

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024**

Members Present		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamey Jo Steele <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Viebrock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Beidler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Whitehall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Bock
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Jamey Jo moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the meeting held on January 18, 2024. The minutes were previously emailed to all Board members previously. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn gave a brief overview of the financial report, copies of which were provided to board members. There is not much going on right now. Ticket sales for the Dueling Pianos are being purchased. The Community Hall is booked almost every weekend through 2024. Sponsorship dollars are rolling in, as are vendor deposits.

Old Business.

1. **Future Events on the calendar for 2024–**
 - a. Dueling Pianos April 6
 - b. Junk Rodeo June 1
 - c. Monster Trucks & Freedom June 28 and 29
 - d. Women’s Event (name TBD) July 13
 - e. Volunteer Appreciation Event February 24 – we need to receive RSVPs as soon as possible.
 - f. Super School/Judge training March 23 – invitations have been mailed out to still life.

2. **Open Board Position** – We are continuing to look for potential board member candidates that would be a good fit with the needs (skillset) of the Board.

3. Still Life Exhibit drop off conversation/presentation – moved to New Business.

New Business.

1. Committee Reports:

- Livestock Committee – Based upon discussions with the State Vet during the WSFA Convention in November, RFID tags will likely be assigned to all species this year, not just swine. Our plan is to continue to assign ear tags for exhibitors to have applied to animals prior to coming to Fair. Ann will have a discussion with the WSDA regarding any necessary changes to procedures regarding this matter.
- Race & Rodeo – Not discussed.
- Entertainment – Carolyn mentioned that they are still working on arrangements for a Thursday concert/event.
- Operations/Safety – Noting new to report.
- Ramon reported on projects:
 - Not knowing the extent of excavation work needed, it has been decided that construction of the new barn will not commence until after Fair 2024.
 - Fair preparation workdays are scheduled for July 20 and August 10. We need better participation at these events.

2. Still Life Exhibit drop off conversation/presentation – Marie distributed the “Proposal,” which will be attached to these Minutes. Based upon the information contained within that proposal, Leon moved to adopt the proposal on a trial basis with a couple of modifications listed below. Sheri seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the changes on a trial basis. Ann will work with Marie to get the necessary verbiage incorporated into the exhibitor guidebook.

- a. Wednesday exhibits drop off will commence at 1:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. to be consistent with the times to drop off animal exhibits.
 - b. Gates will be locked on drop off days; no parking will be allowed in the midway. We need to communicate this change; it is for safety reasons.
 - c. We will utilize golf cards to move exhibits for folks if necessary.
- ### **3. Fair theme** – This year’s theme was discussed; Jamey Jo moved that we adopt “To the Fair and beyond” as our theme; Leon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. A rendering of a logo, attached to the Minutes, was provided. This is not necessarily what will be adopted; Carolyn will work toward finalizing that soon.
- ### **4. Friends of the Fair** – There are two openings upcoming on this Board. Bob Brown and Paul Collard will reach the end of their terms this year. Qualifying candidates must have been previous Board members of NCW Fair or a former employee of NCW Fair.
- ### **5. WSFA Super School** – An agenda was emailed to all Board members. It will be held on March 16 at Elma, Washington.

6. **Crab Feed** – Please provide the office with an update on the auction items you have gathered at your earliest opportunity. A copy of the work schedule was provided. Everyone was asked to review it and make corrections where appropriate and coordinate with Carolyn.

7. **Alcohol Distributor** – A decision has been made to change vendors to ODOM as they market Coors products rather than Bud Light products.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Whitehall, Secretary