

NDWS BOD Meeting—Rosebud Visitors Center
Monday, August 11th, 2014 – 7pm

Present at the meeting were: Brad McKay, Nick Holm, Dennis Hoye, Mike Kohler, Tim Ost, Manager Dawn Riley, Pete Paulson, Jim Nelson, Kevin Christensen, Whitney Vogel, Doug Muske, County Commissioner John Froelich, Dana Didier, Beth Didier and Lindsey Peterson. Absent were Matt Kvien and Holly Johnson. The meeting was called to order by President, Dennis Hoye.

The minutes from the July 14th meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Beth to approve minutes as written, seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Financial Reports- Balance sheet still shows the Women's Division Accounts; those will be closed and remaining balance will be transferred to our regular operating account this month. Aging Report shows a few NSF Fee's that are still outstanding; we will continue to work toward getting payment for these fees but will just write off if attempts continue to be unsuccessful. All money originally owed has been recouped; these outstanding fees are administrative fees we've charged due to the NSF transactions. Otherwise the finances are fairly quite right now, Rodeo stalls are starting to come in. Dennis asked for a motion to approve financials; Brad McKay made a motion to approve finances as displayed, Tim Ost seconded. Motion Carried.

Membership Dues- Currently there are 18 Winter Show Members (not Friends members), 12 of those will be expiring this October. Discussion was held on \$20 annual membership fee and if that needs to increase. There hasn't been a big Friends Membership Drive since it began; ultimately that's the Foundation that needs to head that up. A motion was made by Nelson to increase Winter Show membership dues to \$25 annually for a voting membership. McKay seconded. Motion carried. We will keep Winter Show Membership as an option and work with the foundation board to ramp up membership on the Friends side.

Annual Meeting- We haven't received the financials from Lochow's yet so we will have our regular board meeting on Monday September 8th to discuss/review our financial statement before our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for September 15th at the VFW.

Red Stalls- they will be set up tomorrow, August 12th. Nick & Dana will head up this process with help from Nikki, Dylan and the High School kids.

Jr. High/HS Rodeo- cutting on Friday night will be at Dennis Knutson's because it would be more costly for him to bring to us. Dawn has talked to JH & HS Rodeo Secretaries about the possibility of adding another rodeo the beginning of May; she has not heard back from them yet. Beth & Dana brought up the crow's nest outside that is needed for HS Rodeo. The idea is to build a permanent one instead of trying to add a cover over our current one. West side of outside arena versus east side was discussed. Are we able to get power to west side is a question we have to look into because the power pole was taken down after the 09 flood so the clay could be spread. It was mentioned that when we took that pole down, the City said to let them know when we wanted it back up and they'd take care of it. Nelson said he would talk to Stan Hansen with the City about getting the poles put back up. Some directors are meeting at the building tomorrow night to help with the stalls, they will decide then where the announcer stand needs to go.

NSC Entertainment- Discussion was held regarding who we wanted for our entertainment for North Star Classic Dinner Show.

WS Raffle- Discussion was held regarding what items we want on the raffle ticket.

Winter Show Dates- Discussion was held regarding 2015 Winter Show and possible schedule changes.

Committee Reports-

- A. Arena & Grounds:** the Central Door quote to replace all front doors came in at \$27,000. Dawn is working on getting a 2nd quote for just replacing the mechanics of the front doors instead of total replacement. She is also getting a quote to replace about 8 wood doors throughout the building. Also she is still receiving quote for possibilities of

new conference center/office building. Valley Flooring was up and quoted \$8,700 to replace floors in livestock office with porcelain tile, which is the most durable for the kind of traffic we'd have. 2nd quote came in for repair of SEB roof at just under \$77,500. 1st quote was \$120,000. Quotes still need some review to determine what is included in each quote. Jim will talk to Enterprise about possible solutions to vent condensation we have on SEB roof. If we seal top we'll still have condensation. Spray foam, like originally talked about, would help with condensation but it doesn't look very nice. We'd have to re-tin the roof and that's easily another \$50,000. After much discussion on whether the roof is actually leaking or if it's just condensation that builds when we have events and heat the inside vs. the cold air outside. The board agrees that we do not need to seal the outside at this point because it's not believed that's the issue. Insulation will need to be removed due to mold. Money becomes the issue here; do we borrow money to fix the roof? Power Bull sale is believed to be part of the reason for condensation due to having to flood the building to clean the floor. General census of the Board of Directors is to wait until next year because timing right now is getting too late and the quotes we received were not exactly what we need. Brad suggests we go back to the drawing board and request new bids based on discussions. Brad will request the new bid on spray foam. Dennis will talk to Steve Opatz about removal of insulation when that time comes.

B. Commercial/Concession- No Report.

C. Concert- No one booked yet.

D. Crop Show- Need to have a meeting soon; otherwise no report

E. Finance- See above with financial reports.

F. Horses- Beth & Dana recently attended a Ranch Rodeo. It was very well run and a lot different than the one Dawn and Angie previously went to in Barnesville. Sutton does Ranch Rodeo's; we will contact him regarding questions we have.

G. Labor- Security for WS; Discussion regarding security and whether or not they should be payroll or contracted.

H. Livestock- Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday to finalize the NSC mailing.

I. Rodeo- Sutton was chosen as our contractor. Jim has been talking to him; a meeting in the near future will need to happen to get the ball rolling with plans.

J. Home, Play & Get-A-Way- No Report

K. Ag Hall of Fame- The last meeting it was decided that a 5 year nomination term would be put in place and everyone that is nominated would be considered for 5 years. After that 5 year term is up, the person who nominated will get the opportunity to re-nominate or that nominee will be removed from the list. Letters will go out notifying everyone who has nominated someone and giving them the opportunity to re-nominate and update information if possible.

L. Rodeo Queen- Bank Account is not separate anymore; money has been deposited into the Winter Show general operating account.

M. Sponsorship- Dawn will email everyone the NSC sponsorship listing; it continues to get harder and harder to receive sponsorship. It's more important now than ever so she's asking everyone to do their share.

N. Culture, Arts & Technology- No Report.

Other-

- John Deere lease for parking lot is expiring October 31st and as of now they are not renewing.
- Rent at Rosebud office is increasing at least \$100, if not more as of October.
- Kevin asked about the possibility of getting a screen for rodeo that can play re-plays. This would also provide another option for our sponsors to advertise.
- Mike will get the tractor lined up for HS Rodeo.
- John Froelich mentioned again that at the county commission will request minutes to be emailed after each meeting due to the open meeting laws and each meeting be publically posted. He said any organization that receives tax payer money needs to have open meetings. Due to the 'surprise factor' with parts of our business, we will do some checking on our side. Dennis expressed to John that he had issues with how the meeting with the County Commissioners went. John said he thought the Winter Show representatives in attendance at that meeting handled themselves very professionally and he appreciated that. Dennis thanked.

With no other business to discuss; Dennis adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lindsey Peterson, NDWS Administrative Assistant