

6:30 PM CONVENE

Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Vice Chairman; Eddie Coulter, Matt Plaisted, and Karrol Williams, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager
Guests: Patti Brooks and Lanae Bretzel; Gamma Betta Sorority; Amanda Williams, Fallon County Extension Agent

6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Alyse Webber called the meeting to order.

6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021 Fair Board Agenda. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:31 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Fair Board Minutes. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:31 PM Manager's Report

Shyla presented her report for review. She said that the KC's cart was stolen at some point during High School Rodeo. She said since we have bought food booth carts in the past she thinks we should reimburse them. The Board agreed.

Extension Report

Shyla introduction Amanda as the new Extension Agent. Amanda read the 4H rule about not allowing studs in the Horse Show. She said we can be stricter but not more lenient. Shyla said this was 4H and FFA's rule, the Board could look into allowing it for open class but it'd be difficult to manage. The Board decided against it. Shyla brought back the issue with allowing extended counties into the Horse Show, at the 4H Council and Livestock meetings it sounded like it was something never discussed with them but that they are strongly against it. Shyla said she talked to Glendive and they allow it because their horse show was always meant to be more of a warm up for the Fair show. Shyla said she wouldn't want to give our premiums to other counties and that opening it up to outside people for only the horse show might open up a can of worms. Amanda said Miles City has a dog, cat, rabbit and chicken show open to all the counties. Alyse said the Horse Show is in the middle of the week and if we aren't paying premiums she didn't think it would be that big of a deal. There was discussion on this. The Board agreed to still allow outside counties to come and compete for one year to see how it goes then re-evaluate next year.

Karrol Williams made a motion to allow other counties into our Open Class Horse Show for just 2021. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Shyla presented the wash rack bid and said to Commission officially approved it and she notified Wyrick's Construction right away so it will hopefully be done before Fair. Amanda asked about having a parade of Champions. Shyla said they would walk out without animals and that she would pre-make graphics to give to Montex once Kodie got her the list of Champions. She would get the list to the announcer as well. Eddie said she would look at the lineup and get them a time.

6:51pm Amanda left the meeting.

6:31 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Beer Booth/Patti Brooks

Pattie was wondering what their rental cost would be since it was discounted in 2020. Shyla said she voted on \$2,000. Pattie said their selling schedule will be: 19th: 4:30pm-until people leave, 20th: 4:30pm-1:00am, 21st: 11:00am-1:00am, 22nd: 12:00pm-until Derby is done. The Board agreed that sounded good. Patti asked if there were any special requests. Eddie said they'd like to add a seller to the "VIP" area just during the Rodeos. There was discussion on this. The sorority is good with it. Patti asked why Thee Garage was able to sell liquor during Xtreme Broncs. Wendy said it's because they have a liquor license, the sorority's license is only for beer and wine.

7:06pm Patti and Lanae left the meeting.

7:06 PM OLD BUSINESS

Re-Establishing a Rodeo Committee

Shyla thought the Rodeo Committee could adhere to the Fair Board by-laws for the most part aside from some changes. She thought they should only be required to have quarterly meetings. Alyse asked how many members. Eddie thinks 4 members and one Fair Board Member. Alyse asked about the Chairman. Matt thinks the Fair Board member would be chair and would run the meeting. Shyla thought the Fair Board member would still need to sign off on all claims. Shyla said the Fair Manager would need to attend to take minutes, keep track of the budget and be there for questions. Alyse asked who would go to convention. Shyla thought Fair Board would go to RMAF and IAFE conventions and Rodeo would go to PRCA. Shyla said they could always just send the Manager if no one was able to attend. Alyse thought with those changes they should follow all other fair board by-laws. Shyla asked when she thought they should meet. Karrol think we need to wait on that since it will depend on who's on the Committee. Shyla asked if we should start advertisement at the same time as the Fair Board in September. The Board agreed. Shyla thinks that it'd be easier for her to keep tract if the Rodeo Committee was allotted their own Budget for Fair and also for any other "off season" rodeos because it would be really hard to keep track of both Boards on one budget as it is now. The Board agreed to make that change next year when budgets are due.

Annual Fair Banner

Shyla presented Sew What's quote on purchasing a banner that hangs 3 weeks before Fair each year. She said it has perforated and reinforced edges so hopefully it lasts many years.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to purchase an annual Fair banner from Sew What to hang across the street. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

7:32 PM NEW BUSINESS

Purchases

Shyla presented a quote from Belle Valley Irrigation. Floyd needs to purchase some Micro Rain products for his big sprinkler reel.

Eddie Coulter motioned to approve the Belle Valley Irrigation quote. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Shyla said she needs to know what air conditioner to purchase for the announcer's stand, a vertical one that needs vented through a hose or a rectangle wall one. If you get a wall one you'd need to cut a hole because the window opens side to side not up and down. Eddie thinks a wall one. Wendy thinks one of the portable ones would be too cold for that small room. Matt said he'd be happy to install it.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to purchase and install a wall air conditioner for the crows nest for under \$500. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Staller Complaints

Shyla said there is a horse every year that is neglected enough that community members call and complain. Shyla said she always calls dispatch but that she doesn't feel qualified to diagnose a malnutrition horse. Eddie said call the brand inspector. Karrol said if you call dispatch then they will call him. Shyla showed the Board pictures. Alyse thinks they need to improve within 30 days or they are out. Shyla said along that note, there is no strike system. A staller can get "in trouble" or called in as much as they want but there really is no repercussions. Shyla and Floyd are concerned about not having high school rodeo because when they are forced to leave the grounds it finally gives the crew time to thoroughly clean all the stalls. Matt thinks it'd be good to implement a strike system. Karrol said that if someone recieves three written up warnings, then they will be asked to leave. Shyla said that's fine but that she didn't feel comfortable being the sole person in charge of these warnings just because she doesn't know horses that well. She also thinks you need to catch people in the act, because you can't write warnings on hear/say. The Board agreed and they would be the ones issuing warnings. Alyse asked Shyla to write something up for our "Rental Agreement" and the Board can vote on it.

2021 Fallon County Fair

Shyla asked Eddie about Mutton Bustin. Eddie said all three perfs, 10 riders each. Shyla presented the ticket sales report. Eddie said the Trolley is good to go. Shyla said she would ask Lions Club and Commission to drive. Shyla asked if the Board wanted to get handicap scooters. There was discussion on this. Shyla said 4 is plenty. The Board agreed to get them rented. Shyla said she got Fun on the Run nailed down for a monkey jump, mechanical bull, and rock wall, and that we still have budget for "American Axes" an ax throwing mobile trailer. The Board looked over their agreement. Shyla said we could charge for it through wristbands according to their agreement.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to hire American Axes for \$10,000 free of charge to the community. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Shyla said Lisa with the Chicago Honey Bears has been very accommodating and persistent that she wants to make Baker work this year. She lowered the price, got rid of the dressing room requirement, no longer needs a "driver" from the airport and would find their own staying accommodations. Wendy said no because we need all the hotel space

we can get. Eddie said we don't have the budget for it but that we can revisit it for next year. Shyla said she hasn't heard from the Bowling Alley. Wendy said call her and say we need a commitment by August 1. Leslie is all lined out for Old Time Photos in the vendor building Saturday and Sunday. Shyla said one person required a dressing room. Eddie said we are out of campers. Shyla will talk to them about getting dressed in her office. Eddie said Quenzers are good with us using theirs for the Nigh Show. Shyla asked if they could get her an invoice. Eddie wants to get some banners for the stage. The Board was good with that. Shyla asked about having Miss Rodeo Montana.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to hire Miss Rodeo Montana to come and help with Mutton Bustin. Karrol Williams seconded. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

2022 Fallon County Fair

Shyla asked the Board to confirm the dates of the next year's Fair.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to host the 2022 Fallon County Fair, August 18-21. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

We already have Slamma Bamma hired for the Patio Band for 2022. The Board still wants to go forward with them. Shyla said it would save us to make a decision earlier in the year on the midway so we could get everything we want from one company since they all charge mileage. Wendy wants to call a couple of carnivals before we commit to inflatables.

Alyse tabled the discussion.

Next Meeting: Monday August 9, 2021

8:43 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager