

NDWS Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015 ~ Rosebud Visitor's Center/NDWS office

Those in attendance at the NDWS Board Meeting were as follows: Dennis Hoyer, Dana Didier, Beth Didier, Dawn Riley, Jim Nelson, Whitney Vogel, Matt Kvien, Pete Paulson, Tim Ost, Doug Muske, Kevin Christensen, Bill Carlblom, Brad McKay, Jacey Shively, Angie Curtis and employees Barb and Theresa, from the City-County Health District. President, Beth Didier, called the meeting to order.

City County Health: Barb and Theresa spoke about their concerns addressed in a previous letter to the board members, pertaining to the problem of alcohol consumption in ND. Included in the letter was a list of considerations that would perhaps reduce under-age and binge-drinking in our community. These included reducing the number of drinks an individual can purchase during the concert to two drinks at a time, continuing the use of ID scanners, reducing the number of hours that the pub is open and making the entire rodeo stands alcohol free. Some changes that could perhaps be implemented were discussed and relayed that these will continue to be reviewed by the board; Barb and Theresa then left the meeting.

Review of Minutes: The meeting continued with review of the minutes from the October 12th meeting. A motion was made by Matt to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Dana and motion carried.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed and a motion was made by Doug to approve the financials; motion was seconded by Jim and motion carried.

North Star Classic update: About 40 entries are in so far for the North Star Classic; this amount is down from other years at this time, but expected to be similar in total numbers to year's past. The catalog has been sent to print; sponsors are down this year and sponsors are still needed for the new "Fairest of Them All" show. The dinner show is nearly sold out already though, with just over 100 tickets available right now. Other discussion included perhaps having a general exhibitor meeting during the NSC; Saturday would likely work the best, but if showing in the open show only, the meeting time would not work for those exhibitors. The scale that has previously been used in the SEB for weighing the pen show animals will not be needed this year; the mailing did state that animals must be halter broke however, so they can be weighed in the west end of the barn. Kevin relayed that Jeff Gilbertson has corn stover for us; we would need 90 bales and fee would be \$15/bale. Dawn stated that Nick Hoffart has already talked to Cal Schaefer about donating the corn stover, so this is taken care of.

Committee Assignment Review: The committee assignments were reviewed, with the following changes to be made: Beth will be added to labor and finance. Dana Didier and Nick Holm will be added to commercial exhibits and Dana will be added under sponsors and horses as well. Also concerning commercial exhibits, Brenco has stated that they are not coming back to the show this year, due to the 8 days. We will then owe them a remaining \$500, for the floor sweeper. Grabinger's Marine however, will be coming back, though there was a mix-up last year and there was not space for them. On the rodeo queen committee, Kevin, Beth and Matt will be on that committee and Cheryl will remain on as the chairperson. Dennis is currently listed as chairman for the Ag Hall of Fame. He will be here for the meeting during the NSC, where the inductees are selected, but will not be here for the Winter Show, so someone will need to do the presentation at the ceremony. Beth will talk to Gerry Gerntholz about doing the presentation that day, since he has in the past.

Winter Show Sponsorship: Letters have gone out to those that have sponsored previously and Dawn will email out an updated list to board members next week. When contacting sponsors, check with the office first please, to see if the business has already sent in payment.

Raffle: The raffle tickets for the upcoming NDWS will be available at the dinner show. Grand prize will be a Harley Davidson Sportster XL 1200T. Second place will be a smart TV and third place prize will be a \$500 gift card. A total of 250 tickets will be sold, at \$100 each.

Committee Reports:

- A. *Rodeo Queen:* An invoice has recently been received for chaps for the junior queen. Chaps should be ready by May though, so that they can be worn to the different events throughout the summer and not just received now! This needs to be in the contract and a copy of the contract in the office, so that it can be reviewed. The

trailer does not yet have decals on it. Matt will check on this and get a copy of the contract as well. Dawn relayed that Elise would like to continue on for a second term, as two previous queens have done. A competition will be held however.

- B. *Arena/Grounds*: The Heritage room has been re-painted for the upcoming ND Ag Hall of Fame meeting during the NSC. The outdoor arena needs some boards put on the bottom panels; Dana will check on this. Brad has contacted Rich Plecity about filling in the mud pit and that will be done before the NSC. LED lighting for the arena was discussed briefly; Matt is checking with Kelly Kohn on this. In addition, the food court area will need better ventilation before the upcoming show; Dawn has checked into a grant from MDU however, for heat and exhaust, so would like to see if that will be granted before a large amount of money is put into repairs.
- C. *Commercial/Concession*: Dakota Plains will no longer be able to take care of the propane for the vendors during the Winter Show, so another company will need to be contacted to do this. Kevin will check with Randy Anderson to see if he is interested. The tank has been a 500 gallon and placed on the north side of the building.
- D. *Concert*: An act to go along with Old Dominion has still not yet been decided; they did just have the #1 song though, so perhaps just leave as the two and Old Dominion will be the headliner. John Michael Montgomery will be checked into however and, as discussed at the last meeting, "Blind Joe", who recently appeared on "The Voice", could perhaps entertain either before the concert, or on the karaoke night. A lip synch contest is an option as well, instead of karaoke. Porta-potties will be ordered again to be placed in the barn area, to avoid congestion of bathrooms on concert night.
- E. *Crop Show*: Angie is working on the crop show book and it should be out by the end of December. Sponsors are all currently the same as last year.
- F. *Finance*: No report.
- G. *Horses*: No report.
- H. *Labor*: Labor for the NSC – Beth will be there to help except on Sunday morning; Whitney will be able to help Sunday. Pete will be there throughout the show and Dawn will help in the arena again. More help is needed, even if just for a couple hours at a time!
- I. *Livestock*: NSC discussed previously.
- J. *Rodeo*: Jim is currently checking on a specialty act. For the ranch rodeo, Matt is checking with his father-in-law again. He may not be able to have the number of cattle needed, so Matt is checking with another contractor, who would be interested in having a summer series as well.
- K. *SEB/Ag Challenge/HPG*: Brad is working on speakers for the Ag Challenge; Stephanie Sinner with the ND Soybean Council is interested and he is discussing doing a round table discussion with Dakota Plains. The weekend is set to be the kids' weekend, with dog shows and games and Angie is checking on a barrel train.
- L. *Ag Hall of Fame*: No report.
- M. *Sponsorship*: No report.
- N. *Timeless Traditions*: Letters for the Junk Boutique and Antique Show exhibitors are going out this week; show days will remain as they did last year, with the junk boutique on Saturday and the antique show Thursday and Friday.

Other: Matt did check with Jeff Foss from the Sheyenne Red River Rodeo Club; they are interested in purchasing panels and storing them at the barn to be used by both organizations for the jr. high/high school rodeos. The pickup pull during the Winter Show was discussed briefly; Jim will check with a couple groups about coordinating this possibly, instead of having the SE Pickup Pullers Association coordinate this again. A group from Devils Lake is interested in having a go-cart racing event at the barn in April; Dawn will send the details out when a contract has been signed. Welcome to new employee, Jacey! Also, in other business, Jim expressed his feelings that the executive committee should, as done several years ago, meet with the manager and office staff once a month to ensure that all business is running smoothly. Beth expressed her concerns about the board and staff working on communication to ensure the same. No other business was discussed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Angie Curtis, NDWS Event Coordinator