

NCW Fair Board Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2024

Members Present		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamey Jo Steele <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Viebrock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Beidler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Whitehall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Bock
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/> Karina Angeles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adam called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Jesse moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 11, 2024. The minutes were previously emailed to all Board members previously; the revision will be emailed to them as well. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn gave a brief financial report. We are continuing to closely monitor all expenses. Ticket revenue is coming in. here was a bogus site for reselling our concert tickets for Clint Black. Once discovered, the site was blocked, and that IP address will no longer be able to purchase anything from us. The tickets were valid but were marked up considerably.

Old Business

1. **Future events on the calendar for 2024:** Fair August 22-25
2. **Open Board Position** – David met with Leon and is completing the application. He will be helping this year too.

New Business

1. **Committee Reports:**

- Livestock Committee – Livestock registrations are up this year. There are 232 market animals registered; last year we had 178.
 - 3 Open Class horses
 - 23 4H/FFA/Grange Youth horses
 - 58 beef (53 are market animals)
 - 110 swine (all market)
 - 35 sheep (10 are market animals)
 - 99 goats (44 are market animals)
 - 92 poultry
 - 65 rabbits

The scale certification is scheduled. The grandstands down by the swine/goat/sheep arenas will be covered this year. Mike Correia has taken that on as a personal project and all materials have been ordered. The project should cost less than \$750 to complete, funded by the Livestock Committee. Fans for the horse, beef, and swine barn have been arranged through Starr Rentals. Letters to livestock purchasers have been mailed using a new criterion to avoid gifting of public funds. Letters were mailed to all historic purchasers but complimentary tickets for Saturday were included within 122 letters for those purchasers having invested \$550 or more during the previous year.

- **Rodeo Committee** – nothing to report other than cleaning up the arena.
- **Race Committee** – Working to clean up the track. A question was asked regarding when the stage would be set up for the Thursday concert as they want to put up sponsor banners. Carolyn asked that the banners not be put up until Saturday morning. Only the banners for concert sponsors should be displayed until the concerts have concluded.
- **Entertainment** – Working to clean up the arena. Zane Bock has agreed to be the driver for Friday and arrangements have been made for the vehicle. Catering has been arranged for Friday evening's dinner. The merchandise booth will be staffed by the PEO group again this year. 800 general seating tickets remain available for sale for the Clint Black concert. The capacity is 2,800 plus 500 on the track. Ticket sales are going well.
- **Operations** –
 - **GOAT** – Sunday afternoon (there are seven participants)
 - 1:00 p.m. practice
 - 2:00 p.m. show
 - Lori, Karina, and Terri Matthews will have a table at the Farmer's Market on Saturday to educate and assist folks with online registrations.
- **Maintenance:** Report on projects
 - The next workday is August 10 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. We need a large group here to actively participate and get the fairgrounds visitors ready.
 - The new goat/sheep wash racks are 95% complete (some electrical work is needed). The barns and cages were all sanitized.
 - Mark Schweitzer was here for the first treatment for wasps; he will be back in a week to finish.
 - There is a plan for garbage removal and a crew to manage it.
 - A grant was received from Marson & Marson that funded covering the audience by the stage on the grassy area between the carnival and the 4H/FFA/Grange Youth building.

2. NCW Fair:

- a.** Marie requested assistance in obtaining a bin of apples to be given away during the Fair. Bill Schneider agreed to work with Marie on this project.
- b.** The food booth by the swine/goat/sheep show arenas will be “Sammys & Hammys” by Katrina Dawson. They will be there Thursday through Saturday with burgers, dogs, and sodas.
- c.** Lori and Marie will once again organize ribbons. Carolyn and Margaret will again distribute blue/red/white ribbons late Sunday afternoon.
- d.** Leon will be completing a safety checklist. The AED must remain where it is located but awareness of their location is essential.
- e.** There will be daily meetings during the fair at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Hall. Please attend if possible.
- f.** Leon and Bonnie will sell rodeo programs on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Jamey Jo and Margaret will sell rodeo programs on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
- g.** Ty and Heidi’s stepfather will staff the gate between the track and the rodeo arena.
- h.** Dances will be in the same place/same time (9:00 – 11:00 p.m.)/same price with a play list provided. Bill, Polly, Bonnie, and Leon agreed to staff on Friday night; Lori, Marie and GB can help Saturday night.
- i.** There will be no beer garden, but alcohol will be sold for the events.
- j.** No cornhole tournament.
- k.** There is a “To the Fair and Beyond” giveaway. Each superintendent will be given four “tickets” for an “above & beyond” award to go to the merchandise booth and choose something from past left over merchandise.
- l.** Tables, chairs, water, and soda are available in the community hall for superintendents and volunteers. Please do not “call Carolyn” to deliver water and/or soda anywhere; it is there for the convenience of volunteers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on September 12, 2024.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary