



**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2008
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Leyva, Dick Harris, Steve McDermott, Walter Winchell, Pete Mori, Jim Elliott,

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti, Nancy Porter,

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Aron & Patty Means, Barrel Racing, Stacey Shane, Great Basin College
Raelynn Rinaldo, Barrel Racing, Bret Murphy, Great Basin College
Pete Bottari

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes:

Jim Elliott moved to approve the meeting minutes with corrections, Dick Harris seconded the motion all approved.

Public Comment:

Dick Harris updated the board on the break in at the caretaker's house. The chief of police notified him they have completed the investigation and sent the paperwork to the DA's office. Pete Bottari reported on the trial for Marlow Eldridge. He will receive some restitution from Marlow Eldridge ordered by the courts and he would like to contribute the money he receives to the stockhorse committee. Walter thanked him for his time and services to the fair and the board and his generous contribution. No other public comment.

Barrel Racing:

Raelynn Rinaldo asked to have a barrel race again at the fair. They would like to pull in the infield with trailers after the racing is over and they would move the date to the first weekend Saturday night Aug 29th. Starting at around 6pm but run time only's at 4pm. They would like a porta toilet around the second arena crowd's nest and more grandstands. Also need concessions for the barrel race, will inform the VFW on the times and date. Maybe the High School Rodeo club could sell water and pop if the VFW isn't willing to stay late. Will get with the VFW and see how long they will stay open they estimate around 4-5 hours at the latest. Seven O' clock will be a good starting time for the show. Dawn Leyva made the motion to allow the barrel racing on Aug 29 time trials at 4, show at 7 Jim Elliott seconded all approved Raelynn asked to speak with Jim to schedule possibly more dates for barrel races throughout the summer.

Great Basin College:

Bret Murphy from Great Basin College would like to propose possibly moving the barn site they had previously asked to put up. The old site is not feasible. The building was done by grants and a lot of complications over time haven't allowed the building to be put up. The building is in their possession right now and the new location would be totally on Fairgrounds property. It will be on the northwest part of the property up by the billboard.. In that area there is going to have to be some dirt work done and up there they will get out of the conflict of the utilities and easements. Dick Harris made the motion as long as they understand the lease consideration that we allow them the building site they have chosen Pete Mori seconded all approved.

Grounds Rental Rates & Contracts:

Jim Elliott stated that we need to put an additional charge in for running water tank heaters. The charge will be \$50.00 a month. The lights on the second arena charge will be \$20.00 per hour and the second arena charge per day will be daylight \$150.00 night is \$20.00 per hour additional.

Pete Mori moved to approve the changes as discussed and Jim Elliott seconded all approved.

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford reported he put the insulation up on the exhibit building on the windows and it does make it a lot warmer. The fence he has been working on is about half up. A few monthly renters right now and clean up from bull sale are otherwise done now. Currently cleaning up the barn to park equipment in for winter, the stalls are mostly locked up and shut up. Discussed the new bathroom possibly being winterized, it would cost more to do that than just leave the heat running and watching it. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

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

Money Handling Policy:

Dick Harris stated he viewed that we need to have a written policy based on his conversation with the insurance company, that no one has any amount of money stacked up in any one place for any length of time. He had an idea that we have something in writing that state a deposit shall be made on a weekly basis and only \$100.00 shall be on hand. Right now there is no policy to fall back on. Jim Elliott has talked to J.J. Roemmich and every Tuesday she will stop at the grounds and pick up the deposit weekly. She came up with the idea at not accepting any cash and get a sign to accept credit, debit cards or checks only. We could place the credit card machine at the house until the fair office opens, at that time move it over and anyone needing to pay could come to the office to pay. If someone comes in after hours Travis can walk over to the fair office to run cards. Dick Harris made the motion to put signs at the fairgrounds stating only checks, and credit cards accepted at grounds Jim Elliott seconded all approved.

Committee Report:

Promotions Jim Elliott reported the appropriate forms have been returned to the recreation board. The wireless microphone has been replaced and he returned the old unit and waiting for a bill.

Home Arts Dawn Leyva reported the posse has been dismantled and may not use the buildings anymore. Travis reported they came and cleaned out the posse building as they aren't going to use it anymore. Dawn also asked if we could possibly get more power pedestals for the vendors going further down the street. Patsy Tomera called her and wanted a grounds keeper description for our grounds caretaker for them to use. She presented one to look over and have it approved next meeting.

Racing Steve McDermott made the motion to take the trial money they won't use from the Utah Races and put into the added stakes race purses making it \$18000 for the futurities and \$13000 for the derbies Dick Harris seconded and all approved.

Secretary JJ Roemmich stated she received an email from Sabrina on the rancher's ball stuff.

Stockhorse Pete Mori reported on the meeting before the regular meeting tonight. Stallion Stakes entries will go up. We are having problems with Quarter Horse News and start doing different ideas for future advertising. We will try to get a bulletin board by the gate at the main arena. With a plexiglass front.

Chairman Walter Winchell doesn't have much just reminder that Jim Elliott & Tony Buzzetti's terms will expire at the end of this month and we will need to let the county know if they are going to reappoint.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting January 14, 2009 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer JJ Roemmich

Elko County Fairboard Secretary