lining up the concessions. He would provide everything else needed for the event; stock, bullfighters, etc. Admission will be \$10 at the gate. Sandi will contact Cowboy Saloon regarding beer sales. Commissioner Novotny recommended having the County Attorney review the liability waiver for the Fair Board for this event. Sandi will send it to Barry for review next week.

Desiria Light and Heather Hampton spoke on behalf of the Rodeo Royalty. Micheala Rodriguez has resigned from her position as Jr. Queen. The Royalty Committee has met and discussed this with Michaela. She will keep the awards presented at the coronation, but relinquish her scholarship. The Royalty Clinic was held last weekend and went well.

Caretakers Report: Gary is continuing to work on spring projects. He has most of the fabrication finished, and is waiting for the weather to break to begin getting the catch pens back together. He reported that he is going to need help when it comes time to begin putting up the panels.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Frank and a second by Laci. Payables, payroll, sick and vacation time were approved on a motion by Byron and a 2nd by Kevin.

Sandi reported on the Showworks conference, along with an email from Kassie Bales. The Board sent 5 trainees to Cody, everyone who attended felt that the training was well worth the time and will make fair week much more manageable and pleasant using the software program to it's full capacity. Sandi requested that the Board set a deadline of July 19th for 4-H entries to be entered into Showworks. This will allow time to build the division sheets for each department and have them ready to go at judging time. Frank moved to approve a deadline of July 19th. Byron seconded. Motion carried.

Accounting policies were discussed and approved. Kevin will distribute the guidelines to the Livestock Committee and the Royalty Committee.

The Rec Board Grant application was discussed. It was decided to apply for funding for sod and a sprinkler system for the showring, the Fair Board will supply the fencing, labor to lay the sod and install the fence, along with bringing the water line to the ring. Byron moved to approve, Frank seconded.

The panels for the sheep barn have been delivered, Gary mentioned that there could still be some minor improvements on the construction to make a sturdier pen.

Chanda Rule has contacted Sandi regarding the Jr. Fair Board. She has enough applicants to proceed, and needs a couple of Fair Board members to sit in on the interview process. Kelly and Laci volunteered to help out, Chanda will let them know the date for the interviews.

Stock contractor bids for JCFR were reviewed, winners for the 2017 JCFR will be Forbes Rodeo Productions for rough stock, Larry Steele for team roping stock, Marcy Cunningham for goats, Tom Berry for tripping stock, and Kurt Kinghorn for calf roping stock, pending enough calves can be provided for the open calf roping.

Discussion followed regarding hiring Steeles to run the rodeo slack and help out with secretarial duties on Saturday and Sunday. Byron moved to ask if Steele's would accept \$4,500. Kevin seconded. Motion carried, Kelly will visit with Larry & Deanna tomorrow.

Possible entertainment features for JCFR were discussed. Kevin suggested contacting Ryan Bulkley to see if he could provide specialty acts or programs. Sandi will follow up and report back to the Board.

Sandi updated the Board on finding music for Sunday afternoon after the rodeo. We are still waiting on a return call from one of the parties contacted.

Gary & Sandi presented the Board with a request to hold an Old Timer's Rodeo in August. The Board reviewed the proposal, and agreed unanimously to offer to rent the facility if the Producers wanted the date.

Commissioner Novotny spoke of the lodging tax issue and provided copies of correspondence from the Department of Revenue. He stated at this time, someone from the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce has turned the Fairgrounds in for not collecting the lodging tax. Currently, groups rent out the fairgrounds as a venue facility for hosting events, not as a campground. As the Fairgrounds is not a public camp ground, and this is stated on the website, Bill is consulting with the county attorney on the issue. He will keep the Fair Board in the loop on the determinations.

Commissioner Novotny touched on the possibility of establishing a community garden and a demonstration plot of Lake DeSmet Conservation District near the extension office, plans are still in the beginning stages for these projects, he will pass on updates and information as it becomes available.

Commissioner Novotny touched briefly on the budget planning for the coming fiscal year. He recommended that the be reviewed closely and reductions made throughout the submitted proposal.

A Budget meeting was scheduled for April 24th at 6pm. Sandi will contact the Bulletin to run a notice.

No further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.