

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010  
FOUR WAY CASINO  
WELLS, NEVADA**



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Steve McDermott, Jim Elliott,  
Dick Harris, Steve Wines, Walter Winchell*

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

*Dawn Leyva, Tony Buzzetti, Nancy Porter*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

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*Elko County Fair Board Vice Chairman Jim Elliott called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.*

**Meeting Minutes-**

Dick Harris made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 10 as presented. Steve Wines seconded all approved.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**College Rodeo Club:**

Jim Elliott reported there is a rodeo club now and they will possibly be coming to the fairboard in the near future for stalling horses and livestock and possibly receive a break on this.

**Basque Festival & Rental:**

Fred Betia called and wanted to trade for a portion of our grounds rental, they would do the clean up after the Ranchers Ball and the charge for the Basque House and cleanup is the \$600.00. Jim Elliott made a motion to accept their deal and Dick Harris seconded. All approved

**Ranchers Ball:**

Report from JJ Roemmich on the email from Sabrina, reporting on the Basque Club house rental and the bartenders for the ranchers ball. Tabled to next meeting.

**Fairgrounds Trailer:**

Table to next meeting. Discussion on the article from the Elko Daily Free Press on the use of the trailer and their announced plans on what they are going to do with it.

**Grounds Report:**

Travis Rutherford reported if the weather cooperates they are only a few days from completion of the new arena same with the painting of the grandstands. After talking with Walter tonight and there is some pipe donated from Oros drilling and Patzer Fabrication welded them and they will change the design of them and have some things done differently. The stripping chute we need some railroad ties and they decided to build out of cement and need a gate built on the stripping chute. Once roping boxes are done they will be done with the arena. Needs a 16' exit gate for the end gate so they can get the water truck in there. And the water lines are done now. Walter will have Cornmesser build some gates for the arena and will just need the 16' to finish. Boss Tanks will let us use their tractor this year.

**Treasurers Report:**

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurers report and the unpaid bills. Jim Elliott moved to accept the report as presented and pay the bills. Steve Wines seconded all approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

\*\*\*Nevada Stallion stakes Secretary Mary Journigan reported there are 42 stallions nominated- will possibly have 45 by fair time everything is on track.

\*\*\*Promotions and Stockhorse-Jim Elliot reported stockhorse chairman Tony Buzzetti wants a stockhorse meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Stockmen's

\*\*\*Racing Dick Harris reported in regards to the AQHA stuff, he is in conversation on the insurance requested inside the contract. Russ McMullen is fearful that one of the stipulations won't fly. Nancy Porter also has a problem with some of the items in the contract. The contract isn't ready to be signed right now and hopefully will be by June meeting. The condition book is in the process right now with Fred Davis and that has a total right now at about \$100,000.00 he will either come in June for a special board meeting, or Dick will be able to get with him. Dick felt we may not be able to support 7 days of racing as of right now. Steve Wines asked about the situation on declaring what days we are racing and what is the latest we will need to decide Walter stated by next meeting. Discussion on the amount of racing days and the amount of races scheduled for each day by Fred and what can be done to change it. Dick stated it would be good to have Fred come here and hash all this out with him by the next meeting and maybe meet with him Tuesday evening and then to the board meeting on Wednesday in June. Dick will get the meeting room and will let us know. Dick will bring Truform contract to the June meeting. Asked about a last post time there on Fridays and possibly increasing the pari-mutuel take on both Fridays. Might be something to try and think of for the next meeting. It will need to be done both Fridays the same.

Walter working on a few donations for the stockhorse and no word on the cows yet.

*Meeting Adjourned*

*Next Meeting June 9, 2010 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm*

*Meeting Adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*