

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2010
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer,
Mary Journigan, Stallion Stakes Secretary
Travis Rutherford, Grounds Caretaker

Shoti Brazeal, Stockhorse Secretary
Martha Frazier, Sponsor Seeker

GUESTS:

Bryan McIntosh
Gil Hernandez
Don Zumwalt
DaleLotspeicht

Milt Grisham
Goivanni Puccinelli
Myrna Fisher
Fred Betia

Loran Landa
Kristine McQueary
Marvin Morton Sheriffs Office

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:36p.m.

Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2010 meeting minutes Nancy wanted to make a correction Bob Wines may file against Elko County and free instead of fee on his charges for the process. Dick Harris moved to approve with corrections to the minutes Nancy Porter seconded all approved

Public Comment:

Nancy announced that Kristine McQueary from the DA's office and Loren Landa are explaining why they have to fill the Nevada State form out. All public officers to meet goals of integrity must fill out and file with the state. They would need to fill one out at the beginning of each term and when they are reappointed. No other public comment

Concessions:

VFW – Gil Hernandez reported they are good to go, he is going to have some deliveries there this week. He wanted to confirm the schedule of events at the grounds. Working with Travis they are getting repairs done and cleaning done and the storage unit needs the chairs removed. Same deal with Budweiser on the beer as last year. They would like the fair board to use the tickets and if they need something immediately they could go in the back door.

Dawn Leyva stated they talked to PACE coalition and they want to do the arm bands for people over 21 to drink at the bar or beer stand. They would need to have a arm band to serve someone. PACE Coalition will card everyone themselves and put the arm bands. This was no cost to the event due to grant money where they can pay out of that. Gil asked about liquor license procedures, they are required to list all people working behind the bar and this is if they have a problem and need to know who is working back there. Discussion on the liquor license and what they do and the difference in the special event and procedures on Bar cards and caterers license. We have to have a special event license instead of a yearly liquor license and there is a different cost for the two and special event is higher. A discussion on the reaction with the public especially the seniors who will possibly be offended and don't want to be carded all the time. We may need to make a sign that states if you are 13-30 years old you will need a wrist band or will be carded. Don Zumwalt suggested we tell PACE coalition we will handle it on our own and anytime we see someone who is drinking that isn't old enough and get the police to enforce the situation as they arise. Dawn will call tomorrow and tell them we are going to handle it ourselves.

Stakes Race Reports, Race Announcer, Track Stewards, Paddock & Weigh Off Judges:

JJ Roemmich reported on the stakes numbers Dick Harris discussed the race announcer will be Fred Davis, Track stewards are Doug Ray, Stu Wilson and Jim Meeks, the Friday posts are 3 p.m. and the wagers can start 1 hour prior to post time. Paddock judge is the same Steven Woolf and weight off is Dick Harris. The bank has been notified and they are ready to go. Discussion on the situation with Brent Bowman and the horse he wanted to enter in the QH Futurity involving Fred Davis accepting the money from him and not having to pay the late fee and including the state of Nevada Gaming

Commission. The Gaming Commission feels this is an Association matter and they will not get involved unless Brent Bowman wants to appeal the decisions of the board. We will also have a trainer coming in here that is traditionally a problem and she will cause problems with all the facilities of the grounds. He wanted to forewarn on this so if she does they have been forewarned. Bryan stated they are going to tighten up on security at the paddocks and not allow someone in there unless they are licensed. This will address safety issues in that area. No kids in there at all anymore.

4-H:

Myrna Fisher here to report and ask for more communication to the racing people that on Thursday they can not use the wash rack anymore due to steers and lambs being in there as it is a safety issue. The barricade is up on Wednesday and we need to patrol this or put up signs for this area being closed prior to that time so there isn't a problem. Dick suggested making flyers and they will hand them out on the draw days the week before. The gate needs to know what and who needs to come in and they can't let more than 4-5 trailers in at a time and when someone leaves they can let someone else in. After school is the busiest time; also golf carts have been a problem running down the alley behind the barns while the kids are cleaning up their animals. Night security is going to be like last year we have a couple of parents volunteering to do night security and check on animals.

Security:

Security meeting will be 4pm on August 26th at the tech building to discuss security and the needs of the different areas. Dick Harris also asked Elko Police Chief Don Zumwalt, Elko County Sheriff Dale Lotspiech and Elko Sheriffs Deputy Marvin Morton to come in tonight to allow the board to discuss the security needs of the fair. He talked first about the back gate and the people sitting there letting people in the barn area. They would need someone there Wednesday August 25th till September 7th. Dawn Leyva needs security in the vendor's area at night and not let anyone park behind the barricades. Only the 2nd weekend and the street will close Aug 30th. The sheriffs asked for two booth spaces to set up for added security and to do some public relations. Tony Buzzetti stated they need someone to sit where the walkway to the track is and only on racing days. Steve McDermott asked about the paddock and during the races and the gate going across the track. Discussion on the amount of people around the paddock area and the entrance area to the track. Nancy Porter also needs an in uniform officer at the front gate all days of admission. An additional event needing security will be August 28th for the bull riding. Dick Harris stated the bank runs will be both Fridays at noon and a sheriffs deputy picks him up and takes him back to the grounds, the other days pick up will be at 10 am..

Stalling, Registry and Starting Gate:

Steve McDermott had a report from Carla & Nancy on the stall situation 324 confirmed reservations they have 23 open stalls and down 100 head on horses from 2009. Darla will be track vet again put an air conditioner in the jockeys room and will get some more head numbers. Need someone to work the hay barns from 10-11 Aug 24th thru Sept 6th. Need a sign at the hay barn for open times. Dick also stated they could announce it everyday. The starting gate is ready to go and Dale Anderson is going to start and the crew is ready to go.

Nevada Gaming Control Board:

Brian McIntosh didn't have anything right now only that they will tighten up the paddock security this year.

Losing Ticket & Cowboy Bar:

Jim Elliott made the motion to continue the losing ticket Steve McDermott seconded all approved, Cowboy bar will be run by Puch and is ready to go and doesn't know if he has enough bartenders for the ranchers ball but will work on it.

Fairgrounds Trailer Update:

Nancy called Bob Wines and he didn't get back no status this month

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford stated they went and looked at the water truck on Thursday in Idaho. The clutch and clutch brake isn't working now after it has been back. Aaron Means will look at it, but thinks within the year we will need to put a new clutch and clutch brake on it. Possibly this winter they could take the truck to the county shop and let the county pay to repair it. The old water truck is back to working now. Air conditioner in the Massey tractor hasn't worked since last year and he called Northern Nevada Equipment and they are trying to find the parts. Started on the shelves for Dawn in the Flower building as she is going to put fruits and vegetables in with the flowers. The roof on the flower building is in really bad shape and been leaking inside. It is steep enough that it needs someone professionally to come repair the roof. good.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurer's report presented Jim Elliott made the motion to accept and pay the bills as outlined with selected to claim Dick Harris seconded all approved.

Committee Reports:

***Nevada Stallion Stakes-Mary reported she has the same as last year on the NSS and we will have as many in the NRCHA entries. Need specific water needs for arena and cutting pen set up each morning at 7 and cattle ready and in the

pen by 7:45 each morning. Has all her help ready, and would like to remind Fred Davis of the national anthem not being played when someone is working in the arena.

****Stockhorse Shoti-has everything set up and all is good.

****Home Arts-Dawn Leyva has a crew coming up Monday Tuesday and Wednesday to set up. Rich to help Juan to get the peg board up.

****Admissions-Nancy Porter hasn't lined up any queens for the fair. Tony talked to someone at Lions Club and he mentioned to the gal that is in charge of that for arranging it.

****Racing-Steve McDermott discussion on halters and not giving halter for trials and giving jackets for leading jockey and leading trainer.

****Promotions-Jim Elliot and Dick Harris went to the ECVA board meeting and they will have another \$5000.00 for the Challenge races. The fire dept will come clean clubhouse windows. Pickup from Gallagher. Hay from the TS

****Stockhorse Committee-Tony Buzzetti we are up to speed and they are going to team rope in both arenas we have the branding judges & announcers. Cattle are set up and we are ready to go. Boss Tanks tractor will be here around the 23rd and Shippy will have the horse ambulance with mats and hopefully a tractor and offered a 4 wheeler.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting October 13, 2010 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*