

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <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"/> |

President Adam Foged called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Sheri moved, and Heidi seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 14, 2024. The minutes were previously emailed to all Board members. It passed unanimously.

There was no budget report discussed. Karen is leaving in June and has not provided any information.

Old Business: This was not discussed.

New Business

1. **Call for changes to Bylaws.** This was not discussed. Carolyn agreed to email a copy of the complete Bylaws to every Board member.
2. **Board Nominations and Terms.** The Nominating Committee put forward candidates for election: Leon Grant for President and Adam Foged for Vice President. A call was made for nominations from the floor; there were none. The Nominating Committee moved that nominations be accepted, and a vote taken for the candidates. Becky seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for Leon as President and Adam as Vice President. Adam transferred control to Leon who presided over the remainder of the meeting.
3. **Resignations/Renewals.**
 - a. Marie Overton has resigned.
 - b. Julia Goodman has resigned. She will transition to the Friends of the Fair Board of Directors.
 - c. Bill Schneider and Ann Whitehall each requested to renew their terms, which were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Livestock Committee –

- There are only two remaining livestock sale invoices yet to be paid; one is from the beef packer and the other is from the goat packer.
- All livestock checks were mailed out.
- Michalla Maupin, the superintendent for the goat barn, has not yet updated her presentation to the Livestock Committee to review acceptance of horned dairy goats at the NCW Fair. After the Livestock Committee has had an opportunity to make a recommendation, the proposal will be presented to the Board for discussion.
- The renovation of the former Open Class Horse Barn is at a standstill awaiting decisions relative to grants applied for from Cenex Harvest States (\$10,000) and T-Mobile HomeStreet Grant Program (18,000). We have thus far been approved of grants from AgWest Farm Credit (\$4,000) and the Waterville Fund of the NCW Community Foundation (\$2,000). The cost will be approximately \$35,000 to install a concrete floor in the building.

b. Rodeo & Rodeo Committees – This was not discussed.

c. Entertainment – The concerts have been booked for Thursday and Friday. The committee is currently working to secure an artist for the following year. They are gathering some ticketing information before they make a commitment.

d. Operations –

- The focus group met in November with good attendance. Suggestions for improvements for the drop-off time on Saturday were taken into consideration. The committee also agreed that better outreach is necessary to educate the public on why the changes were necessary.

e. Ramon's Report --

- The baking barn has been gutted inside but no further progress has been made.
- The new barn is being redesigned, and we are awaiting some quotes from contractors. It will remain two separate buildings (sheep/goat and one for hogs), funded by the WSDA grant. The project must be completed by May 31, 2024.

5. Complaints received.

- Hinderer Concessions emails. Emails were received by Carolyn, Nikki, Jordyn, Adam, and Ann from Austin Hinderer and Christian Hinderer regarding their concerns. They have been a long-time concessionaire, and everyone would like to see that trend continue well into the future.
- Email received regarding concerns about alcohol sales. This was discussed with the Sheriff's Office and by the Board and it was decided to leave the sale of alcohol on the premises as it has been during the past. Alcohol is not sold on the midway and those purchasing alcohol are not allowed to carry it with them

outside of designated areas. The consensus was that alcohol related issues have been reduced by utilization of the current process.

6. Board Processes.

- No board member may speak on behalf of the Board of Directors or the NCW Fair.
- If you hear complaints, concerns, and/or suggestions, pass them on to Carolyn so they can be discussed.
- Carolyn will create a form and place it on the website for suggestions/complaints/concerns.

7. Volunteer Appreciation Event. This will be held on February 22 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Karina at kangeles@ncwfair.org.

8. Crab Feed Donations Hunt / Volunteers.

- Fair Board and high buyer pre-sale update. The State “B” basketball tournament finals are on the same day this year.
- Lists of donation contacts and assignments were distributed to each fair board member. Copies of Donation Receipt forms and solicitation letters were provided to board members as well.
- A quick run-through of duties was discussed with the concern – will we need more help because of the basketball tournament conflict? Please try to finalize your workers by the meeting on February 13.
- Carolyn has already secured a dog to be auctioned off.
- Report your confirmed donations to Karina at kangeles@ncwfair.org.
- There will be no balloons on bottles of wine this year as requested by the auctioneer. Visibility of bidder numbers was inhibited. They will put bows on the necks of wine bottles – visible but not obstructively so.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on February 13, 2025.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary