



**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 14, 09
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Winchell, Jim Elliott, Steve McDermott, Dick Harris, Dawn Leyva, Tony Buzzetti, Nancy Porter

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Pete Mori

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer, Travis Rutherford, Grounds Superintendent

GUESTS:

Jim Conner City of Elko

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Board & Staff Appointments:

Jim Elliott & Tony Buzzetti terms expired and they both accepted to do another term Dick Harris moved to accept and Nancy Porter seconded. All approved. Dick Harris made the motion to reappoint all the current staff Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved.

Minutes:

Meeting minutes from December 3rd meeting Jim Elliott moved to approve with corrections the stockhorse chairman Pete Mori's committee report should say entry fees will go up. Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

Public Comment:

Nancy Porter has a check for \$100 from Karen & Stewart Wilson in memory of Alice Goicoechea. She wanted something useful for the money to go toward. Also the new liason officer from the county is Demar Dahl and we will start mailing meeting stuff to him. No other public comment.

Racing-Date approval for gaming application, stakes races & contracts:

The Board went over the race date application to be sent to Nevada Gaming Control Board. Dick Harris then read a letter to the board from Fred Davis on the Utah Sires race as they sent a letter requesting maybe only adding \$5,000. Fred Davis sent some stats on the race and what it costs. He would agree that the race have the added money for \$5000 but only if Utah provides the other \$5,000. Dick Harris discussed some of the ups and downs of the race and what it could ultimately cost us. Jim Elliott made the motion to propose an offer to the Utah Quarter Horse Association to add the \$5,000 plus half the trial money if they match that amount. Steve McDermott seconded all approved.

Discussion on the nomination added money and the Intermountain Futurity being a graded stakes race. Also on the late payments owed it was discussed that they should be doubled from the last late payment paid in. Some discussion on the benefits of the graded stakes to us and the horsemen. Walter Winchell suggested leaving the added money the same as it has been and just waits an see till the end to see what we have to add to it. Dick Harris reported from Fred Davis they started running a claiming stakes race last year up in Idaho Falls, and horses eligible are horses that have run for \$2500 claiming or less in that year. He felt that would bring more thoroughbreds to the track. They ran it last year for a \$12,000, ½ came from entry fees and ½ from the Idaho Falls racing division (whoever runs the racing). The entry fee would be \$200 each and run trials the first weekend with a finals on the second weekend. The race would run for approximately \$11,000 on the final. Nancy Porter suggested waiting until next year with the economy. Walter Winchell also suggested that we would possibly only run a 9 card race each day and that would save us some money on purses. Motion made by Dick Harris to keep the stakes races the same on the added money and a denial of the claiming stakes race due to the current economy. Steve McDermott seconded all approved. Dick Harris reported he wanted to table the contract from Josie until further notice.

Fairgrounds Caretaker job description:

Dawn Leyva had given out a description at the last meeting and she would like to know of any additions and deletions. Travis Rutherford reported he didn't find anything that needed to be added to it. Jim Elliott made the motion to approve the description with the addition to the ability to hire and fire. Nancy Porter seconded all approved.

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford reported they repaired the ballast in the ceiling in the home arts building. Had two dog traps and cat traps set up by the city of Elko to try to catch some ferial animals. Newmont Ralph Chacetti is donating a 10X40 sea container and one of them has an office setting in the front and he would like to have it for a lunch room for the workers. He also has another one for the stampede and they will put it next or replace their bully barn that is currently there. Travis asked for some power run into the shop they do not have any now as they are running extention cords, they are too long and won't work run some of the tools. He talked to Sabala and they thought it would only take a couple of hours. Also we had a large power bill this last month and there is a problem. Travis did some researched and the new restroom has a supply fan in there and it is drawing too large amount of voltage. Also there is some graffiti on the bathroom north side wall. Dawn suggested calling the parks dept and see what they use as this has been a problem for them too. It was suggested that we contact the juvenile task force for community service people to come help work off community service. Walter went over the grounds appraisal from the Nv Public Agency Insurance. They wanted us to go over the buildings we had insured along with vehicles. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the Treasurers report and money available. Jim Elliott moved to approve as presented Dick Harris seconded all approved.

Committee Assignments:

Appoint a new board of directors. Jim nominated Walter as Chairmen. Walter will accept. Vice Chairman nominated is Jim Elliott, he will accept. Executive committee member will be Tony Buzzetti and Jim Elliott moved the nominations be closed. Committee assignments will stay the same as last year.

Committee Report:

Home Arts- Dawn Leyva- Walter Winchell would like a motion made that the fairboard make a memorial contribution in Alice's name. Dick Harris made the motion to donate \$500 to the home arts dept for a memorial in her name Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved

Nancy Porter asked Travis to see the seating section on the south end of the grandstands needs paint this spring.

Tony Buzzetti asked Travis possibly later this spring to look into putting in a sprinkler system for the corrals to knock down the dust.

Jim Elliott we have to raise the prices on the box seats this year as they are way too cheap right now. Nancy suggested possibly \$420.00 Jim Conner suggested \$388.00 would be better to make it easier for the new prices. This will be tabled to the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting February 11, 2009 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer JJ Roemmich

Elko County Fairboard Secretary