

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2009
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Porter, Dawn Leyva, Steve McDermott, Jim Elliott, Pete Mori, Dick Harris

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Tony Buzzetti, Walter Winchell

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

*Jim Conner City of Elko Liaison
Aaron Means
Gil Hernandez-VFW*

*Raelynn Rinaldo Barrel Racer
Larry Hire-VFW
Rich Leyva*

*Angie Bottari Barrel Racer
Carl Pacini*

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Jim Elliott called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes:

Pete Mori moved to approve the minutes as written Dick Harris seconded all approved

Public Comment:

***Sabrina Reed reported on the Ranchers Ball everything coming along great. The tickets were printed wrong in the stockhorse book and the cost for the tickets now are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for 12 & Under only selling 250 tickets. Mitch Knight wants to know if we can open the doors at 8pm to the dance charge at the gate \$3.00 and he would give some of the proceeds to the rancher's ball for a donation. Dick Harris stated it would be his views that we should have security there and we can't do that. Sabrina felt that the people that pay the \$25.00 should not have that happen to them and Nancy felt it would be a problem with a bunch of kids. Sabrina would like to do a slide show on the fair of past pictures you can email if you have any to add.*

***Concessions bid- re-agenda for Aug meeting for vote of the board- Gil Hernandez reported on the letter he presented and the percentage they are offering. Jim Elliott reported the Wednesday of the branding will start later in the day so they won't be there until the afternoon. The barrel racers requested them to stay open later on the 29th. Dick Harris stated late last year he picked up a roll of tickets from Walt and then after they figured up the numbers. He held them in the pari-mutuel for the workers. We would still have signers for other times. Discussion on the overage they overpaid us from last years fair. Dicks concern from an accounting standpoint how do we separate the beer that has been donated and what they have purchased. Larry will buy the beer like they normally buy it and it is from them. They will take care of this after the fair.*

*** Carl Pacini gives a brief history of himself and that he has been associated with the Elko Co fair all of his life since 1930. He has probably spent more actual time at the fairgrounds than anyone in the room. He is tendering his resignation as track steward he is 85 years old and felt it was time. He stated Bruce Branscomb has issued a letter of his desire to be a steward to the Fairboard. He would like the same treatment he has received in the past several years which would include the parking spot and his reserved seating. He would like to thank the board for allowing him to do that.*

Barrel Racing at The 2009 Elko Co Fair:

Raelynn Rinaldo requested to set up for the barrel racing, they would like to park in the infield, more porta potties by the 2nd arena, and more bleachers. They would be able to cross the track possibly after the races are over at the back gate. The track would be worked the next morning and there should not be a problem, the rv spots are first come first serve as well as the pens. They asked about the passes and how to best handle them? She will get with JJ to get passes. She has more interest this year than last. Nancy Porter made the motion we have barrel racing at the fair Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

Rodeo proposal in October:

Aaron Means and Jim Elliott reported they received a proposal from the 35 & Over Bull Riding Association and Open Barrel Racing. Jim went over the proposal he received what they provide and what we are required to provide. Aaron Means reported the guys called and stated they could not make it. Although they just had one in Hamilton, Montana and

had a good turn out. Part of the proposal is they are requiring us to provide all the added money. The way the proposal is written they are trying to run this like a contracted event and it would cost us approximately \$45,000 to have it here in Elko. Dick Harris made the motion to table until they show up in person to make a proposal. Pete Mori seconded all approved.

Tru-Form Contract

Dick Harris reported on the contract from TruForm with Josie Stavers, the contract is the same as last year \$2555.00. Dick Harris made the motion to accept the contract presented by TruForm Pete Mori seconded all approved.

Admission Booth Supplies

Nancy Porter reported we need some things in the admissions booth. We have four booths; we need 4 new stools with backs on them. She would also like window shades for the sides. She felt we could get all the supplies we need for around \$300.00. Pete Mori moved to accept up to \$300 for renovations of the admissions booth. Dick Harris seconded all approved.

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford reported he contacted John Rand last week about his bid he put in for the reuse line. He was the chosen one and his bid was at approximately \$13,400. His equipment is there now and waiting on the supplier for the water line. All lines have been marked in that area. The corrals are done they had been discussing earlier. Mangers have been built and waiting on floats for water troughs. Nancy Porter asked about painting in the grandstands and Travis stated that wouldn't be done now as of the events that are scheduled we maybe can do it the first part of August as it takes a long time to dry on the wood. Travis stated we would need some hay (approximately 15 more ton) and shavings ordered. They are going to start building the holding pens for the other arena.

Need to mow the infield as the weeds have taken over. Jim added we didn't have any power at the rv spaces and the sheriffs office had turned off the power to the meter. He talked to the sheriff and they had abandoned the building as of now. They are trying to get clear title to the building. Jim went down and had the power put in our name so we can use the rv spots during the rodeo. Dick stated what we ought to do since it is the sheriffs department trailer the original deal was to allow the sheriffs posse to move the trailer there. His view is contact Lotspeich and to get the trailer out of there now. Need to send a letter to request it to be moved and put on the agenda next meeting. We will need to follow the law on eviction. Nothing else on grounds.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurer's report as presented; some discussion on the condition of the county funds and needing to get with Cash Minor to have them straightened out. Dick will set up a meeting to help out with that. Dick Harris moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills Nancy Porter seconded. All approved.

Committee Reports:

**Racing-Dick Harris reported the Boise paper this morning stated now there is a chance that a group making a presentation to the Ada County board could possibly run later this year if their proposal is approved. There is a feeling that there will be a partial race meet in Boise sometime between now and October. Wyoming has picked up the Bitterroot Futurity. The horse racing condition book is at the printer and will be mailed by this weekend and Fred requested 200 in Evanston to give out. Dick Harris checked with Debbie Russell, he also called Ron Anderson and he didn't have a pleasant conversation with him and he possibly won't be coming back. We are in a quandary to get someone to call the races. Davis is more beneficial to the race office and paddock area. Dick will talk with Davis for a race announcer not Fred himself. Had conversation with Don Zumwalt on the security and why Milt Grisham was at the last meeting he didn't know why he was there. Dick Harris to check with Nevada State Bank on the pari-mutuel money for fair.

**Stockhorse book is completed and mailed. Pete reported on the fair tractor it is in the works. The hay contractor that works for Van Norman will be done with tractor and will rent us the tractor. Get with Walter on the hauling by the county. Walter to get with Morrison on their tractor. Need to talk to Shippy again on the arena tractor.

**Secretary-JJ Roemmich requested to change the way I am paid and pay into PERS for the future. The secretary has been paid contract labor for the last 7 years and if something was to happen that person could not draw unemployment. And if fair does come out ok could possibly PERS be paid into for the secretary. Nancy requested that the board have a closed personnel session after the next meeting on this.

** Home Arts- Dawn Leyva- requested to give recognition on the track to Carl Pacini, a belt buckle, Get free tickets, and keep parking spot and a big thank you in the race program with his picture. Dawn Leyva will ask Claudia Wines about the museum quarterly and getting a picture from them. The premium book costs us about \$2600 and normally we get enough advertising to pay for it this year is different. Elko Daily Free Press could possibly sell the advertising for the book and then print for free. We could cut the amount printed in half that is printed up, Dawn will see what the newspaper will do. The posters are done and need to be distributed.

*** Stallion Stakes Secretary- Mary Journigan the stallion nominations closed July 1st and we now have 50 stallions and 49 entries. The purse is now over \$11,000.*

***Racing Steve McDermott reported on the stakes races and as of right now we may not have a starter. He is trying to get a hold of Dale Anderson still to verify.*

***Dawn Leyva reported on the vendor that bounced a check. She received a phone call from the lady and she wanted all the board members names and phone numbers. Dawn stated to her if she would bring the \$200 to her directly right now she could have her spot. Dawn also told her this would never happen again. The new contract will state a \$100 late fee with a statement that if your money isn't in by deadline and the spot from previous years will not be guaranteed.*

Meeting Adjourned

*Next Meeting October 14, 2009 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer JJ Roemmich
Elko County Fairboard Secretary