

M I N U T E S
Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Washington County Fair Board held Thursday, August 13, 1981, during the County Fair beginning at 10:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board

Jerry Boyer
Charles Colegrove

Agnes DeLashmutt
Jerry Pflug

Director & Staff

Adeline Hesse
Valerie Bentley

SECURITY

The Board expressed concern over the dependability of the hired security for the fair. An incident at the Destruction Derby Wednesday evening brought the lack of security help to the Board's attention. A Board member asked one of the reserve policemen to remove from the grounds an individual who was causing excessive commotion. The individual was not properly removed and came to the Fair Office to complain. The Board observed the security personnel rather reluctant to help.

The Board will meet with Chief of Police Herman Woll today at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the problem.

RODEO

The number of cowboys registered for this year's event is far below the number registered in 1980. Part of the reason is economics.

D. DERBY

The Board discussed the revenue earned from the Destruction Derby under the new system of gate admission. Revenue did not increase as expected. It will take a couple of years for the community to catch on to the new system. The crowd for the derby was excellent. More bleachers will be needed if the derby's popularity continues.

The derby ran too long, and many concessionaires complained they lost money because the spectators went straight home instead of back on to the grounds. The derby should either run two nights or be limited to 50 cars. The Board does not think two nights would be feasible.

The community feeling is more positive with the free entertainment with gate admission than paying for each event as at the 1980 fair. The stands are full but the revenue has not increased.

The Rodeo Committee and Destruction Derby have had some problems working together this year. The Board will better outline each committees responsibilities to avoid further problems.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bentley