

## NDWS Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ~ Rosebud~ 6pm

City County Health had a short presentation for the board before the meeting started regarding underage drinking and ways they can help us keep that to a minimum during events. Discussion was held and the board will talk further about these options and be in touch with them.

*Dennis Hoye officially called the meeting to order.* Those present at the meeting were as follows; Kevin Christensen, Jim Nelson, Tim Ost, Dennis Hoye, Barnes County Commissioner Bill Carlblom, Dawn Riley, Matt Kvien, Brad McKay, Doug Muske, Holly Johnson, Whitney Vogel, Beth Didier, Angie Curtis and Lindsey Peterson.

Minutes from the March BOD meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, accepting minutes as written, by Tim seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** Sponsorship was reviewed; Dawn noted that this year it was down about \$16,000. Wages during Winter Show were down about \$10,000 but we worked with the minimum staff we possibly could. Year over year the wages in total are up; shortage of staff means having to payout more overtime. At the end of our fiscal year, wages should come in right about where they were projected to be. Discussion was held regarding the building staff/supervisor positions and how it's been working out this year. We are also waiting on the money from Eagles yet. Brad made a motion to approve financials, Doug seconded. Motion carried.

**2016 Winter Show Schedule:** Discussion was held regarding the layout of changing the show from the typical 6 day show to an 8 day show that would run Saturday – Saturday. The office had laid out the dates on the white board and filled in possibilities of the date change. Some of the idea's/concerns were as follows:

- Concert set up could happen Saturday morning, vs the night before which would help with our turnover of staff for the next morning as well as the production team staying overnight.
- District/Regional basketball tournaments could possibly interfere with the date being earlier.
- One day Ranch Rodeo preliminary's rather than being a 2 day event.
- Keep Ranch Rodeo on Thursday night vs. changing to another night.
- Vendor issues? Ag Challenge dates vs HPG dates? Katie sent out a poll to her vendors requesting their input. She only received a small amount back but majority were positive.
- Idea's to fill in space were, BMX/Motocross, Lawn mower races, Clydesdale horses, Bison Football Meet & Greet, 1 day Chemical Recertification Program, gun show, archery shoot, stick horse rodeo.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Beth and seconded by Doug to open it up for vote by the board. The question was; should we extend the show from the current 6 days to an 8-day show; running Saturday – Saturday? Of the 10 of the board members present, 4 voted no/undecided and 6 voted yes. By majority vote, the motion passed and the 2016 Winter Show will be an 8-day event running from March 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2015 Mud Bog:** date for this year's mud bog is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on if we do a pickup pull before mud bog was discussed; Brad is going to talk with HJ to decide. We'd have a combo ticket price for pickup pull, mud bog & band if we go that route. We'll need everyone available that day to help with tickets, registration, etc.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Arena/Grounds:** Discussion held on new Hi-Hog chutes, panels, etc. Current bid from Hi-Hog is \$46,191. Dawn currently has a grant submitted to ND Tourism for \$24,000 for chutes/stalls, there is also a BEK Communications grant available for \$10,000 that is being looked at. Beth & Dawn recently attended a grant writing class in Las Vegas. Dawn feels it was a very good investment to go and has a lot more knowledge on writing for grants now. Kevin suggested that we go with new chutes/equipment vs trying to find used. Brad recently went to an auction where he was able to purchase 40 panels for us at a very good price. Red River Valley is also willing to share their panels with us for our High School Rodeo if we are willing to share ours with them for the same. Kevin wants to get a bid from Priefert Manufacturing for the equipment before making a decision to buy from Hi-Hog. Brad made a motion to buy equipment from Hi-Hog pending what the

bid is from Priefert. Jim seconded, motion carried. Kevin will call Priefert and give them a deadline of Friday to submit a bid, otherwise we will buy from Hi-Hog.

We are unsure what BEK Communications has planned for internet at the moment. ICTC is basically landlocked and unable to provide any additional internet to the VC area so they can't justify making the huge investment needed to fix issues with wireless in our building. Waiting to hear from BEK.

Beth asked about the arena/grounds for the outside arena. Kevin has it on his mind but ground is still frozen. He has discussed with Dan Fairfield when the ground is ready they'll get started on it. Jim will work on getting material to get the announcer stand covered before High School Rodeo.

Commercial/Concessions: No Report

Concert: Tim is currently looking at a couple options for our concert which will be kicking off the Winter Show on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Crop Show: No report

Finance: See above.

Horses: Molly Otto Barrel Clinic coming up, Wrangler Team Roping is end of April and we have our AQHA Horse Show coming up in May. Dawn and Angie are also working with the United Barrel Racing Association on getting an event here.

Labor: Dawn reported that Katie is done so we will be advertising for a Commercial Exhibit Coordinator position soon. Dennis added that the Labor Committee would like to set up a review for Dawn since she hasn't formally had one in the 4 years she's been manager.

Livestock: Angie reported that there will be a meeting coming up; she will schedule that with Pete.

Rodeo: Rodeo report card came in with good review from PRCA Judges. Whitney, received a letter from Bailey Pro Rodeo, stating they are ND's newest PRCA contractor and would like to work with us. Discussion was held regarding this; a few of the other board members were also aware of this letter. No bid or proposal came with the letter. After the 2015 rodeo, we signed a contract with Sutton Rodeo for them to continue as our stock contractor for the 2016 show. We would need more information on this to further the discussion.

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

Hall of Fame: No Report

Rodeo Queen: Discussion held on forming a 'Queen Committee'. If Cheryl isn't going to continue as coordinator, Winter Show needs to be more involved in the happenings. Matt, Kevin and Beth will now be the Queen Committee.

Sponsorship: Discussed during Financial Reports

Timeless Traditions: There are some adjustments needed to a few of the events, Dawn is currently working on those.

Other: Are we going to fill Mike Kohler's board member position? He submitted his resignation after Winter Show. Since he has remaining time on his term, the board has the ability to appoint someone to fill that spot. Those who expressed interest are; Luke Nelson, Casey Stoudt Jr, Dana Didier, Dean Kinney & Chris Lunde. After discussion the group was narrowed down to Luke, Dana and Chris. All board members voted for who they'd like to see fill the open position. Dana received majority vote. Dennis Hoyer called Dana to inform/congratulate him on being appointed as a director on the NDWS Board.

With no other business to discuss, Dennis Hoyer adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by: Lindsey Peterson, Admin Assistant/Accounting*