

6:30 PM CONVENE

Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Vice Chairman; Matt Plaisted, and Karrol Williams, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager

Guest: Kevin Braun, Commissioner

Absent: Eddie Coulter, Fair Board Member

6:32 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Alyse called the meeting to order.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karrol Williams made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 Fair Board Agenda. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

6:33 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt Plaisted made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021 Fair Board Minutes. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

6:30 PM Manager's Report

Shyla presented her manager's report for review.

Extension Report

Shyla didn't have anything specific to report. Wendy heard some people upset with the judges. Kevin said that happens every year. Shyla heard some people are still upset with animals leaving early but that she thought Amanda did well. Kevin agreed considering the circumstances.

6:31 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

6:35 PM OLD BUSINESS

Rodeo Committee

Wendy feels like it's turning out to be much more complicated than she expected. Kevin said they just want to make sure they are doing things the right way. Shyla explained to Alyse, since she couldn't make it to the Commissioner Meeting earlier that day, that we can't just have a "sub-committee". We can extend the Fair Board, and designate members specifically to the rodeo, or they would be a separate committee and have their own by-laws and budget in which they would have creative control over. In that scenario, the Board wouldn't have much say. Matt doesn't think that it's going to work out for them to be a separate committee, he's considering scratching the whole idea. Wendy thinks we would have a hard time finding more applicants if it's advertised as "Fair Board" because it's too much work, but people would be interested in the "Rodeo Committee" because it wouldn't be as demanding. There was discussion about extending the board and limiting their unexcused absences. Kevin thought extending the Board and designating people to the rodeo is completely do-able, it'd be up to us to structure it the way we want within our by-laws. Alyse asked how many. Wendy said 7. Matt doesn't think we want two separate groups. Shyla explained that it just seems to all fall on one person in the past and that's been the problem we are trying to fix, to divide the workload more, and the current Board does a great job of that but in the past, that's not always been the case. Matt said the majority of his term has been helping rodeo, so he doesn't want the Fair Board to all the sudden have no say. The Board agreed. He thinks any added members should have the same by-laws as the rest. Shyla said we will conquer the by-laws at our next meeting. Wendy thinks we add two Board members. Karrol agreed as long as it's advertised as "rodeo specific".

Karrol Williams motioned to hire an additional two Fair Board members that will be targeted more towards the rodeo events for a total of 7 Fallon County Fair Board Members.

Alyse asked for discussion. Matt said if they are going to be on the Board they need to attend every meeting. The specifics within the by-laws will be tabled until next meeting.

Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Kevin wants to attend the PRCA Convention December 1st, Shyla will get him registered. There was discussion on the sand. Kevin said the procurement policy needs to be added to the by-laws, so these things don't happen in the future. When we go to update the by-laws there are other things needing added and he is going to meet with Darcy to get the specifics. He welcomes anyone to join, and he will let us know when.

Drive In Movie

Wendy thinks we should have a Halloween one, Trunk or Treat is on a Friday. Alyse asked about doing a Friday night and Saturday night. Karrol said Thursday night and Friday night there are games. Shyla asked about having a more family friendly night Friday and an adult night Saturday. The Board agreed. Shyla said there will be another meeting in between then and now so we will analyze the weather to try and pick the best weekend possible since the screens are so wind sensitive.

2021 Fallon County Fair

Shyla shared the survey results. Wendy said a high percentage of people want the patio band to stay. Karrol agrees we do need lights in the parking lot. Shyla said people liked the Derby earlier on Sunday, Wendy was bummed no one at the Fairgrounds or Downtown was open after the it concluded. Shyla said there was no where for people to eat after the Derby. Shyla didn't like that we were short on vendors and shared what happened to Tasha with T's Traveling Table and she wouldn't recommend having her again. She was an intentional no-show with no heads up, it's ultimately up to the Board but she found it extremely unprofessional. Between her cancelling out and the barbeque vendor, it put us in a really bad spot. Karrol wants Prairie Fire back again. Shyla asked the Board for their input on the 2021 Fair. Alyse wasn't impressed with the Ax Throwing but thought Pippi nailed it again. She thinks we should get a vendor to come do face paintings. Shyla talked about Action Entertainment closing instantly at 7 with lots of people in line, she was bummed just because they got rained out the Thursday and Friday so it'd have been nice for them to be flexible Sunday. Wendy thinks we should negotiate extending their hours on nice days if they get rained out on previous days. Wendy said we need bigger mutton bustin helmets.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to purchase 4 xl mutton bustin helmets. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Wendy said we also need a new 100 cup coffee pot. Karrol asked if we paid Grahams for using their arena. Shyla said she hasn't seen anything come through yet. Matt said we need new shelving for the open class exhibits as well, ours are falling apart.

7:52 PM NEW BUSINESS

Convention

RMAF—Billings, MT November 10-12, 2021

Shyla plans to attend.

IAFE—San Antonio, TX November 28-December 1, 2021

Wendy and Shyla plan to attend. The others weren't sure yet.

PRCA—Las Vegas, NV November 29-December 2, 2021

Karrol and Kevin plan to attend.

2022 Fallon County Fair

Wendy said to asked Stoked, wood fire pizza. Matt said Bully's Burger and Bites. Karrol thinks Glendive Barbeque and Prairie Fire. Wendy said Texas Twisters. There was talk about a corn dog one. Shyla will reach out to all of the above. Shyla presented the Night Show avails to the Board. There was discussion on these. Shyla is going to reach out on a couple of prices. The Night Show was tabled until the October meeting.

Christmas Event

Shyla talked about her idea to have a Christmas dinner party. Wendy said she didn't want it to take away from local Christmas parties. Shyla said she didn't want that to happen, she just wanted to offer a fun event this winter, it doesn't have to be Christmas specific she just thought a dinner party was a good idea.

8:18 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager