

Country Fair Committee Meeting Minutes April 16, 2008 meeting

Present: Campbell Barrett, Larry Henderson, Lisa Mills, John Warehime, Scot Meader, Dale Clouse, Amy Smith, Joey Hennes, Lori Zeiser, Becky Blanchard, and Colleen Terrazas

1. Country Fair Coordinator Position

Campbell Barrett announced that Lisa Mills has been hired at the Country Fair Coordinator.

2. Report from Scot Meader, Fair Manager

- Scot recently visit a fairgrounds in Logandale, NV. There is a large building that is air conditioned which is used for small animals and sheep, a sale ring, and bleachers. The beef and hogs are in separate buildings that have a roof but are open sided.
- The old sheep pens will be hauled off.
- Coca Cola donated a semi, so all of our pens, panels, etc. will be stored inside from now on.
- Revamping the concrete blocks for beef ties will be done by the fair grounds crew this week.
- The fair premium book goes to the printer next week. On line ticketing and fair entry is available this year.
- A figure skating show during the fair is being talked about, and maybe some hockey.
- A new "Teen Zone" will be created for teens ages 12-18 to hang out.

3. Country Fair Boundaries

- The Committee was shocked by the Mauler sign hanging from the sheep barn last year. The Country Fair has a theme and the Mauler sign was not in rhythm with the image the Committee was trying to portray.
- Anything and anyone within the boundaries of the Country Fair must have the approval of the Country Fair Committee.

4. Ice Rink

- Scot Meader informed the Committee that Bill Matthews is the ice rink manager. Scot assured the Committee that the sound system for the outside ice rink area could be used by 4-H during the fair, and the mats can also be used by 4-H during the fair.

5. Petting Zoo

- The Petting Zoo is a huge attraction for families coming to the fair. The 4-H families are too busy during fair week to take on one more responsibility. Lisa Mills is interested in contracting with Lou's Traveling Zoo at \$800/day.
- The Committee asked Lisa to find out if we can have a donation bucket present in the Petting Zoo to collect money for sponsorships for 2009.
- *Dale Clouse moved to allow Lisa Mills to contact the owner of Lou's Traveling Zoo and contract with her to manage the Petting Zoo this year at \$800/day. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

6. **Second Archway Entrance**
 - Larry Henderson will look at the current arch to see what materials are needed. The arch will be made exactly like the current arch. Scot Meader will pay for materials.
 - *Larry Henderson moved to approve the building of the second arch, the same size as the current arch, and the Fair will pay for materials. Scot Meader seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
7. **Who Gets To Vote**

It was decided that everyone on the Country Fair Committee is eligible to vote.
8. **Budget/Fundraising**

Lisa Mills explained past fundraising. Lisa will work up recommendations for events and what they will cost and present that information at the next meeting.
9. **Mission Statement**

Campbell Barrett presented four drafts. Joey Hennes commented that the Mission Statement, needs to be short and concise. The four drafts will be forwarded to Lisa Mills, and hopefully Lisa can take this information and condense it.
10. **Band**

Joey Hennes said she would email Shane Clouse about the possibility of him and his band providing 4-H entertainment on Saturday night.
11. **Campers**

Scot Meader stated there are 22 4-H families signed up for a camping spot on the fairgrounds during the fair. Scot asked the Committee to think of regulations these campers would have to agree to before finalizing the camping plan. This information must be developed by June 1, 2008.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas

The next Country Fair Committee meeting will be Monday, May 5, 5:30 pm at the County Extension Office.