

June 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Byron Geis, Kelly Camino, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman. Guests: Jason Bennett of BHS Band, Peter Fenster, Amanda Kaufmann, Stef Buhr, Blaine Horn, Donna Nelson, Jim Dawson & Commissioner Bill Novotny.

Jason Bennett spoke on behalf of the BHS Band. He reported that the band is ready to man the concession stand in the community building during fair and rodeo week, and will be glad to work with the Wool Growers to coordinate kitchen usage on Tuesday for the sheep feed. He also added that the band is looking forward to doing the national anthem to kick off the rodeo on Saturday.

Peter Fenster approached the Board requesting a pay raise for returning full-time summer help. He pointed out the fact that the summer staff only has 3 full time employees and 2 part-time employees this year. They are already trained and knowledgeable in what needs to be done and have the ability to work unsupervised. The Board agreed to take the matter under consideration.

Amanda Kaufmann discussed the Livestock Committee financials. She would like a copy of the bank statement every month.

Stef Buhr requested funding from the Board to construct 48 new poultry and rabbit cages. The Board asked how many cages had been used in previous years. Stef said between 80 -98 cages. The time frame for ordering and constructing cages is getting very short, if the materials and construction can't be finished in a timely manner, the Board asked if the cages from the old trailer could be installed for the fair. The cages would be installed on the walls of the barn, and the show area would be in the center. Kevin asked if the 4-H council had been asked to provide half of the 48 cages that Stef would like to construct. Kelly moved to have the Fair Board allot \$1,500 for the construction of 24 cages. Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Stef will be in touch with Sandi early next week to get the supplies ordered.

Blaine Horn reported that signs directing people to the extension office have arrived, and asked if one sign could be installed near the front entrance of the fair grounds. The Board agreed that this is a good idea. Also discussed was the possibility of having gates at some location to close the grounds and how the location would impact the extension office traffic.

Jim Dawson updated the Board on the extension office/royalty office. The lock has been changed, so new keys will be needed for access. Currently, Royalty Committee has 2 keys for the new locks.

Jason Dent, the rodeo clown under contract was contacted via conference call to discuss the rodeo acts for Saturday and Sunday. Jason provides all props needed for the acts.

Royalty Committee Report: The Royalty Girls will be doing a concession stand for the Indian Relays. June 29th is scheduled for the royalty photo shoot.

The Livestock Committee will have a mock sale on the 28th to refresh the sale workers on how things fall together.

Caretaker's Report: Gary reported that various supplies have been ordered to stock the shop – oil filters, lawn care items, etc. He and the crew have been busy preparing the grounds for the Indian Relays this weekend. He mentioned that the Big Horn Music Festival is coming up quickly, and suggested that possibly next year, we could put in a grant request to install a sprinkler system at the grass show ring.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May meetings, payables and vacation/sick/flex time were approved on a motion by Kevin & a second by Laci. Motion carried.

The Board discussed giving hourly pay raises to Andrew Borgialli - \$.50 , Peter Fenster and Dezi Burtenshaw \$1.00. Kelly moved for approval. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Fair premiums were discussed. After consideration, Laci moved to discontinue paying premiums this year. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2016.