

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Walter Winchell

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Brian McIntosh Nevada Gaming Control	Aaron Means- Barrel Racing
Raelynn Rinaldo-Barrel Racing	Demar Dahl County Liaison
Don Neuman- ECVA	Jim Conners- City Of Elko Liaison

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Elko County Fair Board Vice Chairman Jim Elliott called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Meeting Minutes-

Tony Buzzetti made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 3, 10 as presented. Steve McDermott seconded all approved.

Public Comment:

Don Neuman from the ECVA came to the meeting to let the Fair Board know what they do for them and their budget process. They have worked with Jill Rutherford on ads for the fair and taken stuff to Evanston to advertise in that area. This year they have put more money in the mix to advertise in Boise this year. They also ran a full page ad in the race program for Evanston in Wyoming Downs last year. They are going to continue to do that again and would like more input to help them out. They did a concert this last year the first week but they don't want to go over things that help the fair. He talked about the postcards they have used in the past and with money tight we need to make sure the advertising is targeting the right areas to get the best bang for our buck. Jim responded they are all appreciative of all they have done we may want to rethink the advertising areas they are advertising racing. He responded this could help Elko as those horse people are going to be looking for places to go. Jim also felt there would be some opportunities there. Don also talked about the senior pro rodeo from last year and they were great and they are going to do that again this year with three days here then off to Winnemucca for the finals. They have competitors from Canada, Wyoming from all over the place. They are going to advertise more locally for more community. In 2010 and 2011 Ben German has the Rocky Mountain Pro Rodeo on Oct 1 & 2 to be done here in Elko possibly. The convention center would like to partner with the fairboard so they could keep cost down and bring these events into the community and the benefit to the board would be the stalls and Rv's monies. They are also working with the Elko High School Rodeo state finals meet and to help them to put that on. He thanked the board and would like to come back next month.

Elko Race Meet Update & Ely Race Meet Stall Needs:

Dick Harris reported on the Elko Race Meet and the Challenge races they are waiting to hear on. Dick talked about Boise and the story they are getting out of there is that they are not going to run this year. The Idaho Horsemen aren't happy with the person that is in charge so they won't sign off on allowing the race to run with him in charge. The deadline is March 22 and he will proceed and go somewhere else with the races. Elko stands a 95% chance to hold those races if Boise doesn't run. He has discussed with him the lack of funds we have right now and that we will have only about 1/2 of the money we would need this year. They understand with the state of the economy worldwide but they need to go somewhere with the races. He asked about the ability to get money from the community and Dick discussed the community knowing we get that money from the state so they aren't willing to put the money forth for the races. He could talk to the mining community to help out. Don Neuman stated they could possibly help support any new events as well. Dick explained the AQHA Challenge races that he had been talked to about previously from the NVQHA. We would need to apply for funding and it goes in front of an advisory committee and they make the decision. He believes action creates action and doing things helps

out. Dick explained the races and what it would bring to the community. For the boards information the trials would be on Friday and Sat the first weekend and the finals on Labor Day. The quality of the horses is going to go up and the advertising on the race meet. We will know something on March 23. Don will also help out to seek other areas. Tony stated we should shoot the person in charge an email and they possibly have the funding. Dick talked to Bob Bartlett about the agenda item tonight and they are appreciative to the help we would provide. There has been a change as reported from Brian (Gaming) as Denver is going to run over the top of Ely this year and that could directly affect the amount of horses they will get. The motion was made by Dick Harris to allow the White Pine association the use of our stalls up until the first Monday before our meet and Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved. Dick reported he was going to have Fred Davis here but didn't feel that he needs to come until they know what is going to happen.

Barrel Racing:

Raelynn Rinaldo and Aaron Means asked for the barrel racing to be at the fair on September 4th like they have the last couple of year in the back arena being able to cross the track after the last race and have the large bleachers set up over there with a porta potty. They want a stockhorse book ad also. Dick Harris made the motion to allow Speed Junkies to continue on Sept 4th in the back arena Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved. Aaron also asked about the May 22 & 23rd for a fund raiser. The Olie Anderson mud bog is there all day building the track and they could possibly use it just the 23rd around 1pm. They will get back with Jim on this.

Bull Riding Event:

Jim Elliott reported on the event they are going to have the sat night of the first weekend. He sent the contract back signed, Nancy Porter suggested he sign the contract with his original signature. Nancy Porter made the motion that we go ahead with the event and execute the contract Steve McDermott seconded all approved.

35 & Over Bull Riding Event:

Jim Elliott passed out a copy of the same bunch they came here before and they wanted \$45,000 and they have come back with another proposal and if we could do something around the senior pro rodeo they could do the new proposal. It would still be quite expensive Dick Harris made the motion to deny the request based on our financial position and the cost to put it on and Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved.

Ranchers Ball:

Dick Harris stated based on the emails, the financial situation does not balance out with what is going on. Nancy Porter stated the area by that time of the fair is not a desirable place to have dinner and the ability to put the tent up at the last minute with help from the grounds crew is not feasible. Jim asked the convention center and they are scheduled up. The Basque house is available and it was scheduled for now. Sabrina will need more help with this in the future in setting up and cleaning up. We could possibly trade with the Basque house for rent and clean up and maybe have the prison crew to clean up after on the next day. Nancy is trying to recruit people and not having any luck. Jim stated we will have to see what we can do to get some help maybe from the Rodeo club here in Elko. Dawn reported if each one of the board could go somewhere and get a silent auction item that would help out too. Tabled to next months agenda.

Elko Co Fair Website:

Mary Journigan asked to have this on agenda as she is having trouble getting the information updated on the website. Dawn will get with her on the stuff to get this done or find a new administrator. The Bosen Horse website has proposed they could include a link from their website to ours. Nancy Porter made the motion to allow JJ to get someone else to handle our website Dawn seconded. All approved.

Arena Completion Project:

Travis Rutherford reported he has got some bids on the lead up on the roping arena. The lowest bid is a Preifert the Powder River panels aren't made for the rodeo events so we would have to put boards in them and adjust them for the roping chute. Thru preifert the whole package would be \$6,042.47. Some discussion on what is needed and the quality of the products produced. We will do the alley and the holding pen all the way up to the lead up. Mike Robinson will have the roping boxes built out of drill still. Discussion on the amount of each bid and the quality of the products. We are going to have to have some more panels for the alley, another water trough. Tony Buzzetti made the motion to purchase the Preifert alley kit from IFA Open sweep 90 degree kit for a total of \$4,931.85 to be submitted to the improvement fund when billed for it Nancy Porter seconded all approved

Grounds Report:

Travis Rutherford reported about Walter going to city council to get our water bill lowered. They city water department came up and counted all of our water lines and faucets. They will possibly put this on meters or whatever is cheaper. Suburban Propane called him last week and the Exhibit building regulator was outdated and needed to be replaced the concessions stand and the office have to be moved to a safer place and then the regulators need to be replaced when the shut offs are fixed. (4) Shut offs need to be replaced. The doors on the exhibit building are almost done and he needs to get the power fixed in there, and the pedestals in the parking lot. The sand in the arena needs to be leveled out as we have some low spots. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurer's report and the unpaid bills. Nancy Porter moved to accept the report as presented and pay the bills. Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved.

Committee Reports:

Tony Buzzetti stockhorse committee -introduced Steve Wines as the new fairboard member and the stockhorse committee had a meeting first part of February. The committee is having a little issue with cattle he talked to Tomera and they had a family meeting deciding not to supply cattle to the fair this year. He received a name and phone number for someone else to do the cattle. He talked to the person and he wants some kind of contract for the cattle. He wants more than Tomera's at \$40 a head. Stockhorse committee will get together in the next little bit to see where we are at on this.

Nancy Porter- reported on the fair 2008 we had an incident with a vendor and his ride turning over in the wind the insurance pool hired Dave Stanton and they settled. The other thing is the triple wide trailer she has been working on trying to find out the owner. She called Bob Wines to help out about establishing an owner or not and do a four state search on an owner. He will do the legal notices and the fees to do and we will just pay those fees. The executive committee will make a decision to start and it will be officially decided on at the April meeting.

Mary Journigan Nevada Stallion Stakes- Tony Buzzetti needs to contact Jon Griggs on Stallion Stakes cattle and the deal in the past and we have 180 head needed and they haul them in and haul them out. Carl Gould and Todd Williamson are the NSS Judges for 2010. No rental car for the judges and they will need rooms. URCHA is not doing a newsletter but will put an ad on their website.

Dawn Leyva Home Arts- wanted to thank Travis and Antonio for the floors in the exhibit building. She talked to Pat Laughlin about the roof and he suggested putting a false ceiling in the building and insulating the area. He thought it would be around \$10,000 but not more. Nothing heard back from Southwest Gas as they need to know how big the heaters need to be in there. With a false ceiling we would not need really big heaters and Travis suggested possibly get a forced air with duct work.

Jim Elliott Promotions reported he has submitted the request to the Rec Board.

*Next Meeting April 14, 2010 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*