

March 9, 2017

Board Members Present: Kelly Camino, Frank Sickler, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer and Byron Geis, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman. Guests present: Jim Dawson, Bill Novotny, Desiria Light, David Love.

Jim Dawson handed out samples of the mandatory 4-H meeting packets for review and asked if the Board had any additional information that needed to be included. The first mandatory meeting will be March 19th at Buffalo High School. After reviewing the information, the Board asked to include the rule page from the fair exhibitor's book, along with a notice of camping fees for 2017, as the fees have increased for fair week. Rules & Policies specifically to note: **Rule #5. Livestock will be required to remain on the fair grounds facility following weigh-ins and/or carcass contest ultrasounds; Fair Policy regarding Golf Carts – to be operated by licensed drivers only; ATV's & Side x Sides must be licensed for public roads and operated by licensed drivers only; and NO bicycles allowed during Johnson County Fair or Equine Events.**

The Parade of Champions was discussed, as it seems that having it prior to the start of the rodeo is a hectic time frame, as well as the fact that the crowd in the grandstands is not engaged in watching. Possibly moving the parade of champions to a different time and location was discussed. Jim will get back to the Board after the next 4-H Council meeting to discuss it further.

Desiria Light updated the Board on the Rodeo Royalty. The annual royalty clinic will be held March 25th in the community building. Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2016 will be the main speaker. The Board discussed the Royalty Coronation Ceremony. In the past, it has been held on Sunday preceding the rodeo performance. Discussion followed as to when and how long should be dedicated to the royalty portion of the rodeo. The crowning of new royalty will take place on Sunday, time slots will be decided after more discussion with the royalty committee at their next meeting.

David Love discussed the possibilities of having a bull riding event to kick off JCFR week. The price for an approximately 2 ½ hour event would run \$3,750. Discussion followed, more will be decided as to whether or not to proceed at the April meeting.

Caretaker's Report: Gary reported that he has the fence removed at the showring location, Road and Bridge will begin leveling next week. He has been working on tearing out the existing catch pens at the north end of the Main Arena. Gary said that he will be able to modify and use the existing gates for the most part in the re-vamp. Pipe is on order and will be picked up. He asked permission to purchase a cutting torch for the shop. Kevin moved to approve the purchase in the amount of \$625. Frank seconded. Motion carried. Chip sealing the parking lots was discussed. Gary will contact Les Hook to get a pricing estimate and get back to the Board. Replacing the toilets in the shower trailer and installing a handicapped access toilet in the community building was discussed. Commissioner Novotny said that there is an individual who has offered to pay for the handicapped installation in the community building.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February meeting, payables, and vacation/sick/flex time was reviewed. Byron moved to approve as presented, Frank seconded, motion carried.

The LGLP policy was reviewed for the coming year. Byron moved to keep the deductible at \$2,000. Laci seconded, motion carried. The audit by Wyoming Workforces was reviewed. Commissioner Novotny, Barry Crago and Sandi met last week with the audit force to hear of the findings. After the presentation,

Barry recommended that the Board pay the fine and move forward. Kevin moved to pay the fine in the amount of \$192.95. Frank seconded, motion carried.

Sandi reported that Chanda Rule is moving forward with recruiting members to the Jr. Fair Board and will keep us updated.

Kelly had spoken with Calvin regarding the Indian Relays. There will be no races this year in Buffalo.

Sandi has found online that grants are available through Rocky Mountain Power to civic and community projects. After discussion, it was decided that the Fair Board should apply for funds to develop more camping areas, as we currently do not have adequate space for camping during fair week and with large events hosted at the Fairgrounds.

Frank talked about the 'Mini Buckers', which is a company out of Billings who supplies mini-bulls and mini-broncs for kids rough stock competitions. Sandi will contact them for more information.

Fair and Rodeo planning was discussed. ANB Bank has offered to pay the carcass ultrasound fees for 2 animals per exhibitor for 4-H and FFA exhibitors wanting to enter animals in the carcass contest. Vendor fees for JCFR week were discussed. Laci moved to charge \$100 for food vendors and \$50 for merchandise vendors. Discussion followed, Byron moved to amend the fees to \$75 for food vendors and \$50 for merchandise. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Music for Sunday afternoon following the rodeo was discussed. Sandi will contact Mike Curuchet, if he has no interest, we will try Mike Thomas.

Awards for the rodeo were discussed. Byron moved to have breast collars for all around once again. Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Sandi reported that the buckles are finished, and will be shipped next week.

Open Class Exhibits will go to pre-entries this year, in hopes of making check-ins on Sunday run smoother. We will start getting the word out regarding entries as soon as the exhibitor's book is up to date and available on the web site.

Kevin suggested that swine exhibits need a 1x8 for the pen fronts to help keep shavings contained and out of the alley ways. Possibly one of the Lumber yards would donate the lumber for this project.

Dave Belus has confirmed that he will furnish cows for the wild cow milking, we still have not had a solid commitment on sheep for mutton busting. Kevin will check with Chris Rodriguez.

Kevin has located a scale. The cost is \$4,000, with shipping fees of \$650. Frank moved to approve the purchase, Byron seconded. Motion carried.

No further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.