

October 6, 2016

Board Members present: Kelly Camino & Laci Schiffer, Groundskeeper Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman, Commissioner Linda Greenough, and Desiria Lite of the Royalty Committee.

Desiria reported that the Royalty Committee had appointed new officers: Desiria Lite, Chairman; Kelly West, Vice Chair; Jackie Little, Sec./Treas; Lacy Lembke, Social Director, and board members Krystal Bybee and Heather Hampton.

Laci Schiffer reported that she is still looking into additional grant funding for playground equipment to be added to the amount already granted by the Rec. Board. Application Deadlines are Nov. 15th. Also discussed was the possibility of getting a large sign for possibly the needlecraft building to post the grant funded projects throughout the grounds. Also discussed was the possibility of having notification boards in all of the respective barns during fair week where call lists for the livestock shows could be posted, along with other general information.

Commissioner Greenough suggested checking into 1% funding for some of the proposed projects.

There was not a quorum in attendance, so items discussed and tabled included the following: Minutes, financials and vacation/sick/flex for the month of September, hiring Whistle Nut the rodeo clown for 2017, raising employee credit card limits to 2,500 for both Gary and Sandi, and installing wifi capabilities throughout the fair grounds.

Caretaker's Report: Gary reported that he has been winterizing pipes and equipment. He has been checking into the possibility of acquiring methane huts to use as storage for equipment used at both arenas and the track. A hut for each location is the goal. Bolinger has finished installing the gates on the track. Gary is getting ready to start on the overhaul of the catch pens and hopes to get partially finished before the weather changes. The lights in the shop are having intermittent issues, Gary will check on a quote to replace them.

Gary said that there has been an interested party in purchasing the 2-wheel drive Dodge pick-up. An add will need to be placed to take bids, with the highest bidder winning.

Gary has also been approached about holding an Old-Timer's Rodeo in Buffalo next summer. He will try to contact the interested parties for more information.

Sandi reported on the ongoing audit with the Department of Workforce Services. The auditor is currently telling us that any individual who is receiving payment of any kind from the Fair Board and does not meet the standards used to determine independent contractor status needs to be reported as an employee of the Fair Board and all documentation needs to be in place. The audit is still ongoing, and Sandi will update everyone as more information is obtained.

Johnson County will host the Wyoming Association of Fairs fall conference next week from Wed – Friday. Sandi will email the info to the Board and Commissioners if anyone wishes to attend.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2016.

