

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

6:30 PM CONVENE

Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Eddie Coulter, Vice Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Matt Plaisted, and Karrol Williams, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager
Guest: Darick Gorder, Baker Wrestling Club Representative

6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Alyse called the meeting to order.

6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the September 22, 2021 Fair Board Agenda. Matt seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:31 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the September 22, 2021 Fair Board Agenda. Eddie seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:33 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Darick said the Wrestling Club had a meeting and talked about how they would like to propose having the Derby in the afternoon Sunday instead of the Rodeo. He said there's a lot of confusion and chaos when they are trying to get cars into the infield while all the campers and horse trailers are there. He said it gets congested. Alyse said that she thinks we are interested. Shyla suggested that it gets over too late which pulls spectators. Darick thinks it would they'd get more cars to enter if it was in the afternoon. He thinks the event is getting more traction from surrounding areas. He wants to have more herby cars which is hard to do when it goes so late. Eddie said that cowboy church will still get the grandstands from 10-11 but otherwise the arena would be theirs. Darick thought they could start check-in at 11am. Alyse asked how ticket sales went. Darick said they were better than ever before. Shyla said it worked well selling out of our system.

6:43 PM Managers Report

Shyla presented her report for review.

6:58 PM Extension Report

Shyla said Michael wouldn't be in attendance until later.

6:58 PM OLD BUSINESS

2020 Fallon County Fair

Shyla presented her Expense/Revenue report for review. There was discussion on this. Eddie said Eiker Cattle Company provided timed event cattle not bull stock. Shyla will make that change. Alyse thought the balloon guy's product was really cool but he wasn't fast. Shyla said a lot of people complained that he was too slow. The Board would like to ask Pippi back. Shyla said she booked our dates for 2020 but she will ask about 2021. Eddie said the Texas Twister Drinks were awesome. Alyse heard people liked the Lumberjack show. Shyla said the jousters wanted us to know that they offer a free stage show as well. There was discussion on the sound. Wendy said Friday night was awful, but the rodeos were both good. Alyse said a lot of the Friday night attendees were rodeo people which was nice to see. Eddie said we need to ask G&G Garbage for another container by the Rodeo Office.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to pay \$1,600 to Music City Quartet for the set up and use of their sound equipment. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

7:23 PM NEW BUSINESS

Bank of Baker Signature Card

Shyla said that the current signers are Jeff and Eddie but now Jeff is no longer on the Board. There was discussion on this. Karrol offered to be on it.

Eddie made a motion to add Karrol onto the Bank of Baker signature card. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Procedure for Upcoming Events

Shyla presented the COVID Guidelines for all her fall/winter events coming up. She said the Health Board officially approved them as well. The Board agreed that they looked good. Shyla suggested that we offer the Chamber free rental for the dishware for the Calcutta since they fundraised and contributed to the purchase of them. She said she would still charge a deposit in the event that there were breaks/damages.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to offer the Chamber free dishware rental for the Calcutta excluding the deposit. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

7:29pm Michael joined the meeting.

Allyse asked Michael to give his Extension Report. Michael proposed getting eye bolts so that the steers could be tied up on that south wall. Allyse asked if they would stick out. Matt said that they could be removable or flush to the wall. The Board didn't have a problem with that. Michael also wants to set up drainage on the south end of the wash racks to better direct the water rather than letting it run down to the shop and onto the arena track. Michael said on Saturday the parade and the round robin are at the same time, he wants that changed. Eddie thought they could push the parade back to 10:30am but no earlier/later. Wendy offered they bump up the round robin, she said it used to be 8:00am. Michael said he would talk to the council about moving it to 8:30am or 8:00am. Michael asked how to go about getting the eye bolts/drainage project done. Allyse said we would need to know what it all will cost. Shyla it has not been budgeted for so he would have to go to Commission regardless. Michael added that they'd also like one more hose. Michael said he will get with Floyd about adding some more pig penning. Michael also reported that the load out ramp was broke, Shyla said she didn't think it was our ramp because Floyd hadn't mentioned anything about it, but she will ask him. There was discussion on the ramp. Eddie said the scale seemed to work great. Shyla asked how the sale went online. Michael said it added buyers so he thinks it went well. Eddie said it's something to keep doing if possible. Michael said it's expensive and some logistical things have to change but it's a possibility.

7:46 pm Michael left the meeting.

"Other" Event Ideas

Shyla wants to have a drive-in movie. She said due to COVID19, she can't have an indoor event but with a drive-in movie, everyone will stay in their cars. She wants to have it in the winter so no one would want to be outside, she'd only offer the FM transmitter for sound, and she wouldn't offer any sort of concessions. Wendy thought we should ask an organization to do concessions. Shyla said she would love to when COVID19 is over, the school can't offer concessions at games so she doesn't think it would get approved. Eddie asked what we would charge. Shyla thought \$20 per car. Shyla presented the sound/screen quote, the movie rights will be a separate expense. Shyla said FunFlicks is still waiting to hear on the winter screen, but she'd like to do a Christmas theme. There was discussion on dates to have it, they agreed either November 7th or December 19th. Shyla will talk to the company about what they have open. There was discussion on location.

Matt Plaisted made a motioned to approve the FunFlicks quote for the drive-in movie. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Exhibit Hall Dishwasher

Shyla presented what the commission approved.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the purchase of a dishwasher including installation. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Lights on East side of Exhibit Hall

The outside lights on the east side of the Exhibit Hall are currently not working. Shyla asked Direct Electric to check them out and they said the lights are outdated. They are old and that version burns out really quickly, so the quote represents new fixtures and installation.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the Direct Electric Quote for new lighting on Exhibit Hall. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

2021 Fallon County Fair

Eddie said Montana High School Rodeo Association has set the Finals Rodeo dates for June 7-12, 2021. He would like to have the PRCA Xtreme Broncs on the that Thursday, June 10. Eddie said he loves our Sunday rodeo, we get so many contestants but not the spectators. It competes with other local events and therefore we just don't get the crowds that we deserve. He proposes we have Wednesday breakaway roping slack, Thursday PRCA and WPRA slack, Thursday night performance, Friday morning steer roping slack, Friday night performance, and Saturday afternoon performance. Then we can still have the night show and let the Derby have all day Sunday. Shyla added that our Friday's Extreme Night is just not well attended no matter what combinations we've tried. Eddie agreed the Extreme nights are getting stale. Allyse thinks we need a tractor pull. There was discussion on this. Wendy thinks we need to figure out our sound.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to implement the new rodeo schedule listed above and to have a concert Saturday evening and Derby Sunday. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to change the parade time to 10:30am. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Alyse asked Shyla to add elections on to the next agenda.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26th 6:30pm

8:32 PM ADJOURN

Wendy Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager