

**Fallon County Fair Grounds
January 11, 2010 @ 6:00 PM**

Attendance: Pat Ehret, Wanda Pinnow, Courtney Dietz, Don Buerkle and Barb Lechler

Public Comment: LaNae Bretzel and Shawna Schillinger were here to represent Gamma Beta Sorority and to discuss the application for working the **Beer Booth** this 2010 Fair. LaNae was wondering about the \$3500 rental fee. Wanda stated that if the weather is cooperative you will be able to have a nice profit; if the weather does not then you will probably just break even. Wanda also stated that this will be a one year contract and LaNae realized that. Wanda informed LaNae and Shawna that they will be responsible to clean and get the booth ready. Pat included that she would like to have everyone show identification and to have posters stating that. Wanda made sure that the ladies knew about the NO GLASS CONTAINERS on the grounds rule. So, no glass containers will leave the Beer Booth, they will have to use plastic cups. The price of the beverages will be up to the Sorority group. The hours to be open will be similar to last year. LaNae stated that the Sorority will have no trouble finding help and they are responsible people and that no one will be under the age of 18. Pat asked if they will have just one person to ID guests and to take tickets. LaNae replied that it will be in shift work, no one would be able to do that same job for the entire four days of fair.

Approval of the Minutes: Courtney made the motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2009 and the Minutes from January 6 & 7 from the Office/Conference Room. Wanda seconds the motion, the motion passes.

Correspondence: Dollars from the month of December were: Stalls \$1067, Lights in the Barn \$120, Hall Rental \$100 Encore Christmas Party.

The John Deere tractor bucket cost \$225 with the trade in of the first bucket, from Ray Murnion, with Horizon Imp., in Miles City.

Neil Moore refigured that the extra panels for the round pen would be \$380. The cost for Neil to weld the sheeting on the north side of panels in the arena in the barn was \$1423. The rubber strip will just have to be added to the gate panel yet.

Mike Stevenson Design's bill was \$1500 for the plans for the kitchen & office.

Laurel Clawson, Lou's Petting Zoo, will stay Roy's Motel; the rest of the entertainers will be at Montana Motel and the Sagebrush.

Jesse Barth's worked during his break from college and the jobs completed were: installed the 5 baby changing table in restrooms, removed snow a few days, fixed loose step in the grand stands, removed ladder to store room in middle exhibit hall (required by Safety Team), completed ticket holder for fair entertainment tickets, fixed doors latches on tan cupboards and helped with cleaning out the ticket room.

Lower Stalls: A letter was sent to Skip Perdue for the damages that the horses have eaten the wood structure in the stalls, Skip was asked to pay for the December rent and then remove the horses. No response came. The Sheriff and Don Selle did state that the horses looked nourish and watered. The Boards recommends writing a letter to Skip and having the Sheriff deliver it.

Stock Rodeo: Casey McInerny stated that the arena will need to be worked Friday after setup is completed, Saturday morning and of course for the barrel racing. When the numbers of contestants come in, Casey will know how many times it will need to be worked then and then Saturday evening. If Casey wants Trevor to work for the Rodeo, then that agreement will have to be between those two. Otherwise, Trevor will be just responsible for working the arena. Cell phone numbers will have to be exchanged between the two of them for their conveniences.

Office: The permit number is in, so the Office/Conference Room construction project can be started.

Flooring samples were viewed by the Board. Barb will find out the square footage to get a better idea of what it could cost for the floor. The Board will then order.

Heat for in the Conference room was discussed. A suggestion of having a base board heat on the north and west wall below the windows would be beneficial for the room. Barth can do the wiring for it.

Kitchen specs need to be drawn up first. Then an ad will be put in the paper for bids.

Entertainment: DeeDee stated that the contracts were sent back to Bobby Baker and we will wait for their return. Walt Losinski did receive the riders and will be checking into getting the keyboard. Walt will let us know.

Adrienne, with Harmony Artists, will call about Dick Hardwick's contract. She is out of the office for a few days.

Free Stage: The Humane Society Booth will need to be cleaned out first. Lisa will have to get her possessions, and then the Board will clean the rest of it out. Lisa will be informed that the Humane Society will still be able to have a concession stand from a mobile trailer this year of 2010.

Beer Booth: Gamma Beta was the only application that the Fair Board received to run the Beer Booth for 2010. A contract will be drafted up, with the help of the County Attorney.

Grand Stands: Pat informed the Board that Commissioner Don Rieger wanted the Board to be thinking about what would be ideas for the new grand stands and to take notice of other grand stands of what ideas would work here. So far the ideas are: rest rooms, storage, 3 food booths, a beer gardens, vendor spots including an area for the entertainers to sell t-shirts and CD's, sound in the grand stands and better sound in arena area, a lighted walkway with a dimmer switch, sky boxes, seating with adequate room for children to move around, 1500 to 1800 seats, low enough to the grounds so children can still run in the grass and it be family friendly, and a ticket booth. Also do we want to still use the back drop for the Variety Show and other entertainers? How close the arena will we go?

Any other business that is needed

The next Fair Board meeting will be February 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The normal meeting day would have been President's Day, February 15, a holiday. Pat changed the meeting to February 15 at 6:00PM.

Pat Ehret, Chairman

Barb Lechler, Secretary