

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4

Aka Elko County Fair Board

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Fairboard Members

Chairman-Walter Winchell
Stockhorse & Vice Chairman-Tony Buzzetti
Racing & Executive Committee-Steve McDermott
Stockhorse Committee- Steve Wines
Stockhorse Committee – Amelia Wakley
Home Arts Chairman- Dawn Leyva
Admissions- Carol Morgan
Paramutuel- Giovanni Puccinelli



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

RESCHEDULED

The Elko County Fair Board will meet in a Regular Monthly meeting on:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Upstairs at Stockmen's Casino, Elko, Nevada.

Please call the secretary JJ Roemmich 775-397-2769 for help in getting to or from the meeting or if you require handicap access.

The Chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda, items may be combined or consideration of the public body, items may also be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time and if the agenda is not completed to recess the meeting and continue on another specified date and time. The public can comment on any agenda item by being acknowledged by the chairperson while the fairboard considers that agenda item. No matter may be discussed or taken action on unless it appears on the properly noticed agenda.

- **Call to order:** Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Executive Board Member
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** the approval of the October 11, 2017 meeting minutes. *Action Item*
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
This time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.
- **Grounds Rental Rates & Contracts:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of changes to the contract and the grounds rental rates for 2018.
- **Racing- Pari-mutuel Manager:** *Information /Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of the pari-mutuel Manager position.
- **Grounds Report:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of the projects that have been done and going to be done with the improvement and upkeep of the Elko County Fairgrounds.
- **Treasurers Report:** *Action Item.*
Discussion and consideration of the monthly financial report and present bills needing to be paid.
- **Board Members terms:** *Information Item*
Discussion on board members terms that expired at the end of 2017.
- **December Meeting:** *Action Item.*
Decision on a December Meeting.
- **Committee Reports:** *Action Items*
Discussion and consideration on reports from the Office, Home Arts, Stockhorse, Promotions, Racing, Admissions, and other Committees.
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
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Dec Meeting: **TBD Stockmen's Casino Elko Nevada 6:30 pm**

January Meeting: **January 10, 2018 Stockmen's Casino Elko, NV 6:30pm**

Adjourn: AGENDA PUBLICLY POSTED AT:

Elko Post Office
Elko County Managers Office
Elko County Fairgrounds
City of Elko City Hall
www.elkocountyfair.com
Email: elkocountyfair@hotmail.com

**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017 7:30 pm
The Stockmen's Casino Upstairs
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Winchell Tony Buzzetti Goivanni Puccinelli
Dawn Leyva Steve Wines Steve McDermott Carol Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Amelia Wakley

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer
Jonathan Taravella, Grounds Manager

GUESTS:

Aron Means – V-L Rodeo Brian McIntosh- NV Gaming Control Board
Bill Hance & Jeni Lei Powell-Mobile Money Jamie Bessert Rich Leyva
Jon Karr- Elko Co Commissioner

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Elko County Fair Board Chairman Walter Winchell called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from the Regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2017. Tony Buzzetti made the motion to approve, Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

Public Comment:

Jamie Bessert for the Elko County Sheriff's office will be a liaison to help out with anything we might need for the fair. Dawn Leyva would like to have one big meeting with the security, concessions and all the entities to know what they need to do and expect for the fair event. Tony stated Jim Carpenter does a great job arranging his people and Shawn does to with the cadets.

ATM:

Dawn Leyva stated we talked about the ATM contract at the last meeting as the fair office was built to put in a atm machine in the wall. Bill Hance of Mobil Money went over the percentage breakdowns on the current contract that goes thru September 2018, it takes 50 transactions .90 after 200 transactions .95, 400 transactions \$1.00. Jon Karr asked about the sur charge and his is \$3.00. Jeni Lei Powell stated they are offering to come and take care of our machine once we get it installed. Dawn Leyva also stated we probably put it out to bid for the new contracts. They must have someone who also does all the compliances and updates to the machines. Bill stated is the only one he knows of is Nevada Bank & Trust. The machines take a lot of abuse during events and that is something we would have to on our own. Discussion on the report that Bill Hance turned in with his check.

Preliminary 2017 Elko Co Fair Report:

JJ Roemmich passed out the profit & loss from the fair. Discussion on the numbers and what to do to go forward for funding for next year. Dawn Leyva made the motion to approve the preliminary report. Tony Buzzetti seconded all approved.

Racing-Pari-Mutuel Manager:

JJ Roemmich reported a discussion with Intermountain Tote Manager and not needing a pari mutuel manager. We would just need to have someone to hire the sellers and manage them with the banks. Pooch will get with him on this. Re-agenda this for next month.

Nevada Gaming Control Board:

Brian McIntosh said the meet went over really good. Issue on Sunday with a no contest which was a financial hit to the board. Discussion on the race and it refunded the all the pari-mutuel tickets but the race purse was paid out. In the future it should have been a decision of the board on paying out this purse. Some things need to be addressed before this next year. Pooch asked about putting a rule in the book on not writing the race without at least 5 horses in it. There were a couple of races that only had 3 horses in it and one had a purse of \$5,000.00. Walter stated we need to write more quarter horse races. The money bet is on bigger horse fields and less races not half fields and more races. No bad tests this year. JJ brought up also meeting with the racing secretary on how much money and races he can run, how many horses he can write in each race. All medications are running on a different standard and need to be looked at. Tony also stated they would like the post parade past the cowboy bar before they turn around. Nothing else to report.

Grounds Report:

Jonathan Taravella reported the monster trucks went good and a lot of people. The Concessions stand was not great. JT was wanting to possibly run a concession stand instead of letting events run them or need to charge more of a percentage on the concessions stand (12% is what the convention center charges). Discussion on the concession stand and some options. To make more money for the fairgrounds he had some ideas- naming the arena charging them. More events going on the off season he has partnered with a guy to do a mud bog. He is doing a flea market in the barn area Nov 12th has 32 participants already, free to the public. He would like to do holiday things like a Halloween party / haunted house. Trick or treat inside the barns. During the Christmas time he would like to light up the place. He has cleaned all the stalls and corrals. The exhibit hall needs repaired and upgraded and suggested getting a grant for the buildings to get new roofs and new windows. Has to be a historical grant. Walter stated also the sale barn needs roof repairs. The guys will probably be done by Oct 18th. Nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Roemmich reported on the treasurer's report, unpaid bills, and paid bills. Tony Buzzetti made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, accept paid bills, put selected bills to the operating fund and pay the bills as presented. Steve Wines seconded, all approved.

Committee Report:

- Office- JJ Roemmich reported on office stuff still wrapping up fair and doing post event reports.
- Vendors / Concessions/ Home Arts Chairman- Dawn Leyva has one letter of Thank you. The bus was a great thing and will continue to get better. The first day they had 56 Sat 285, Sun 76 and Mon 60. Biggest complaint is there is no handicap spots. Dawn would like to do the electricity in the vendor area on the college's side and add more in. Walter stated the boxes under the grandstands need to be updated too. Carol also stated that the ticket booths need power. Dawn needs to get bids for that.
- Admissions Chairman Carol Morgan- she would like to upgrade the admissions system, had a comment would like to have an American flag on the back of the grandstands. Would like admissions booths upgraded. Would like some signs for skateboards, and stuff. Discussed the stuff she did every day for the ticket sellers. Reported the office needs more customer service quality they were on their cell phones and not helping people. Complained on the judging quality of home arts and Dawn stated that all the judges are volunteer. Discussion on the home arts procedure.
- Racing Chairman-Steve McDermott- take out the stall fee on the condition book and on the race stall form. They will collect it when they come with the horses. Can reserve them but not collect the deposit.
- Stockhorse Chairman Tony Buzzetti - they found the side by side a couple of days after and severely wrecked it being possibly totaled. The insurance is working on it. Have a stockhorse meeting in November.
- Chairman-Walter Winchell is trying to run down the Elko Indian Colony for the cowboy relay race from 2016. They owe \$500 still. On the trademark to the world championship branding contest he is going to meet with a lawyer friend and see what we need done.
- No one else reported.

Public Comment:

Carol Morgan reported on the 4-H congratulating the caretaker on how great he is to work with. No other public comment.

Next Regular Meeting Date: November 8, 2017 TIME CHANGE Stockmen's Casino 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer JJ Roemmich *Elko County Fairboard Secretary*