

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2009
STOCKMEN'S CASINO
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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:

Aaron Means-Elko High School Rodeo Club Bob Cavendar-Elko High School Rodeo Club

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Jim Elliott called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes:

Dick Harris had a correction on the stakes races agenda item. It was Jim Meeks that commented not Jim Elliott. With the corrections Jim Elliott made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 5th meeting. Pete Mori seconded all approved.

Public Comment:

None

Elko High School Rodeo Club:

Bob Cavendar reported that the Elko High School Rodeo Club has been awarded the state finals in 2010 and they have gotten with Jim on the dates in June for the 16-20th and they will try to run one solid performance each day. They may use the home arts building for the prom. The membership is down and they didn't feel the two performances were a good deal and with motorcycle jamboree the same weekend they want to get done. They are going to the convention center to help promote the rodeo and they would like to use the track and the main arena with the other arena as warm up pen. Everything last year was very smooth with the poles and breakaway and calf roping on the track. They would like the fair board to support them the same as last spring for this coming rodeo. The stalls would be handled like last year; the cutting will possibly be at Gallagher's as the cattle are out there. They will charge for the three days for stalls. They are trying to minimize the impact to the motorcycle jamboree as much as possible they have planned in advance. He wanted to thank the Fairboard for all the support they have offered the Elko Rodeo Club. Discussion on the numbers of kids that are entering and right now about 160 kids so far but with other sports they won't know the true amount until next year.

Grounds Report & Improvements Update:

Travis Rutherford reported, Saturday they had a branch break up by the exhibit building and he contacted several people to get the branch taken down. He got a call from Mark Kaminski and he is with the State Water Dept. and wants to do an inspection on our signs and the water line. All the water is shut off to the bathrooms he had Plumblin come to put a drain in the new restroom with a line to blow out the whole system so we can keep from freezing up. Heat is off and the lights are all off. Not many monthly renters right now.

Just about had the manure and shavings cleaned up as they were stockpiling it for the City of Elko and they have decided not to do that and now are trying to clean up everything now. Nothing else to report

Barrick Dump Truck:

Jim asked to put this on agenda. Barrick donated a dump truck after we had bought the other one. They can't keep it running and we don't see any reason to keep it. Maybe we could make some money on it. It is smaller than ours we have and has some timing problems or points. It backfires so bad that it might blow a hole in the pistons. Pete asked about the value of it, Travis reported it is a 60's age dump truck. Walter might trade for gates and Landon offered some money for it. Travis will get with Landon. Jim made the motion to sell it and Steve seconded Dick asked about the pr with the donator. Jim will call them and tell them we can't keep it running and he didn't feel it was an issue. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurers report and the estimated fair financial for 2009. Dick Harris reported on the racing and he thought the board should take a look at the first Friday to start around 2-3 pm instead of 1 as when the races started there was definite increase in the crowd around 2-3 pm on that day. Dick Harris reported on the pari-mutuel report we are \$-17,484 but we ran less races this year and Jim figured it by race and he figured it was up this year. Dick Harris talked about the budgeted amount that we approved and what was actually spent without the stakes races. Dick Harris discussed the recap sheet he had and his projected budget for next year. JJ asked about the race purses for past years being paid in the current year and if we can have a clause that if race purses aren't claimed by Dec 31st they can't be claimed. Dick Harris will get with Bryan McIntosh on this for maybe a form to have everyone fill out there at their trailer and give to us. Dick Harris reported on a question from Pete Mori on the race paddock and Fred Davis being the announcer, everything ran great only one mishap with a trainer and he was kicked off by gaming for disorderly conduct. Pete Mori stated that Dick Harris did a great job making it a point to stick to the budget we had set. Dick Harris made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the unpaid bills and claimed the selected bills Pete Mori seconded all approved.

Dick Harris reported that on security that the rent a cop deal was \$15 per hour but not to worry about it till we see it. Sheriffs office has contacted us on the 2010 dates for the fair. Nothing else to report.

Committee Reports:

** Nevada Stallion Stakes-Mary Journigan talked to Gary Wines and he accepted the nomination for the stallion stakes committee. Next month or two need a meeting to get going.

**Bull Sale-Walter Winchell reported this year's bull sale was canceled and also we received a letter from Compass insurance to quote on our workman's comp insurance.

*Next Meeting November 11, 2009 Stockmen's Casino 7:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned.*

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