

**LASSEN COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes May 10, 2011**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**195 Russell Ave**  
**Susanville, CA 96130**  
5:30 PM

The Lassen Fair Advisory Board convened in a Meeting on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Dena Wemple called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Members present: Tom Neely, Tim Bruce, Todd Eid, Jerry Hitchings, Jose Pena, Dan Douglas, Henry Bietz, Curt Moran and Becky Albaugh. Supervisor Jack Hanson was also present. Fair Manager: Jim Wolcott and Sr. Account Clerk Quin Zaengle. None Absent. Present in the Audience: Rob Allan, Michelle West, John Larvee & Darcy Hanson.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Becky Albaugh.

**AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

Todd Eid moves to approve the agenda. Seconded by Henry Bietz. Motion is carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle West asks where the entry forms are. Dena explains they are by the front door of the fair office.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Dena has a change in the minutes- Laura Roberts name should be in the minutes not Laura Dennis.

Todd Eid moves to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Jose Pena.  
Motion is carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jim says none.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Dena reads off the list of new committee members.

Beck Albaugh moves to approve the committee members. Seconded by Tim Bruce.  
Motion is carried.

**NORTH ARENA MONTHLY ROPING**

Dena changes to Rotary project, so John Larvee doesn't have to stay for the whole board meeting.

## **ROTARY CLUB**

Jim talks about John Larvee and the project to upgrade the Russell Gate entrance. Jim introduces John to the fair board.

John talks about the fundraisers that the Rotary puts on to help pay for the projects that the Rotary takes on for the community. John explains the project he would like to take on is beautifying the Russell gate entrance with benches, flower beds and upgrade the lighting as well as moving the chain link fence back and put in a shade tree.

Todd asks about the lighting. Jim explains there will be new lighting put in by the Russell gate and along the fence line down to the old ticket booth.

Becky asks if this project will be done by this year's fair. John states the Rotary would like to have the project done by 2011 fair.

Dan suggests looking at the benches out at the bus yard.

Becky Albaugh moves to approve the Rotary's generous offer of re-doing the Russell entrance. Seconded by Todd Eid.

Motion is carried.

## **NORTH ARENA MONTHLY ROPING**

Jim states that he and Bud Price have been talking about this for a year or so. Jim goes over the income & expenses of putting on the ropings. Jim states the fair makes money off the cattle charges only and that the rest of the money goes back to the purses. Jim states we will have a lease on the cattle with a gentleman out of Fallon. He will charge us \$1050 a month. Jim explains the cost of the secretary and her help will be per roping not per month. Dena asks if there is only one secretary. Jim states that is correct but she has two people helping her. Jim continues to go over each expense. Jim explains the computer program that will be used for the ropings. Dena asks if the laptops will stay with the fair. Jim explains the deal he has made with Bud is the equipment will be the fairs property. Jim states if Bud wants to take any of this equipment and put on a roping somewhere else it will have to be approved by the fair board. Jim explains Bud is putting up some money of his own to get the ropings started as well as the fair. Jim explains the profits will be split between Bud & the fair. Jim states they have not come to an agreement as far as the percentage of the split. Jim explains that Bud will be the one running all the ropings. Jim states the fair employees or board members won't have to be down at the arena. Dena asks if Bud will be the one feeding the steers. Jim says yes, he will feed them there will be zero time for us. Dena asks what if one of the steers dies. Jim states the steer will be covered under the fairs insurance. Jim states he forgot to put the insurance on the expenses. The insurance cost is \$232 per event. Tom asks if the animal is only covered during the event. Jim states the animals are covered the whole 6 month time period they are on the grounds.

Rob Allen states with the fuel prices being so high we should see a lot of local participation.

The board asks if there are any other groups putting on ropings. Jim states he does not know.

Todd Eid asks if there is a down side. Jim states the downside is if we get 20 ropers.

Becky Albaugh asks if Bud has any experience doing ropings. Jim goes on to say the

secretary is Ginger Fitzgerald.

Jim states the riders can get insurance through ACTRA. Jerry agrees. Dena states that the fair does not carry any liability insurance for the riders. Jim says that is correct. Dena asks what kind of disclaimer they are going to sign. Jim states there is a waiver that CFSA gives us and the rider must sign the waiver at each event. Jim states there will be 30 steers, but if we have 100 teams we will need more than 30 steers. Jim states there is another person who will lease the fair extra cattle if we have more than 30 riders. This person will receive 20%- 35% of the cattle charge. Jim states he feels it is safe to say we will cover our expenses just off the ¼ Horse Show roping.

Jerry Hitchings makes a motion to approve to spend the money for the ropings. Seconded by Todd Eid. Motion is carried.

Dena asks for clarification on the 35% of the cattle charge. Jim states the owner of the extra cattle would get a percentage of the 35% of the cattle charge.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive: None

Livestock: Jerry talks about weigh-ins being this Saturday from 8:00- 11:30 a.m. May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30p.m. will be the next livestock meeting.

Rob Allen asks about an exhibitor moving from Nevada and wanting to show at the fair. Jim explains he has spoken to a lady from Crescent City who has a steer that has been weighed. Jim states he talked to the fair manager in Crescent City who can show proof that he weighed in this steer. Jim has not heard back from this lady since his first conversation with her. Darcy Hanson explains this lady would not be able to show in 4-H because there are no leaders that would take someone this late in the year. Rob Allen asks for further clarification.

Long Range Planning: None

Exhibits: Dena states the committee read through the smoke-free draft. Dena reads through the changes in the draft and submits them to Quin to make the changes. Henry Bietz explains Jim's concerns about the counties policy.

Commercial/Entertainment Meeting: None

Auto Racing: Jose states the May 7<sup>th</sup> races were rained out and the car count was down. Jose states he felt there was some good racing at the May 7<sup>th</sup> race. No meeting needed.

## **Manager's Report:**

Jim Wolcott thanks Tim, George, Jose and Tom for helping at the May 7<sup>th</sup> race. Jim thanks George for mowing all the lawns on the fairgrounds.

Jim states the first race gate admission brought in \$2352.00. Jim runs through the number of cars attending the May 7<sup>th</sup> race and states there was a two day race in Chico that weekend as well as a race in Quincy that weekend. Jim talks about dirt being brought in for the race track and Keegan Gunderson sifting dirt.

Jim states he has been in contact with a gentleman who is interested in bringing Go-Karts to the races. Jim states we should have a good racing season and reminds everyone the Memorial Day races are coming up as well as the July 4<sup>th</sup> races.

Jim states Dena has appointed the new committee members and asks the fair board to take on more responsibilities with giving feed back during committee meetings.

Jim explains the CCA money that was inappropriately used has caused Fairs & Expositions to no longer reimburse the fairs for unemployment charges. Now the larger fairs want all of their funding too. Jim states \$67,000.00 will be coming to our fair from CCA funds.

Jim asks the fair board if they feel sending out donation envelopes will help increase the fair's funds? Jim asks for any other ideas. Todd states the people benefiting from the fair should help support the fair. Todd feels asking the community for money is exactly what should be done. Todd states if the community doesn't help they may not have a fair. Todd states the fair needs to become more self sustaining.

Jose Pena explains at his work you can donate part of your check to different organizations. Tim explains that is organized by United Way and they take 10% of the funds that are collected. Todd talks about how giving this community is in times of need and feels it is time for the community to help the fair. Becky asks Jim if he has looked into the cost of sending out donation letters. Jim states he has not and adds the difference between the fair and the other organizations is that they are non-profit. Jerry asks Jim if he has talked to Bob at McArthur with becoming a 501C3. Jim states he is not sure how it works for Bob and he should probably ask. Henry agrees that the fair can not afford to loose their regular sponsorships to the non-profit sponsorships. Tim asks how things worked when the fair boosters were together. Dena states a tractor was purchased for the fair by the fair boosters. Todd asks when we will have the reality check that this is exactly how much money we have. Tim says about three years from now because it changes daily. Jack Hanson explains the funding issues throughout the County and also with the prison system. Jim states he doesn't have to do a state budget this year. Jim says he is working on the county budget. Jim states he will try to give the board a rough number on how much we will have in reserves. By the end of June we will know how much we will have to start with. Jim states he loves his job and this community and he is staying positive that funding will work out for the fair. Jim thanks Quin and Courtney for the work they do in the office. Jim thanks the fair board.

### **Matters by the Board:**

**Jerry~** Thank you Jack for being here. Thank you Jim and Quin for all the long hours of hard work you put in. I think everything is running along pretty smooth. I went through the premium book from cover to cover and was pretty disappointed that our fair logo is nowhere in our premium book.

**Tim~** Amazing Race- Jim do you know where we are at on The Amazing Race or any of that kind of stuff. Jim says no. Tim states he received \$300 from High Desert. If anybody knows of anybody else that wants to donate money or something towards it. Becky asks how much was given last year. Tim states \$1500 was given last year. Tim states it needs to be in the newspaper and it wasn't in last week's paper. Jim says he will call Ruth and

have her give Tim a call. Tim asks what day do we want to do the Indian culture day. Jim says Sunday. Tim asks what stage. Tim says he will work the time out- Sunday before 5:00. Jim reminds everyone that it is hot during the daytime. Tim tells Jim we will get together. Quin thanks for stepping up. Jim sorry about knocking you into the dirt the other day. Thank you Jack and Darcy for being here.

**Curt~** Question on the committee meetings- are they monthly? Dena states they are as needed. The livestock committee meets once a month.

**Jose~** Thank you everybody for coming. Quin thank you – get better.

**Dan~** Thank you Jim for working your tail off. I know you are stressing about the money. It doesn't get any easier. Welcome to the show.

**Todd~** Nice job Dena you ran a good meeting. As always everybody is here because their heart is into it.

**Henry~** Dena thanks I appreciate the confidence that you are expressing in all of us as far as committees. Jim & Quin thank you a whole bunch, don't forget to call. Jack and Darcy thank you.

**Becky~** Nothing, thank you everyone for your hard work.

**Tom~** Sorry I left early Jim, I got chewed out by the chairman for leaving you out in the rain. Nobody told me.

**Dena~** Jack thank you for coming. Quin thank you for an amazing job.

**Darcy~** Quin it's been a pleasure to work with you.

Dena states Jim if you have anything, any help you need just call us.

## **ADJOURMENT**

Todd Eid makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jose Pena seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Fair Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Wolcott

Board President \_\_\_\_\_  
Dena Wemple