

Monday, June 19th, 2023

PRESENT: Eddie Coulter, Chairman Matt Plaisted, Vice Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Derrick DeHaan, Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager

ABSENT: Karol Williams Fairboard Member

GUESTS: Amanda Wiliams, Doug Bruha

6:32 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

6:33 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matt Plaisted motioned to approve the June 19, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

6:33 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Derrick DeHaan motioned to approve the May 15th, 2023, Minutes. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

6:34 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer Wheeler said Wendy was on way she would be arriving late. She then gave a rundown of the events that were held and those planned for the next month. The movie will be on June 24th at 9PM. Do any Board members have anything they would like her to have the kids to do. They ripped up the Rodeo Office floor and got that all disposed of. Eddie said they can throw away all the screws as they are not any good. They are keeping busy but do like the projects too. She did get the Staller Agreement back. Jennefer asked if Amanda knew if anyone was going to help get the old ice cream machine cleared out of the shop. Amanda said she wasn't sure anyone would, and Derrick said he would take care of it for us. Sawdust was delivered.

6:38 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Amanda hoped we didn't have any hiccups like we did last Fair. She had heard some things and asked the Board if they had. The members of the Board had not heard anything about this. Amanda reported that they finished their Camp & OREO trip to Medora. Had lots of kids/counselors. Congress is July 9-14 they have 2 Fallon and 2 Carter County kids attending. The range contest is Thursday, June 22nd. There is a Round Robin Clinic in July. July 19th Range Tour Carter County they are getting ready for. Livestock and 4H meetings July 17th at the Exhibit Hall. Everyone is invited.

6:44 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Bruha was visiting with Turk Stark and wanted to address the Board with the idea for something because of the 100-year Fair. They were interested in putting up some money for either a Wild Ride, Ranch Bronc or a Costume for contestants to win. Something different and fun. Eddie Coulter commented that Ranch Bronc rides are growing in popularity and yes that would be something we can see about. Doug commented that the Ranch Bronc riders want "wild ones to ride" and maybe Ekalaka could give us some ideas.

6:48PM Wendy Wagner arrived.

More discussion on the Wild Ride event. Doug gave Jennefer his number for any questions the Board has.

6:49PM Doug Bruha left the meeting.

6:49 PM OLD BUSINESS

Xtreme Broncs

Nothing new to report.

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Contract Update

We have all but the Night Show contracts done. Eddie suggested maybe we could do something on the shirts to add 100 years and the dates. He asked Jennefer to talk to Sew What about it. Jennefer said they had just done an inventory count so that should work well for her to get that done.

Budget Review

Jennefer talked with the Commission and sent out for some bids for a covering inside the Grandstands. The Commission put the Winter Event category and the Other Events back together and combined to a lower amount.

Pat Harrison Shots and Strokes

Jennefer had a call from a member of the Tourney asking for a donation. Jennefer said in the past we have donated to Night Show tickets.

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve to give 2 tickets to the tourney. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion.

The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Free Stage Schedule

Jennefer asked everyone to look at the Free Stage Schedule to make sure she didn't miss anything or any other changes needed to be made. Eddie noticed that we need to fix the dates. Jennefer said she missed Bear Hollow and will get them added. Matt commented that the Mural Drawing Board fell apart last year. Eddie said it has been here for quite a while. Eddie asked Jennefer to order a new board. If we can add something about the 100 years that would be great. Jennefer will investigate it and see if we can get in time. Jennefer thanked them for looking over the schedule.

Master Schedule

Jennefer again asked everyone to proofread and make sure it all looked correct. She will remove the Slot Barrel race and add Graham Arena to the Steer Roping. Thanks again for looking it all over. After a while it all looks the same and things are easily missed.

Advertising

Jennefer added the KFLN/KJJM, Fallon County Times and KGHL ads from last year for everyone to look at. Everyone thought it all looked good. Eddie asked if we could get a motion on giving Jennefer \$7,000 to spend on advertising.

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve of giving Jennefer permission to spend \$7,000 on advertising. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Staller Agreement

The Board looked over each page and answered all of Darcy's questions. Jennefer will get this back to Darcy for more updates.

Rodeo Office Floor

Eddie was glad to see the kids had it all done for him when he went down there. Matt asked if they would be able to dig it down around 4" all around to help. Discussion on when they would be able to get it poured and finished up. Matt and Derrick will get it done soon.

Electric in Barn Update

Jennefer had Direct Electric come out and showed a few things that needed to be fixed like some hanging plug in's etc. They found that the light key locks under grandstands were needing fixed. They could add more electricity but also are thinking that the reason everything is tripping is because they are by water at the wash rack and they aren't closing the covers. Amanda commented that it very true and she will try to reiterate that may be part of the issue. Direct Electric is looking at another tree to help also. Derrick commented he thought maybe there was another and would look.

Drive In Movie

We are gearing up for the movie. The kids are getting the Courtyard cleaned up and hopefully it all goes well.

7:42 PM NEW BUSINESS

Jennefer said she was approached by someone about honoring their dad for their past support as a Fair board Member at the Fair. She said she would ask everyone at the next meeting. The Board discussed this a bit and Eddie suggested maybe we recognize all Board members from 1923 to present. Jennefer will look and see if she can get this all figured out. Discussion on some of the speakers hanging in the Grandstands area. Eddie asked Jennefer to talk to Commission to be approved to maybe ask the Fire Department if they could bring the Ladder truck maybe as we don't think anyone has a bucket truck that will reach. Wendy said that we need to do a new Group picture at the next meeting.

Eddie asked if there was anything else to discuss. Eddie said he would be gone July 24-28th, Wendy said she would be gone the same time. Nothing else to discuss.

Next Meeting: July 17th, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:45 PM ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AND GO INTO BUDGET DISCUSSION

Matt Plaisted made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays 1 Absent. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager