

NDWS Board of Director's Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2014 –  
Rosebud Visitor's Center – 6 pm

Those in attendance at the September Board Meeting were as follows: Dennis Hoye, Jim Nelson, Kevin Christensen, Beth Didier, Mike Kohler, Brad McKay, Holly Johnson, Nick Holm, Whitney Vogel, Tim Ost, Dawn Riley and Angie Curtis. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dennis Hoye.

The minutes from the August 11th Meeting were reviewed, with one statement to be changed; Dennis had talked to George Opatz, not Steve Opatz, concerning insulation in the South Exhibit Building. With that change, a motion was made by Jim, seconded by Brad, to approve the minutes; motion carried.

Financial Reports - The financial reports were discussed, beginning with the balance sheet; \$24,000 is still owed to BD Construction; a check has not been issued because the roof in the SEB is still leaking, so need to discuss that issue with them first. A motion was made by Nick, seconded by Brad, to approve the financial reports; motion carried.

Year End Financials - Dennis will present the financials at the annual meeting next Monday. A motion was then made by Beth, seconded by Mike, to approve the year end financials; motion carried.

Annual Meeting – Dawn has received letters of intent from three of the four directors whose term has expired: Whitney Vogel, Nick Holm and Dennis Hoye; Mike Kohler will be submitting a letter as well.

Jr. High/High School Rodeo – There are still ten days to go until the rodeo and over 410 stalls have already been reserved. Reservations totaled approximately 400 last year. Sponsorship is currently up \$2000 more than last year and more ads have been sold for the program as well. An option was added to the reservation form to also purchase admission bands, so \$1575 has been received for those. The outside announcer stand is not yet up however, so that needs to get done; Kevin will take care of it. Labor was discussed briefly; Beth will have LaDonna and Tonya to volunteer out in the outdoor arena. Shawn Hanson and Brad can switch off in the tractor and Holly can help at the cutting Friday night. Whitney, Dennis and Jim will also be available to help.

NSC Entertainment – No act is booked yet and the acts discussed at the last meeting,

Committee Updates -

- A. Arena/Grounds: Mike will take care of the gravel on the east side and get names for thank you cards, for the donation of the gravel. Dawn shared a \$10,000 quote for repair of the fire doors, but this would not include repair of the entrance doors. The SEB is still leaking. Dennis did talk to George Opatz and he believes that spray foam would take care of the leaking problems, but he will be contacted to look at it again, to determine if the water is from condensation or a hole. They did both look at the black particles on the ceiling and concluded that it is soot from equipment, not mold.
- B. Commercial/Concessions: No report.
- C. Concert: Tim is checking on possible acts for a concert Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>; no one is confirmed at this time.
- D. Crop Show: Meeting will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.
- E. Finance: The office rent will be going up and is an incentive to get offices up at the barn. Options discussed included contacting new sponsors, specifically some of the recent air show sponsors, such as the wind farm (Florida Power & Light), the pipe line, or Centrol. Contacting a grant writer may be an option, as well as discussing another loan with the bank.
- F. Horses: The NDQHA horse show was held this past weekend and a riding clinic the weekend before that. According to Don Patterson, the Red Horse Ranch is closing, so hosting the horse shows that were held there may be an option, if we would like.
- G. Labor: Dylan is now full-time up at the barn and is doing well.
- H. Livestock: The NSC exhibitor mailing is currently being worked on and will be going out this month.
- I. Rodeo: A ranch rodeo is still being discussed for Thursday evening, with Matt Kvien's father-in-law perhaps an option for organizing that. Their fee would be \$2500.
- J. Home, Play & Get-Away: No report

- K. Hall of Fame: No report
- L. Rodeo Queen: NDWS Rodeo Queen, Sarah Hass, will be competing at the state queen competition up in Minot, the second weekend in October.
- M. Sponsorships: Whitney mentioned a feed dealership manager in Kindred, Randy Brag, as a possible sponsor; she can contact him. No other discussion on sponsorship.
- N. Culture, Arts and Technology: Dawn has a couple acts booked for the Country Hoedown The price will go back down to \$10, from last year's \$20 fee, for the hoedown. Senior Dance Day is still being worked on, along with the luncheon. New for the 2015 show, the JunkFest will be a one-day event only, on Saturday.

Other – A better phone system is needed up at the barn and a used system would be approximately \$5000. Jim will have 15 phones that will be replaced soon at Miller Motors and could donate those, but more discussion is still needed on this and the costs associated with it. Dawn would like to purchase a copier from the Sheyenne Care Center, to eliminate the office needing to rent one for the NSC. The fee is \$500; a motion was made by Jim, seconded by Tim, to purchase the copier; motion carried. Also, in other business, the Dakota Fairs Convention will be held November 20-21 in Bismarck; contact the office if you plan on going.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Dennis to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by: Angie Curtis, NDWS Event Coordinator*