

**12:30 PM CONVENE**

**Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Eddie Coulter, Vice Chairman; Jeff Greenlee, and Wendy Wagner, Board Members**

**Absent: Pat Ehret, Board Member; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager**

**Guests: None**

**6:31 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Alyse Webber called the meeting to order.

**6:31 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the November 25, 2019 Fair Board Agenda. Jeff Greenlee seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

**6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 Fair Board Minutes. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the October 29, 2019 Fair Board Minutes. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

**6:33 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for public comment.

**6:35 PM Manager's Report**

In Shyla's absence, board reviewed her previous Manager's Report. And discussed the Safety Review findings.

**6:45 PM Extension Report**

No communication to report.

**6:50 PM OLD BUSINESS**

**Year-Round Camping/Parking**

Commissioner Decision Update

There was no decision made. Meeting scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**7:00 PM NEW BUSINESS**

**Other Event Ideas**

Archery Shoot – Eddie is looking to coordinate this event possibly on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Would be just a one-day event in the livestock barn. Jeff asked about using the Fallon County Shooting Range. Eddie proposed you can shoot farther in the arena. Jeff asked about insurance requirements, Eddie will check on this. Alyse asked about divisions and prizes, Eddie said they haven't gotten that far yet. Discussion followed.

Spring Event Ideas – Looked at list left by Shyla with ideas. Wendy thinks the escape rooms would be good again, there was a general consensus on that. Eddie said there might be a company out of Great Falls, he will do some looking and get pictures of rooms. The timeline proposed was in April depending on availability.

**Montana High School Finals Rodeo**

Circuit Finals – Eddie and Jeff will be attending. Alyse will double check that the credit card authorization is completed. We had previously agreed to sponsor the hospitality room, however no invoice has been received or paid. Display is designed and all supplies are laid out in the office to go with Eddie. Will need to send posters to be printed in Great Falls the week of the event, Alyse will get this info.

Website – will discuss further when Shyla returns. Alyse said that she knows Shyla was working on reserving the domain and incorporating the website with Sapphire.

Activity – Fallon County Fair will not be hosting any activities this year. There was discussion again regarding the previous years evening activities during which contestants acted inappropriately and were disrespectful to our volunteers. The board discussed and decided that we will not have Walt set up at all during the evening.

Eddie mentioned that all the saddles are spoken for the 2020 event as of current.

**Fallon County Fair**

Donation presented by Wendy Wagner for \$3000 from the Wild Game Feed, as a sponsorship for the 2020 Fair saddle bronc event.

Night Show – Alyse updated the board in regards to email correspondence from Patricia. Jeff asked about moving concert to Friday night for bands worried about rodeo times. The board left this as a possibility if necessary, but decided to leave on Saturday and keep trying. Still waiting to hear back from current offer.

Knights of Valour – will decide on size of show depending what we pair with it for that evening. Number of riders was discussed, the board decided the lesser number was acceptable if they were paired with another show, however if it was a stand alone show the higher number of riders should be hired.

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to hire up to 6 riders for the Knights of Valour show for 2020 fair. Jeff Greenlee seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Freckle Farms – Alyse will check to make sure we have contract for 2020

Pippi the Clown – sent a contract for 2021, however the board decided to hold off confirmation to see how this year goes.

Rainout Insurance – Alyse presented the quote from the Insurance Store to the board for rainout insurance for the carnival.

**Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the rainout insurance quote as presented. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Convention Game Plan

IAFE –

DL Weatherhead Timberworks Lumberjacks: Wendy proposed we consider pairing this attraction with Knight of Valour on Friday, then have them set up as a free stage for Saturday and Sunday. She spoke with them at convention and they seemed interested in the idea. Jeff asked if we have to get logs, Wendy said she did not think so but we will confirm. Alyse will contact them to get price confirmation and a contract.

**Jeff Greenlee made a motion to hire Lumberjacks as the second part of the 2020 fair Friday night show. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Laser Encore: Spoke with Wendy at convention and have previously been in contact with Shyla and Alyse. They would need to be an after dark presentation but assured Wendy they could do something in the arena/grandstands. It was proposed that they be on Friday night after Lumberjacks and Knights. Alyse will contact them to reserve the date. There was discussion about the budget reserved to Friday night.

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to hire Laser Encore for the 2020 fair Friday night presentation. Jeff Greenlee seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Robocars: Wendy said they would be a great strolling free stage, Alyse agreed. Wendy presented pictures and pricing and what they had available at convention time.

**Jeff made a motion to hire Robocars Entertainment for the 2020 fair. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Steve's Fun Balloons: Wendy presented an example that was made for her at convention. She said there are two different options, one includes a learning seminar for kids this is slightly more expensive. Alyse will work on a contract.

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to hire Steve's Fun Balloons for entertainment only no educational session. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

Bob Bohm's Family Entertainment: Wendy said this was an on-stage act that could possibly take place on the free stage and would be great for multiple ages, the show is very agricultural. The question was brought up as to how big the stage would be. Eddie is going to contact them to check on this. Prices were presented.

Northwest Express Railroad: Email was presented to the board for review. The board discussed the use of the golf cart shuttle this year, there was concern about the ground that could be covered by the train which appears to be for only children. It was decided that we would continue with the golf cart as in 2019 and pass on hiring the train for this year.

PRCA Convention notes: attendance is down all over, there was discussion of change to a point system for 2020. There was discussion about moving breakaway roping to Thursday evening and not having an alternative evening show as it was previously decided to take a break from the talent show.

**Jeff Greenlee made a motion to move breakaway roping to Thursday. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

**7:56 PM ADJOURN**

**Jeff Greenlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**ADJOURN:**  
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

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**ATTEST:**  
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager