

Monday, March 20th, 2023

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

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Melissa Higbee, Molly Losing, Jozell Brewer, Shane Brewer, Tammy Witcher, Oceania Krech, Lanae Bretzel, Lynda Herbst

**6:31 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

**6:32 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Matt Plaisted motioned to approve the March 20, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

**6:33 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the February 13th, 2023, Minutes. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

**6:36 PM MANAGERS REPORT**

Jennefer let everyone know that Amanda with the Extension will be out for a couple of weeks and had nothing new to report at this time. Other than that, a brief talk of all the events in the Exhibit Hall and the Barn coming up. The Commission was ok with the PRCA payouts that need to be adjusted if we are within our budget. Walt ordered the Barn 16 Channel mixer with dust cover and another microphone as he was afraid if he waited, he would not be able to get them. Invoice will follow he told me on the phone and Justin ended up showing up and installing them today. I have a few more food trailers ready to come to our event. I will be working on changes with Jeanie Tronstad and Bobbie Hanratty in the following weeks that they are suggesting on the Fairbook.

**6:37 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Higbee with the Chamber was wondering what it would take to do a concert at the Arena for Crazy Days. They are going with the theme Crazy Days and Crazy Nights and were going to use it as a fundraiser. They have decided to maybe not do the Annual Fall Calcutta this year and this would be what helped raise the annual funds. Eddie and Board said to get with Jennefer on the date and we would be happy they used the facility. We were looking at a summer concert too and maybe we could all work together. Jennefer will ask our Talent Agent if our band was available. We also suggested that the Talent Show could be another thing to use as a fundraiser and they could talk to Vaughn about it. Melissa thanked us and left the meeting.

**6:43 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

Molly Losing asked if there were any questions the Board had after the discussion with the Commission today. Wendy said that they never said they were getting rid of it. Karrol said Commissioners understood now how much it would take. Molly explained how the wall of the Bleachers are useful to ropers, and anyone working with horses. It helps with the Stalled horses not being a distraction while working on new horses, the ropers use it for steers coming out of the chutes, etc. Karrol asked if they were feeling better that are not going forward with an Event Center? Eddie said that

most of them now know more than we as the Board do. Thank you for coming and we currently do not have any questions. Molly Losing, Jozelle Brewer, and Oceania Krech all left.

#### **6:50 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lanae Bretzel asked if the Beer Booth was going to go out on bid? This is the biggest fundraiser they have for Gamma Beta Sorority. Wendy asked if we could give that answer in a week or so. We haven't been able to discuss it. Jennefer will call with that answer. They said that will work. Thank you for letting us come to the meeting. Lanae Bretzel and Lynda Herbst left the meeting.

#### **6:58 PM OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Xtreme Broncs**

The Blackout dates are from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Eddie explained that we can rebid if we choose to not do it this year and we could probably get it back. It's just gotten so big that it is hard to get the big names to come on the weekends because there are so many of them around. Discussion pursued about points and when the Season ends. September 30<sup>th</sup> Eddie thought was the end of the season. Maybe we could have something in Fall, and they would be fighting for more points. Wendy will be gone over Memorial Day Weekend. Eddie will look into the schedule and see.

##### **Summer Concert**

Maybe we could tie our idea in with the Chamber and work with them on it. Jen will request the dates and see if the band is available July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

##### **Staller Rental Agreement**

Darcy finished the rough draft and sent it over just before the meeting tonight. Jennefer put her email along with the pages in our folders. Wendy asked about the vaccinations if they were in there? Discussion went on. Eddie suggested we all take it home and look it over and come to our next meeting with anything we want to address.

##### **Circus**

Jen sent John the Arena agreement. He will rent the outdoor Arena. Wendy said the kids loved all the acrobatics last year and it should be fun.

#### **7:10 PM NEW BUSINESS**

##### **2023 FAIR**

Wendy said that Jake and Norton are wondering if they could maybe have a food trailer. Everyone was in favor of this. The more food the better.

Karrol asked Eddie if he had heard from the Rodeo Clown? Eddie has not.

Wendy explained to those that stayed at the meeting that there are a few things we cannot discuss with the public due to our contract with Entertainment. So, we aren't hiding anything or being secretive. We just can't discuss it due to our contract. Eddie asked if the guests had anything else they would like to discuss with us. We aren't asking you to leave as we cannot do that, but we cannot work on some of our Contracts with you all here. Tammy Witcher asked then if everyone can turn horses out? Wendy said that we discussed that they can be out if you are around and cleaning stalls, etc. Matt then said that everyone is Nitpicking. Wendy reiterated that personal matters need to be taken care of between each other. Once the discussion was over Tammy Witcher said I will go so you can go on with the part of the meeting. Thank you for coming Tammy. Tammy Witcher & Shane Brewer then left at 7:15 pm.

### **Entertainment**

After discussing what was left of our options. Jennefer will email Patricia with our choices of our top 3 and then we have at least 2 more to fall to if those do not work out.

### **Beer Booth/Liquor Bids**

Wendy asked if we just want to do the Beer Booth? Do we want to bid out and do liquor again? Discussion about this went on. We would do only liquor until midnight each night. Everyone agreed that Jennefer will send out Bid letters to all the bars.

Karrol said that she thinks we give Gamma Beta one more year. Discussion was held and everyone decided it was a good idea to give them another year.

**Wendy Wagner motioned to approve giving Gamma Beta one more year. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

Eddie asked if there is anything else we need to discuss. No one could think of anything else.

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

### **8:11 PM ADJOURN**

**Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Derrek DeHaan seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

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ADJOURN:  
s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

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ATTEST:  
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager