

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2009  
FOUR WAY CASINO  
WELLS, NEVADA**



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve McDermott, Jim Elliot, Dawn Leyva, Pete Mori  
Walter Winchell, Tony Buzzetti

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Nancy Porter, Dick Harris

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Demar Dahl, Elko County Commissioner Liaison

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*Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.*

**Minutes:**

*Tony Buzzetti moved to approve the minutes as written, Jim Elliott seconded the motion. All approved.*

**Public Comment:**

*No Public Comment*

**Basque Festival Contract:**

*Fred Betia contacted Walter Winchell and he stated they would approve the Elko Co Fair Board exchanging their bill for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities at the fairgrounds for the use of the Basque clubhouse for our Ranchers Ball during the Elko County Fair. Jim Elliott moved to accept the exchange Pete Mori seconded, all approved*

**Grounds Report:**

*Travis Rutherford reported he had to call Sabala in for the lighting and power going under the track down by the striping chute. He spent approximately 5 hours there repairing the power to that area. They put up the sign up at end of the arena and just needs plexi-glass in it. The reuse water was finally turned on last week. There is not a lot of the field left to water most is pretty much bare ground. We will need to disk that up and reseed it so that we can use it for a hay crop. There is nothing there now but squirrels and Walter stated that maybe we should disk this fall and plant next spring early. Pete asked do we want to plant something there we could get a crop off of it or something that would be green and look nice during fair time and wouldn't need too much care. Travis reported after the high school rodeo we had a water line break under the small concessions stand and they had to dig under the stand to repair that. The Blacksmith Shop wanted to look at getting some bids on a tank for the water truck. Possibly the county is going to give us their old water truck as they are purchasing a new one. Travis stated the Elko High School Rodeo went off well and wants to put in a bid for the state high school rodeo. The motorcycle jamboree wants the band on the track (set up the stage on the track). There is 60 feet of track and that would leave plenty of room for vip seating. Jim reported they did replace the gates down by the roping chute and they won't have to have the plywood over the roping chute anymore. Nothing else to report.*

**Treasurers Report:**

*The treasurer's report was presented by Secretary JJ Roemmich., Discussion on the changing tables Sabrina Reed requested Dawn Leyva made the motion to buy one changing table if the Tomera family will donate the other one. Steve McDermott seconded all approved. Further discussion on the race purse fund and money available Jim Elliott made the motion to pay the bills and accept the treasurer's report as reported and submit the selected bill to the county. Tony Buzzetti seconded. All approved.*

**Committee Report:**

*Walter reported a week ago Monday he was supenaded for a law suit on an incident that happened at the Elko County Fair in 2007. An amusement ride was blown over and a kid fell to the ground to our knowledge only one kid was transported to the hospital and he is claiming all three. We will have to look at this a little closer and document what happened and keep it in writing so we have record. This comes back to haunt you without some documentation you don't have any grounds. Their insurance company sent a letter that we were manning the ride and should have been aware of the dangers. The*

*county has passed it onto the Fairboard, and our insurance has it now. Dawn Leyva is the contact for the insurance company as it happened in the vendor area.*

*\*\*Racing committee had some discussion on Boise running or not and whoever is interested in doing it doesn't want to run the full amount of days they are required to run. There is some discussion going on with Evanston also Nothing further to discuss.*

*\*\* Stockhorse Chairman Pete Mori has received conformation on the cattle from Tomera and Griggs. He also talked to Pete Bottari on some suggestions for his donation. His thoughts for the donation would be to do an accumulated purse for the snaffle bit class and the open class at \$100.00 per year. Stockhorse meeting June 10 at 5pm before the regular monthly meeting.*

*\*\* Stallion Stakes Secretary Mary Journigan reported on the stallion nominations they will be close to what they had last year. Our advertising change was a bonus and most of the stallions are from the Idaho area.*

*\*\* Promotions Jim Elliott reported they may have the state high school rodeo next year. Also they have been contacted to do a Wrangler Team roping series as they are wanting to expand out. This is a need to get the second arena set up for some ropings. They will meet the same day as the next meeting. We will need more drill still for the grounds. He had a meeting with Blach Distributing and the VFW on the donation for this year. Blach proposed giving us \$5000.00 worth of product. They will give it to the VFW and they will give us \$5,000.00 cash for the donation. In return for that we will give them arena signs, ad in the stockhorse book, and racing program.*

*Next Meeting June 10, 2009 Stockmen's Casino Elko, Nevada  
Meeting Adjourned.*

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