

February 9, 2017

Members present: Byron Geis, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer & Kelly Camino, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman.

Guests present: Gary Bessler, Dave Hall, Dave Cates, & Peter John Camino.

Gary Bessler will be hosting a 4-H lamb sale on Sunday, April 9th. He would like to hold it at the fairgrounds in the sheep barn. Peter John Camino spoke on behalf of the Johnson County Wool Growers. They are once again holding a shearing day for small flock owners on February 12, and would like to use the fairgrounds as a central location. Kevin moved to rent the sheep barn for the sale and the shearing day for the amount of \$75 to each organization. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

JCFR rodeo - Dave Hall and Dave Cates provided input on the rodeo from the announcer's viewpoint, with suggestions on keeping the show moving quickly and holding the crowd's attention. One suggestion was to have the parade of champions at some time other than before the Sunday Rodeo performance, either having the champions recognized prior to the livestock sale at the showing, or possibly having them ride a float in the parade on Saturday morning. Empty Saddles Ceremony – If there are more than 10 honorees, half will be recognized at the Saturday Performance, and the remainder will be recognized on Sunday. The entire list will be provided with the rodeo program both days, so people will still be able to see the bios on all of the honorees. Honored guests and the Gerald Fink Award recipients could be recognized at the end of the Grand Entry. Dave mentioned that last year, the parade results were not provided by the chamber to announce during the rodeo, we will be sure to ask the chamber to get us the results in a more timelier manner this year. The Royalty Ceremony could be condensed, currently that seems to take a lot of time and slows down the start of the rodeo. Both Dave's felt that the addition of Wild Cow Milking and the Cowboy Scramble to replace the Merchant's Ribbon Roping is a good idea. Wild Cow Milking will be held on Saturday, and will be limited to eight (8) 3-member teams. The Cowboy Scramble will be Sunday, and will be limited to six (6) 3-member teams. Both events will be a 'winner takes all' format, with the purse collected paid out to the winning team each day. Dave Hall asked if the Hide Race would be in this year's performance, as the crowd seems to really like it. The Board explained that they had trouble getting enough entries, so had discontinued the Hide Race for a time. The horse races appear to be a hit with the spectators, we will look at ways to get the racers better organized to have a parade of racers in front of the stands right before the race takes place. One change to this year's 1/8 mile race: It will once again be a true "Cow Pony" Race, the horses entered in this race must be entered in at least one of the other rodeo events in order to qualify.

Gary gave the Caretaker's Report. He is working on removing the showing fence, once that is done the dirt work can begin. The snow break has been installed on the roof of the community building, and he plans to begin tearing out the catch pens as soon as the weather allows.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January meetings were approved on a motion by Laci & a second by Kelly, motion carried. Payables, Payroll, and Vacation/Sick/Flex were approved on a motion by Kevin & a second by Laci.

The project list was reviewed - Modern Electric has submitted the winning bid for lighting in the pig barn. Kelly moved to accept and move ahead with replacing the lights and using Modern Electric. Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Gary will do a walk through to check on underground wiring and contact

Modern Electric to get started. Kelly moved to spend \$1,200 on panels for the swine lead in alley way to the showring. Kevin seconded. Sandi presented bids for the Thank You sign from Imagine That, Re-Ride, and Rocking K Forge. Kevin moved to accept Rocking K Forge's Bid. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. Sandi will contact Keith to begin work on the sign, the goal is to have it ready to hang on the Needlecraft Building before the busy summer season begins. Kevin is working on finding scale prices to replace the old livestock scale.

Indian Relays update: The Board is waiting on advisement from Commissioner Novotny and County Attorney Barry Crago before sending out a final revised contract.

New Business: Honored Guests and Gerald Fink Award winners for the 2017 rodeo were discussed. Kevin moved to approve the 2017 Honored Guests and the Gerald Fink Award winner 2017. Laci seconded. Motion carried. Stock Contractors and rodeo judges were discussed, Sandi will send out bid & commitment letters to get contracts in place.

Election of Officers for 2017 was held. Kevin moved to approve the officers as follows: Chairman Kelly Camino, Vice Chairman Frank Sickler, Treasurer Kevin Rodriguez, Secretary Laci Schiffer, and Public Relations, Byron Geis. Laci seconded the motion, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.