

July 17, 2017

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

Guests present: Jason & Candess Watts, Blaine Horn, Jim Dawson, Donna Nelson, Dave Cates & Dave Hall.

Discussion as to whether or not the Extension Office would be housed in the community building during fair week: The Board questioned whether or not it would be necessary for Donna to move her office to the community building back kitchen. Donna presented a list of the duties she performs during the week. More discussion followed as to whether it is necessary to move the office location for one week, as the main office is now on fairgrounds property. The Board would like to see the Sale Committee have the back kitchen/office area during fair week, while Donna would remain in her permanent office. The extension office will need an additional wifi relay installed to enable the showworks files to be shared. Byron moved to have the wifi installed, Donna will remain in her permanent office during fair week with the stipulation that the Fair Board will furnish a side x side for transportation to and from events on the grounds. Laci seconded, motion carried.

Jim Dawson spoke on behalf of the 4-H Council pertaining to the Buffalo Bulletin flyer which publishes fair results and thank-yous to the sale buyers. Every year, the publication does not reach circulation until October. The fees that the exhibitors are charged are exorbitant, and the public has generally forgotten about the fair after 2 months have passed since the event. The 4-H Council is exploring other options on possibly publishing an insert for the Country Bounty that would be mailed out sooner at a lesser cost to all involved. More updates will be provided later.

Jason Watts updated the Board on added purse money that he has obtained for the rodeo. He has visited with various businesses and individuals who have contributed additional added money to the purses for JCFR. The businesses have specified which event they contributed to, in return, a special recognition section will be added to the rodeo program.

Dave Hall and Dave Cates visited with the Board regarding the rodeo for JCFR 2017. They discussed the order of annual events such as the presentation of the Gerald Fink award, Royalty Ceremony and Parade of Champions. All agreed that the Royalty Coronation Ceremony would be shortened as did Desira Light of the Royalty Committee in a previous discussion. The Coronation will be the only award given during the rodeo on Saturday, the other awards will be acknowledged during the buckle ceremony after the rodeo on Sunday. The Parade of Champions will take place on Sunday during the seventh inning stretch. The Buckle and Purse donors for the rodeo events will be listed on the rodeo programs. The Horse Race Calcutta will be held on Sunday before the bull riding.

The Secretary's Report was reviewed. Minutes, payroll & payables were approved on a motion by Kevin & second by Laci.

Caretaker's Report: Gary is hoping to get the top rail of the catch pens up next week, along with the stripping chute. The water is on in Snyder Ditch, Gary is now hauling water from the creek. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> pump has been added to the load out, the fill time for the water truck is good. New truck tires were purchased for the water truck. The shower trailer needs some work, possibly adding an angle to the toilet flange will help with the odor problem. Gary stated that if work on the shower trailer is to happen,

it will be post-JCFR in case it becomes a major project involving more time to complete than planned for initially.

Kevin reported that pen set-up is scheduled for later this week.

Rodeo entries were reviewed and the stock contractors are being contacted. Byron will be the Arena Director, Frank will be Rough Stock Director, and Kevin will be the Track Director. Bob Arndt will be contacted to help with the track events which involve livestock.

Byron presented a request from Brad Neville to hold a goat roping on Friday Night after slack. After discussion, the Board agreed that it would be another entertainment feature. Byron moved to approve the goat roping, Laci seconded.

The Board will meet at 7am in the office every morning during fair week with the livestock superintendents to discuss the day's events and address any problems that have arisen.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.