

May 12, 2016

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

Guests: Paul Jarvis, Bill Zurcher, Heather Hampton, Bill Novotny.

Paul Jarvis updated the Board on the agenda for this year's Big Horn Mountain Music Festival. The dates for the festival will be July 7th – 10th. Bluegrass camp will precede the festival once again.

Bill Zurcher gave an update on the Wednesday Night Rodeo plans. Sponsorships have been tough to obtain. They are still looking for ticket takers and arena help. Gary Mefford will be providing the team roping stock, the current plan is for team roping to be a pick'n'draw format, entry fee will be \$100. Kelly and Byron felt that this may be too expensive for a jackpot rodeo, and could reduce the number of entries. Bill will visit with John Forbes and Gary Mefford. Penny Forbes and Wendy Greenough will run the ladies barrel races in the second arena. Gate admission will be \$7 per person, 12 & under no charge. Contestants will be charged an office fee of \$7 at the gate. They would like for the Chamber to sell advance rodeo tickets. Byron suggested contacting the American Legion Women's Auxiliary about taking tickets at the gate.

Kevin updated the Board on the Children's Center Tractor pull. The date will be July 2nd. The Center is requesting the Fair Board to donate the use of a tractor for the pull. The Board agreed to let the Children's Center use the Massey for the event.

Heather Hampton updated the Board on the Rodeo Royalty. She provided copies of the By-Laws, Procedures and Committee Code of Conduct. The By-Laws were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Kevin and a second by Laci. She reported that there has been issues with some of the royalty girls and parents regarding working rodeo slack. The girls would rather be at the Dance in the park instead of working in the arena. The Board offered that possibly, current title holders could attend the dance, while girls in the current year's competition would be required to help with the slack events. Also, this year's plan is to utilize both arenas for Friday night slack and have it over with in a couple hours. Discussion followed as to what else the girls are required to do during fair week. Their presence at livestock shows and handing out ribbons throughout the week, and having one of the girls attend the daily morning meetings along with one of the Royalty Committee Members were on the expectation list.

Caretaker's Report: Gary reported that he is still working on getting the bleachers finished up, but hasn't been able to work on them during the past week because he was working on the Snyder Ditch project with Road & Bridge. He plans to stock up on shop supplies such as oil, filters and misc. necessities to expend the remaining maintenance budget before fiscal year end. Kelly asked if the bleachers and shade will be up by high school rodeo. Gary said that the bleachers should be ready, but the shade cover will probably not be up as he still has a day or two to work on Snyder Ditch. The poultry barn addition is in the works by the BHS Shop Class. If the Rec Board request for cages falls through, the existing cages from the old trailer can be moved in to use until a solution is reached.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April meeting, payables, and sick, flex & vacation were approved on a motion by Laci & a second by Frank.

Byron asked Commissioner Novotny about grounds maintenance around the extension office. Will Gary's crew assume the responsibility for mowing and weed-eating or will the county lawn maintenance crew take care of it? After discussion, Gary stated that since much of the yard has been re-worked into a parking area and the new access put in, that the fairgrounds crew can assume the responsibility for the time being.

Commissioner Novotny updated the Board on the Snyder Ditch Company, and stated that an appointee from the Fair Board is needed for the Ditch Board. Gary Arno will be the Fair Board representative.

Laci gave the Board an update on projects she has been working on for public relations. The new website is nearing completion and should be up and running within the next couple of weeks. She also discussed ideas for marketing events scheduled at the fairgrounds for this season.

Vendor fees for the Indian Relays were discussed. The Board agreed unanimously that the fees would be \$150 for the weekend, the kitchen in the CB will be \$300 for the weekend.

Rodeo planning was briefly discussed, Tris Munsick will be playing on Sunday after the rodeo.

A Rodeo planning meeting was scheduled for May 31 at 6:30. Sandi will get notices to the Bulletin.