

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jim Elliott

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Brian McIntosh Nevada Gaming Control
Aaron Means-Elko High School Rodeo Assoc
Don Neuman

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Elko County Fair Board director Dick Harris called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Meeting Minutes-

Motion made by Dawn Leyva to approve the meeting minutes from March 10, 2010 as presented. Steve McDermott seconded, all approved.

Public Comment:

Aaron Means called and talked to Jim Elliott about May 12 June 30 July 21 to put on some barrel races for fun days taking up 1-2 hours on Wednesday nights and kind of a fundraiser for different events in the area. No other public comment.

Rocky Mountain Pro Rodeo:

Don Neuman ECVA- has gone forward and contracted for this event and hired a stock contractor. They are investing \$10,000.00 and have to seek sponsorship on the Oct 1-2 date. This association primarily rodeo's out of Utah and had one in Battle Mountain rodeo in July during the Silver State Stampede that was well attended last year. They are coming here and this will be the last rodeo before their finals. We would get the stalls and RV for the event and the ECVA wants to partner the event with the fairboard. Dick Harris stated he is talking with Russ McMullen on the insurance for the challenge races and would bring this up with them on this event. They want the use of the facility and we would provide the insurance under our regular insurance policy. Nancy Porter make the motion we partner with the ECVA and the Rocky Mountain Pro Rodeo as long as our insurance will work Steve Wines seconded all approved

Basque Festival & Rental:

Tabled to next meeting

Fairgrounds Trailer:

Nancy Porter reported she has given the information to Bob Wines and told him the executive committee meeting voted to go forward to get the trailer removed at no cost to the fairboard. Nancy Porter made the motion to approve the executive committee's decision to approve Bob Wines to work for only the fees charged him for filings, Steve McDermott seconded all approved.

Ranchers Ball:

Event Facility rental not on there (Basque Club House the Basque Club may want to trade rental on this) The High School Rodeo kids may come and help out with setup and cleanup on this event. Table to the next meeting in Wells. Nancy Porter asked about the bar and what we did in the past. The bar was run on who they hired we didn't retain the bar in the past. We need to contact Sabrina to do the bar like in the past or contract someone else. The remainder of the budget is fine and Nancy Porter moved to accept the budget with the bar contracted out and Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

AQHA Challenge Races:

Dick Harris reported a week ago Monday we were officially awarded 2 of the 4 challenge races. We were awarded the 440 major Championship race for \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00 and the 350 Maiden will run for \$15-\$20,000.00 he has contacted 4 groups to make a commitment for money to those big races he has more to get from other entities for these races. He didn't want the ECVA to foot the whole bill on this. Don Neuman stated he can help with this too and with advertising on these too. He wanted Dick to go as far as he could go but know there is a plan B. There is a contract that Nancy Porter looked at and he is going to go over with her on some problems on this. We will need 20-25 stalls reserved for these two races. They won't know whether or not we will need trials by August 15th and if they have 12 or more horses entered they will need time trials to be run on Wednesday we will need a lot of people here and he talked to the guy in Texas and they will run the trials on Friday. They want to help us with the advertising and any sponsor of the races will get nationwide recognition on this. No further information.

Arena Completion Project:

Travis Rutherford reported the lead up is in place and we are short panels for that they are digging water line for the holding corral. It should be done by first part of May. Mike Robinson is supposed to come and design the roping boxes he is going to get some steel donated. Need four more gates for the return alley and need an exit gate in the south end of the arena, and a water trough for the holding pen from Boss Tanks. Discussion on the gates that will close off the roping chute and the PRCA requirements for the barriers. Box has to be 12' wide and 14' deep. No further information

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford hired some guys to help with the arena and cleanup. He talked to a guy to hire that quoted him \$2,700.00 to paint the entire grandstands and would have it done in 4 days. We will supply the paint and supplies. The fair office is done and the wind blew one tree down in the college parking lot and a window in the announcers stand needs replaced. Dawn Leyva wants the guard rail extended out a couple of sections towards the armory and the electricity to be fixed on the vendor area. Travis talked to Sabala to come and do it sometime before the fair. The heaters are done in the exhibit building and the doors are also complete. Nancy Porter moved to approve what has happened at the grounds Steve Wines seconded all approved. No further report.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurer's report presented and discussion on the race purse money available in August. Walter Winchell made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills and submit the selected bill to claim and Steve McDermott seconded all approved.

Committee Reports:

***Tony Buzzetti Stockhorse Chairman- reported we have a judge for the Elko Co Fair Stockhorse contest it is Tim Stewart from California- have cattle for the stallion stakes but working on the cattle for the fair still. He did pick up a sponsor for the all around stockhorse award. Need to contact the Jones family for the outstanding rider we will need to have a stockhorse meeting for the book.

***Walter Winchell reported we are still on for a water truck from the county, they are currently looking and haven't gotten one here yet. We also requested additional monies for the operating fund and the improvement fund but that may be slim to start as of July 1st. With the Stockhorse donations he got 5 additional donors one to pick up the hackamore class and 4 buckles.

***Dawn Leyva Home Arts-has a bid from Laughlin construction on the exhibit building and dropping the ceiling it came in at \$19,492.50 she felt this would eliminate the heating problem in that building for winter events. Dick Harris stated we have to maintain what we have although we don't have the money. Walter Winchell stated that maybe we may be able to get those improvements thru the county next year.

**JJ-racing-discussion on the numbers for each stakes race entered on the first payment that was due April 1st.

**Steve McDermott racing- he had something on the fair roping any ideas on how maybe we could get out at 3 am. There was some talk to start the first round at 7am till the racing starts. Suggested they run two arenas at the same time. Tony Buzzetti suggested come in to the stockhorse meeting and discuss it.

**Travis Rutherford reported the exhibit building roof is blowing off again lasted three years this time. The Shingle roof wouldn't cost much more to put on it will need to be replaced. He has been trying to find someone to clean the hood vent in the concessions stand. Burton Hood out of Sparks to clean it around the middle of April every year and the first part of august before the fair.

***Mary Journigan Nevada Stallion Stakes Secretary sent out 200 packets for Stallion Stakes and it all looks good with the contacts that she has made so far.

***Walter Winchell reported he met with the city on the water bill to put meters in up there we operate off 6 different water lines and it would make our bill higher than it is now. We will shut off the water we don't need in October and have the lines shut off and they would reduce the bill accordingly but they possibly would charge us to turn them back on but he didn't indicate that but our bill would be reduced for six months.

Next Meeting May 12, 2010 Four Way Casino Wells, Nevada Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7pm, Meeting approx 8pm

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer JJ Roemmich Elko County Fairboard Secretary