

6:30 PM CONVENE

Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Eddie Coulter, Vice Chairman; Jeff Greenlee, Pat Ehret, and Wendy Wagner, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager

Guest: Kodie Olsen, Extension Representative

6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Alyse Webber called the meeting to order.

6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pat Ehret made a motion to approve the August 26th Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:32 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Kodie Olsen thought the Fair went smoothly for the 4H. She said the sale was well attended. She wanted to thank the Fair Board and the crew for how prompt/helpful they were the entire week. Kodie said that one family was still blowing the breaker, but she thinks it's just the certain blower that they had. She said that we need to communicate better on the scheduling, so our times match up. Kodie said that two phones were plugged in in the office and got stolen. She said she's never had theft issues before but that was a new thing this year. Shyla informed the board that Roy Olsen ended up being the Barn Superintendent. Kodie hadn't heard any complaints about him yet. She said that she had to get on families for coming early but that was really the extent of their issues. Shyla said that the barn was left in really good shape and she really appreciated the 4H kids/parents that came for the "cleanup day". She said that the stalls were really well cleaned. Kodie remembered that one stall was really hard to open. She told the Board they would have a Livestock meeting October 7th and the Council meeting would be October 21st. Wendy said the only complaint she heard was that people didn't like animals leaving early. Jeff said he heard that complaint as well but otherwise they rocked it. Kodie said it was tough not having an extension agent, but the parents really rallied and were very helpful this year. The Board thanked Kodie for coming.

6:42 pm Kodie Olsen left the meeting.

6:43 PM OLD BUSINESS

2019 Fallon County Fair

Shyla went over the 2019 ticket sales. She said attendance was phenomenal this year. She also passed out her Expense/Revenue report. Eddie said that he would love to have the same production company again this year since having them bring their own stage and cover was so beneficial. Wendy said that she heard many people comment on how nice it was to have the midway entertainment be free. Pat suggested more seating and garbage's in the midway area. Eddie said we need more garbage containers. Shyla said we had one more this year but that she just thinks they need emptied more often. Shyla said that the 4H wood carving sold for \$100, she asked if the board would want to donate that to the 4H again this year. The board said yes. Shyla said that she was told the wood carver was too loud. Jeff asked about moving him. There was discussion on this. Shyla said that our total profit from the word carvings was \$5,305. Wendy said Sunday Rodeo was louder than Saturday. Wendy thought people loved having the trolley. Shyla agreed they were very grateful. Eddie is going to reserve it again for next year. The board discussed the suggestions collected in the "suggestion box". Shyla said she needs to add in the "open class fair book" that all dogs need to be leashed at the dog show. Wendy said that OK and the Runaways really enjoyed playing in the beer gardens. Eddie said they were great for what they costed. Wendy said people raved about the jousting. The board agreed they were a hit. Wendy also said that the bubble tower and the stilts were very entertaining. Shyla said most people appreciated the free rodeo tickets and some people didn't and preferred to buy their own which was surprising. Alyse said there were also mixed reviews on the parade time change. Shyla asked Eddie how we should thank Spiffy's. Eddie said to just get them a card, they've already received a ton of cards from people of the public already. Wendy thinks we need to take those bleachers out of the arena for extreme night. She just thinks it's too dangerous/hard to manage. Alyse said we also need to get kids off the rail lining the arena, it's a liability that we don't need. Pat thinks it's the worst during the derby. Shyla said she had a hard time getting smokers to use the "smoking area" on Saturday night. Alyse suggested adding more signage.

7:17 PM NEW BUSINESS

Conventions

Shyla asked what Board members would like to attend Conventions this year. RMAF is in Layton, Utah November 13-16, IAFE is in San Antonio, Texas December 1-4, PRCA is in Las Vegas, Nevada: December 2-5. Eddie and Jeff said they would attend PRCA. Alyse and Pat decided to wait to see if they would be appointed onto the Board again.

Wendy said the only one she could go to is IAFE but she wasn't 100% sure. Shyla said she would reserve Eddie and Jeff's and wait on the rest.

2020 Fallon County Fair

Shyla let the board know that the Commissioners planned on ordering all new picnic tables because the ones we have are a liability. She presented the invoice to the Board since this will come out of the Fair budget. The Board thought they should do some more price checking, Pat is going to look into it. Shyla also said we are going to be getting a new front door that's handicap accessible since our facility is used for elections and as of now we are not within regulation. The front door will come out of the clerk and recorder's budget. Shyla said the Commission mentioned that we should do the back door too and that would come out of our Budget. Shyla said she would pass along the quote when she gets it.

Shyla asked what dates the Board would like to set for the 2020 Fair. Pat said it's a leap year so we need to make sure we are not conflicting with Miles City and Ekalaka. Eddie wants to leave it the August 12-16th. The Board agreed. Shyla said she would make sure that would work for Miles City and Ekalaka.

Jeff Greenlee made a motion to hire OK and the Runaways for the patio band for next year. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Eddie thought that this year's Night Show Production was fantastic. Wendy said that from where she was sitting the sound was good. Shyla said that some people couldn't clearly hear the words but they thought it might just be that Uncle Kracker kind of mumbles. Alyse said it was reassuring having a stage that was covered. The Board agreed.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to hire the Johnson Brothers as for our 2020 Night Show Production. Pat Ehret seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Alyse mentioned that we could hire some free stage before convention if we wanted. Eddie said he'd really like to bring Street Beat back.

Pat Ehret made a motion to hire Street Beat for the 2020 Free Stage. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Shyla said a lot of people asked about having Breaking 8. Jeff thought they would go over well. Shyla is going to ask Patricia Morford, ISA Agent, to look into it for us. Alyse suggested we take a break from the wood carvers and have something like the glass blowers just to switch it up. The Board agreed. Alyse is going to try and find their contact information. Wendy asked about reaching out to Whistle & Nut. Shyla said she would try and find his information. Wendy thought Pro Cleaners did a great job again this year. Shyla said she want them to come Friday-Monday instead of Thursday-Sunday. That way they could help with the derby cleanup. Eddie asked if Walt could stay through Sunday and leave on Monday. Jeff asked about the talent show. There was discussion on this. Pat likes the idea of having a little britches rodeo. Shyla thought a local ranch rodeo would go over well. Eddie doesn't know if he wants to do Xtreme Bulls again. Alyse said she didn't think so, our bulls out classed our riders by a lot. Shyla said Circus Saurus wants to come back in 2020 and maybe we could look into having a carnival with something like that earlier in the summer. Eddie thought High School Finals might be a good time. Shyla said that would work out well since Glendive's Fair is the week after. Alyse said that we could get a better price due to routing. Pat is going to look into this. Eddie said we need to write thank yous for O'Connors, Crawford's and Gunderson's for the hay. Alyse thinks we need more mutton bustin helmets. Eddie said that he would look into it at the Vegas Convention.

County Auction

Shyla said she plans on putting in their piano, storage center, icicle lights, refrigerator, and picnic tables. The Board was good with that.

8:39 PM ADJOURN

Eddie Coulter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Greenlee seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting, Monday September 16, 2019

ADJOURN:
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager