

Monday, October 16, 2023

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Amanda Williams-Extension Agent

6:31 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the October 16, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Cowboy Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt Plaisted motioned to approve the September 18th, 2023, Minutes. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:32 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave the past events on the grounds and Exhibit Hall. FWP will be doing a CWD informational meeting on Wednesday, 4H will have Achievement night, a wedding, AAU Banquet, Wild Game Feed, and Spray Days coming up. Jennefer asked Eddie for the WPRA and the PRCA winnings listings email. Eddie wasn't sure he had one but would into it. Jennefer asked all the Board members for copies of DL so she could make flight arrangements and motels for the Conventions. Derrick DeHaan decided he would like to go to RMAF. Jennefer will get the registration, etc. done tomorrow. Jennefer asked Eddie if there is anything we need to look for at PRCA. Eddie said just a clown. We then got the dates down that we would leave for each convention so Jennefer could book the motels, and flights accordingly. Kerry with Freckle Farms called and asked if we would like them for our fair. She stated that she would have ponies this year. Eddie said she had been texting him a bunch too. He did get the price for them, and Eddie asked if there were any more questions or discussion. If not, could someone make a motion.

Wendy Wagner motioned to have Freckle Farms come for our 2024 Fair. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Jennefer will call her tomorrow and confirm. Jennefer wanted the Board to know that the Radio Station is running a special for ads. If we need them for our Winter Event, we should do it now. Eddie asked for a motion after we discussed an amount.

Wendy Wagner motioned to have Jennefer spend up to \$750 in radio ads. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Jennefer asked Derrick and Matt what they knew about the leak in the ceiling in Exhibit Hall. They thought it was flashing last year. With no rain having fallen and it is leaking again it seems there is something else wrong. Jennefer has a call into Menger as it isn't the Furnace as she had Lane look at it from the leak spot. Also, could you look at the hydrants in the Barn Derrick. I was told at Cenex today on my lunch hour one isn't working. I have no idea which one and I haven't gotten up there yet to check. Next, we need to decide on a chairman and decide who it is taking on the 2nd signature on the checking account. Matt stated he would like to be the Chair if everyone was good with that.

Cowboy Koenigsfeld motioned to have Matt Plaisted be Chairman. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Next Eddie asked for a motion on the checking account.

Wendy Wagner motioned to have Karrol Williams removed from checking account. Cowboy Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Eddie then asked who we should put on the checking account. After some discussion everyone felt it should be Derrick DeHaan. Eddie asked for a motion.

Wendy Wagner motioned to have Derrick DeHaan put on checking account. Cowboy Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent

Eddie explained this will now get recorded and we will then have the minutes taken in and Jennefer will let everyone know when they need to go sign. Jennefer said it will be after our next meeting. Jennefer has the bid letter ready for the Bar for the Winter Event. So that we have it for our next meeting when is the best date to return? Discussion about our next meeting date and when it would be best to return it. Jennefer will make it out tomorrow. Jennefer also let them know she called Dickinson Fairgrounds to see who they use for cleaning people. She will work on it more as we go the ones that Miles City and Glendive use are booked up for the Billings Fair and didn't think they would be able to send a crew here too. She is working on options. Eddie asked Wendy then if they had a preference on the sand staying in or out of the Barn. Wendy said they would like it out but if it is snowing and bad it would be fine to roll it back like they did last year. They just put panels around it and kept the kids out of that area. Everyone had some discussion on this for a bit. Matt said he thought he could get it out the week before if the weather holds on. Wendy reminded Jennefer that we would need the internet the week before. Jennefer said she will touch base with Josh, but it is on all the time now and password protected.

6:45 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Will move to later and see if Amanda stops in after 4H Meeting.

6:46 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment

6:46 PM OLD BUSINESS

Conventions

We discussed everything in Managers Report above. Cowboy Koenigsfeld will decide and let Jennefer know tomorrow if he can make any. Jennefer did state that next years RMAF is in Rapid City. Wendy said that maybe she will be able to attend and the IAFE will be in Phoenix. Everyone discussed the future conventions a bit and explained a bit more about them to our newest Board member.

6:50 PM STALLER AGREEMENT

Jennefer asked if it was alright to go ahead and send out. She has drafted the letter to give everyone the heads up for the Winter Event and the price increase. She will get those out so that they all can make other arrangements if needed.

6:52 PM NEW BUSINESS

2024 Fallon County Fair

Night Show

Everyone discussed all the acts that were given to us and what we would like to see. Everyone gave their Top 3 picks from the picks given from RMTA. With those we narrowed down to the Top 3 from everyone that we all agreed upon. Also, a few others not on the list to ask about and see if they are in our price range. Jennefer will send that note to Patricia after the meeting so that it can get started. We all don't want to be in the predicament we were last year scrambling for an Entertainer. More discussion was had about past bands that have been here and how fun some were and would be to have. Discussed then our Patio Band also. The Board asked Jennefer to inquire with Slamabama. They are a favorite for the town. Jennefer will inquire tomorrow also.

7:09PM Theme

Eddie said is there any other ideas than what Amanda asked for last meeting? Everyone discussed it a bit and Jennefer put in a paper that said what they have been in the past. If not, then can we have a motion to use the Stars, Stripes, and Fair Delights

Wendy Wagner motioned to have Stars, Stripes, and Fair Delights as the Theme for 2024 Fair. Cowboy Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent

7:12PM WINTER EVENT

We will have a Winter Event on December 29-30th. We need to decide on what we will pay each night to add to purse. After discussion we decided that we would have \$5,000 each night. Eddie asked for a motion.

Matt Plaisted motioned to add \$5,000 each night for added purse. Cowboy Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent

Discussed the ticket prices. We decided that if you buy tickets for each night, it would be one price and if only one night another price. Who will help with the doors? Cowboy, Derrick, Wendy, and Jennefer said Shyla said she

would for sure help us too. We can buy wristbands, so we know who has been in and out. What times will we start. 7 pm on Friday night and 6 pm on Saturday. The Bar that wins the bid can have the option to stay open until later on each of those nights. If we can get a band, we could stay open until 1:30am or so with the dance and the bar has that option. Jennefer will make sure the letter states that. Wendy will talk with some people about heaters. Eddie will let Jennefer know if she needs to get Chute Sponsors or any other sponsors. Wendy asked Matt if he remembered the name of the band, he was talking about a couple years ago. He looked and thought it was Midnight Sun. Amanda Williams arrived at the meeting at 7:30PM. The Board is very excited about this event and something different for us.

7:35 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Amanda said that there is Achievement Night coming up. She will be going to the Annual Convention next week. If we need her, we can call her cell phone. Jennefer let her know we voted on the Theme for 2024 and went with the Stars, Stripes, and Fair Delights. Amanda said they will be happy to hear that makes it easier for them to decorate. At the 4H meeting she said it was asked what the Board thought on the leaving early and she told them we said it would be on a case-by-case basis. She asked how they should present to us. The Board asked that each kid come to the Board meeting and give us the reason so we can plan together. She will let them know that. Wendy stated that she wants us all to have a plan and work together for Barn set up and clean up. The Board all agreed. Maybe we can all sit down before it and hash it out and make it easiest.

Eddie asked if there was anything else we needed to discuss. Everyone chatted a bit about all the rest of the meeting talk, and no one could come up with anything other than we have a short time to get a bit done. Then what day would work best with Conventions and holiday for the next meeting. Everyone decided on November 13. Eddie asked for a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Monday November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:45 PM Cowboy Koenigsfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays 0 Absent. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager