

Elko County Agricultural Association, District #4

Aka Elko County Fair Board

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Chairman-Walter Winchell
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Racing & Executive Committee-Steve McDermott
Stockhorse Committee- John Henry Roderick
Stockhorse Committee -Millie Wakley
Vendors, Admissions, Concessions Chairman- Dawn Leyva
Home Arts Chairman-Tera Hooiman
Paramutuel Chairman- Goivanni Puccinelli

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Upstairs at Stockmen's Casino, Elko, Nevada.

All Public is welcome. Call 397-2769 for special needs to attend.

The Chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda 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.

- **Call to order:** Chairman
- **Prior Meeting Minutes-** the approval of the October 10, 2018 meeting minutes. *Action Item*
- **Public Comment:** *Information Item*
This time is devoted to comments by the 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, Arena signs and Banners:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration of any changes to the contracts or grounds rental rates, arena signs and banners for 2019.
- **Fair Workers:** *Action Item*
Discussion and consideration
- **Fairgrounds Improvements/upcoming fundraising opportunities:** *Action/Informational Item*
Updates to the projects with costs at the Elko County Fairgrounds.
- **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, present bills needing to be paid/and bills already paid.
- **Board Member Terms:** *Information Item*
Discussion on board members terms that expire at the end of 2018.
- **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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No December meeting

Next Meetings: January 9, 2019 Stockmen's Casino Upstairs @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourns

AGENDA PUBLICLY POSTED AT:

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**ELKO COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
Stockmen's Casino Upstairs Club Room
ELKO, NEVADA**



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Winchell Tony Buzzetti Giovanni Puccinelli Steve McDermott
Dawn Leyva John Henry Roderick Tera Hooiman

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Amelia Wakley

STAFF PRESENT:

J.J. Roemmich, Secretary/Treasurer
JT Taravella, Grounds Superintendent

GUESTS:

Aron Means- V-L Rodeo Brian McIntosh Tobey Borkman & Cathy Birch Elko Co HS Rodeo
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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 corrections from the Regular monthly meeting on August 15, 2018. Fix Linda McDermott instead of Linda Bunch. Dawn Leyva made the motion with corrections and Giovanni Puccinelli seconded all approved

Public Comment:

Information Item

No Public Comment.

High School Rodeo Association:

Action Item

Toby Borkman & Cathy Birch representing the Elko High School Rodeo Association reported the rodeo really went well and the new sand was really nice. They would like to work with the fairboard on what they pay for the fairgrounds. Last year we paid over \$2,000.00 and that is way more than what they pay at any other venues. Discussion on the bill for this year and what they are being charged. Asking JT questions on the concessions stands and how much he had to clean. He responded that he didn't have to clean so Tony recommended not charging for the concessions stand. They came here to learn what the bill for the fairgrounds was and what they are being charged for. Tony Buzzetti made the motion that we give in kind the charge for the concessions stand and next year if they want to come volunteer to help clean stalls or work then we can relook at this next year for a lesser amount. Dawn Leyva seconded all approved.

Carnival:

Action Item

Dawn Leyva reported we need to break the contract with the Carnival due to several safety reasons. Discussion on the incident that happened at the Elko Co Fair and what was posted on social media. They have a different one that has an open weekend and they would like to come here and give us more money. Dawn would like to make the motion to break the contract and hire the gal they have been talking to. Tera talked about her and what she has discussed with her. She also discussed that maybe moving the carnival to another site. Walter stated we need to keep it there for our food vendors and maybe getting more foot traffic in the fairgrounds. She can do up to 15 rides and they will market the carnival too. Dawn Leyva made the motion to break the contract with Fun Time Carnival Scott Roper John Henry Roderick Seconded all approved. Dawn Leyva made the additional motion to hire Sherry McKay out of Northern Idaho for a carnival during our fair with no contract for \$10,000.00 fee with 12 rides. Giovanni Puccinelli Seconded all approved.

Fairgrounds Improvements/Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities:

Action / Information Item

Grounds Manager JT, working with Tera, Dawn to do fundraising events to raise money for the home arts building. The first one is a kid harvest ball on Oct 13th and the Halloween party at the end of Oct, masquerade ball for new year's. Dawn will once again be doing the vendor hall for cowboy poetry. He would like to do improvements on the exhibit hall making new bathrooms (3 stalls in total) expanding the office and photo room. He has an electrician and plumber to help him out. He is hoping all of it will be covered with the fund raisers. If they are a flop, then he won't be doing that extensive of a remodel. He also needs to keep two of the guys for a while to help out. He needs \$2,000.00 for the backhoe to make some needed repairs to it. Walter also requested an additional project being the arena announcers stand for this next year. Discussion on how to put two wide Pac-vans with doors on each end of the unit to come down on the bucking chutes. Possibly put a walk way around the back of it.

Grounds Report:*Action / Information Item*

JT Reported- once the leaves fall, they can all go home, and he would like to paint the barns if it warms up. We also need new shocks for the starting gate.

Preliminary 2018 Elko Co Fair Report:*Action Item*

Discussion on the profit and loss from the Fair, different bills and comparison to the year before.

Treasurers Report:*Action / Information Item*

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 Improvement fund and pay the bills as presented. Giovanni Puccinelli seconded, all approved.

Committee Report:*Action / Information Item*

- Office/stockhorse/racing-Secretary JJ Roemmich reported on the injured jockey and having to do a hearing with the Nevada State Department of Administration Hearings Division.
- Vendors/Concessions/Admissions-Dawn Leyva reported the numbers on her stuff. The bus report on the numbers that rode the bus. Discuss the sponsorship forms and the arena sign charges. She would like to propose we should charge \$800.00 per year in the arena. If you want something above the pari-mutuel and above the concessions stand and over the paddocks during the fair would be \$400.00 not in the arena. The police guys were asked for what we need for improvements. We need a bigger fryer and they suggested taking out the smallest grill and put the bigger fryer there. Everything else is great.
- Paramutuel- Giovanni Puccinelli reported Tiffany Elkins will no longer be working for us.
- Home Arts-Tera Hooiman a couple of things on receipts on supplies purchased with her credit card and other people purchasing stuff too. It was stated to give those to JJ for reimbursement. Elko Gymnastics worked for door monitors 4 hours a day for 4 days. She is scheduling the exhibit building for several fund-raising events or to just rent.

Public Comment:*Information Item*

Brian McIntosh reported he thought it was a good fair and handle was up this year. He discussed the handle of Ely, the testing, and the jockey that was hurt. The issues that arose in the Paramutuel, he did talk to Tiffany about it. Giovanni discussed that she is not coming back. He discussed a race that went down where there were only two owners with 5 entries and 2 horses scratched for \$5,000.00 purse. Discussion on what the process of the entries. Walter also stated that they also helped us out by making races. Had one bad test with dex and they fined the owner. The facilities were the best they have ever been. Discussion on the state vet and stewards.

Aron thanked everyone for moving the barrel race to the first weekend as it worked great.

Next Meeting November 14, 2018

Stockmen's Casino Upstairs Elko, Nevada @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

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