

November 10, 2016

Board members present: Frank Sickler, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer, Kelly Camino, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman. Guests Commissioner Bill Novotny, Jason Bennett, Bill Zurcher, Tyrell Sickler and Clay Reiner.

Jason Bennett thanked the Board on behalf of the Buffalo High School Band. He stated that the Band would like to continue to man the concession stand in the Community Building during Fair week. He would like to know the approximate number of other food vendors in advance in order to plan better for inventory. He also mentioned that the band had enjoyed presenting the national anthem before the Saturday performance of the rodeo and offered to open the rodeo again next year.

Bill Zurcher spoke to the board regarding the Wednesday Night Rodeos, and stated that they would like to continue again this coming year. He felt that the rodeos had built over the season, and the feedback from the contestants at year end had been positive. The Wednesday Rodeos also provide a place for the high school kids to participate at a level of competition that is beginner-friendly in the rough stock events. Bill feels that more sponsors can be obtained if the process begins now. He has visited with the Chamber regarding applying for grants to help with expenses. The current plan is to try and incorporate the area Dude Ranches to hopefully draw in more spectators. Kevin moved to continue this summer with the Wednesday Night Rodeos. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Tyrell Sickler and Clay Reiner thanked the Board for hosting the Wednesday Night Rodeos.

The Buffalo High School Rodeo was discussed. Frank asked if the Board would work with the Rodeo Club once again to split the camping/stall fees if the Rodeo Club collected the fees. He also asked how many outlets for camper plug-ins and stalls are available on the grounds. The Rodeo Club has been talking of possibly locking up all of the access, in order to plug in or obtain a stall, people will have to pay for it to be unlocked. Gary said that there are approximately plug-in spots and 180 stalls available. Discussion followed as to how to lock up access. The most logical way will be to purchase padlocks which are all keyed alike in order to simplify the un-locking process.

Kelly moved to approve the Rodeo club collecting and splitting the fees, and to purchase padlocks for the stalls and electric boxes. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Laci presented playground equipment options, we will get an order in within the next week in order to take advantage of discounts offered.

Caretakers Report: Gary reported that he has been working on the catch pen project and winterizing all of the equipment. He asked for Board approval to advertise the blue Dodge pickup, old welder and stove from the kitchen remodel for sale on sealed bids or put them in a Brannian auction. The Board unanimously agreed.

Secretary's Report: Minutes, payables, financials and payroll from September and October were approved on a motion by Laci and a second by Kelly.

Fair and Rodeo items discussed: Camping charges will be \$50 for fair week 2017. Stalls will be \$10 per night and will be added to the rodeo entry forms. Donna will be notified to publish the camping fee changes in the Clover Chatter. Kevin moved to approve the fee change. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Buckles were reviewed for 2017, Sandi will begin putting the order together. Buckle sponsorships will be \$130 for 2017. Possible event changes would be the addition of wild cow milking without using horses, and doing something new in place of the merchant's ribbon roping. Kelly moved to go ahead and purchase the buckles for the standard rodeo events now, and any additional buckles will be ordered later Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Laci reported that Whistle Nut has agreed to perform again for the fee of \$3,500 and lodging. Possibly we can get the Bubble Tower machine during the last weekend of fair, Sandi will check on costs, Bill suggested applying for a tourism grant to help out with the costs of entertainment.

We will look into getting musical entertainment on a local level.

Frank asked if we want to kick off fair week with a lead-in event again this year, as the bull riding last year seemed to be well received. The Board agreed. Frank will check into a contact for mini-bull riding.

Commissioner Novotny mentioned that the State Health Inspector has an issue with the band using a BBQ grill at the concession stand. It is against state codes, we will let any vendors know this.

The 'Project List' was reviewed, the Pig Barn will be top priority on the list.

Gary mentioned that possibly we could get some methane huts for storage sheds at both arenas and for track storage.

The Show Ring extension could possibly be funded with a rec board grant, we also need to get a quote on installing a sprinkler system at the show ring. Gary asked Kelly if the county would possibly help out with the dirt work for the show ring extension to have it ready by next season. Gary would also like to install a permanent tank in the bucking horse pasture, and have road & bridge bury a frac tank for storage & to fill the water truck from.

Discussion on replacing the rough stock stripping chute – the current version is in need of upgrading. Sandi will look into options.

WiFi upgrades were discussed. Laci moved to have Buffalo Computers install the necessary features to get the grounds all operating on the same wifi network. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. Sandi will call Buffalo Computers and check on the current monthly usage with Century Link.

The December Meeting will be Friday December 16 at 5pm with the Christmas Party to follow at 6:30.