

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023**

Members Present		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christy Asmussen <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 checked="" 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
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Freeman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Bock

Leon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Margaret moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 3, 2022, as presented. The minutes were emailed to all Board members previously. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn briefly reviewed the financial report making mention of the fact that the NCW Fair is carrying money (funds received more than expenses) over into this year.

Old Business

1. Committee Reports:

- Livestock – A brief update was given regarding progress being made on the binder project, which is nearing completion. At that point the content would be available for further discussion.
- Entertainment – A bid has been made for an entertainer for the Friday night concert. We are waiting for more information regarding the stage that would work better for us. Nothing has been decided yet about an event for Thursday evening. The Reptile man and Jeremiah have been booked.
- Race & Rodeo – We need to work toward funding to replace the surface in the rodeo arena as we are facing fines from the PRCA. Worst case scenario is that we wouldn't get contestants to participate without moving forward with this project at an estimated cost of \$15,000.
- Fair & Facility Operations – They need to select a Chairman; members of this committee are as follows:
 - Heidi – office
 - Marie – oversight of still life
 - Leon – stage entertainment
 - Margaret – premium book
 - Julia – Baby land

2. Fair Board Bylaw Updates/Changes

The proposed updates/changes to the Bylaws were previously emailed to all Board members simultaneously with the Minutes from the meeting held November 3, 2022. Jesse made the motion that the updates/changes be approved as presented for submission to the Board of Commissioners for Douglas County; Adam seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Additionally, all Board members whose terms were expiring made the decision to renew their membership.

New Business

1. **Crab Feed:** This is the 23rd year for the crab feed. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m.; workers will be there as their position requires.

a. Professional Services

- Beer Garden – Tillicum Riders, Cindy Fowler
- Auctioneer – Chuck Yarbrow, Jake Barth, this is confirmed. He will bring spotters this year.
- ATM will be provided – Providence ATM, Ron Olin, which is confirmed.
- Caterer – Burch Mountain BBQ. Bob Brown will be the contact person with assistance from Ramon when necessary.

b. Ticketing – The price increased to \$65 this year (\$10 above the cost for tickets over the previous year. Ticket sales were brisk, selling out the day after they went live on-line.

c. Fair Board Expectations -- we are all expected to work throughout the event (from set-up through clean-up); it is not a time to sit and socialize with our friends and families. Tables may be set on the edge of the room for workers to take a break to eat and then resume their responsibilities. This will aid in locating Board members when they are needed.

d. Donations/Auction Items -- Ann mentioned it is essential that all Board members work to solicit donations of items for the auctions. Carolyn distributed a list of donors and items donated in previous years and who should be responsible for contacting each of them. We want to be careful about duplication of efforts when soliciting donated items so that it doesn't appear we are "hounding" donors. You are free to contact potential donors that may not be on the list but with whom you have a relationship and are comfortable doing so.

e. Helpers & Volunteers --

Food – Margaret distributed a list of functions for which she will need workers. She also briefly discussed the necessity for professionalism from all workers, the majority of which are Board members and their family members. She asked that no one make changes or additions without first checking with her.

Auctions – Ann is working with the group that sets up the auction items as well as others who have worked with the auctions previously. We will utilize the stanchions

and several volunteers as bidding on each of the silent auction tables closes. Volunteers for this role were Lori, Christy, Zane and Sheri.

f. Wine/Giveaway ideas – Since it is illegal for NCW Fair to give alcohol away, especially if the bottles are opened and consumed on site. Other options for proper recognition for those purchasing live auction items were discussed.

g. Raise the Paddle idea – This was discussed to raise some funds for the resurfacing of the rodeo arena. It could perhaps allow folks who were unsuccessful bidders during the auctions to help fund the project. Ann and Bob Brown will work on “paddles” for the event and organize volunteers to collect those numbers.

h. Auctioneer idea -- The auctioneer is bringing spotters with him. Carolyn will contact Nolan Ruud to see if he'd be willing to describe the live auction items as they come up and interact personally with the crowd.

2. Appreciation Dinner, February 25 – Everyone was urged to RSVP.

3. Open Superintendent Positions -- The Board was asked to be on the lookout for candidates for new barn superintendents, judges, and expectations for those folks.

Openings are as follows:

- Arts & Crafts
- Baking
- Floriculture
- Horticulture
- Sewing/Needlework/Quilting

4. Fair Board Positions/Elections

The Nominating Committee presented one candidate for the open position of President and two candidates for the position of Vice President's for an unexpired term of one-year. The President asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed. The candidates for each position are as follows:

- President – Adam Foged
- Vice President – Lori Beidler and Jesse Shafer

A written ballot was disseminated and collected by the Nominating Committee. After counting the ballots, Adam was elected as President for a two-year term; Jesse Shafer was elected as Vice President to fulfill the unexpired one-year term of Vice-President vacated by Adam Foged.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary