

NDWS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
March 18, 2024 —6pm
MINUTES

Call to Order - Erin called meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Present were Nick Holm, Jim Nelson, Dan Donnelly, Dana Didier, Royce Kinney, Doug Muske, Kevin Christensen, Brandee Moore

Financial Reports

Account Balances: Operating: \$264,987.97, Gaming: \$39,369.84, Money Market: 5,985.08

Brandee discussed income from Winter Show. Still lots revolving, coming in and some bills yet to pay.

Old Business:

Review February minutes – reviewed. Jim asked if all the NSC payouts and labor issues were resolved. No discussion other than we paid what was requested, with the exception of Jaci and Kelcey due to agreed they get the flat rate without hourly pay.

New Business:

Discussion on Winter show. Overall it was a great show. Beth was unable to attend tonight, but did leave her thoughts. Brandee read this. See attached from Beth, as it is included in these minutes. Talked about Sunday being a slow day and vendors trying to leave right away. Do we close the show early? Move cattle show to Saturday morning? Move Auctioneer contest to Saturday morning? Discussion on these things, but in the end, decided to leave it as it is. Move cattle show back to 8 am or 9 am to finish by noon. Move auctioneer contest up to 1 pm instead of 2. Advertise Sunday as a family day, come play cards, shop in a slower atmosphere, and see the cattle show and auction. Would be willing to release vendors by 3 instead of 5 if all is over.

Take prca rodeo to all reserved seating, other than sect D and possibly H.

Wheels of Agriculture was too loud in that location.

Look into shuttles up and down the streets and to the Eagles.

- A. Arena/Grounds/Building- Per Beth's suggestion, discussed a day once a month as a clean up day. All agreed this is a good idea, especially in spring and summer for grounds up keep.
- B. Finance - Brandee would like to see a sum of WS profit put into a cd to be pulled back out in December/January if needed for first of the year expenses, to include insurance, taxes, winter bills. Will give the financials another month to clear up from Winter Show then make some decisions on this.
- C. Labor – bonuses to staff. No bonuses were given last year, due to low numbers with snow storms. Brandee Would like to give immediate staff bonuses. Some were here for weeks prior, those will get an increased bonus from the couple that were here week of. These workers came in for weeks prior to the show, worked very long hours and showed tremendous dedication to me and our event. Dan made a motion that Brandee can give bonuses to employees as she sees fit. Jim 2nd. All in favor. Nicole Fick had mentioned to Doug she would like a raise to keep working our events yearly. Also need to make sure the boys coming in to work have a start out level and the ones that have been here are paid more. As of now they are all straight across the board at \$12. The couple of new boys should have been started at \$10, Hope did not know and was not advised of this when she entered the boys into the payroll system.
- D. Commercial/Concession – need a cold start on Tuesday pre show, as the food vendors seem to have issues on start up and then it is hard to get fixed once show is going. Will put in their paperwork to do a cold start on Tuesday at 1 pm pre show.
- E. Rodeos - some complaints on the clown.

- F. Rodeo Queen – all moms must purchase rodeo tickets and event tickets. Queens selling raffles need to only be 2 at a time and keep moving or completely squat down out of the view of the rodeo. Lots of complaints about the queens in the way of people trying to watch and or not being able to walk around them due to so many together in the isles.
- G. Crop Show - Alicia did a great job as committee chair.
- H. Horse – lots of pullers this year. Need Kasi in the back wed afternoon on. Wed night can be free but to stay Thursday night in stalls will be a charge. We have lots of clean up after the pullers leave and have others wanting to rent stalls.
- I. Livestock – need to make sure cattle get stalled further back toward wash bay and not near the sorting alley. Dan will look at bringing in bedding to store here from summer forward just to prevent any last minute needs.
- J. Hall of Fame - no report
- K. Pick-up Pull/Tractor Pull - it was a good event
- L. Events at the Eagles – ladies luncheon was successful with \$1531 in tickets. Dance day is always a hit. Change name of dance from sr dance to winter show dance day. No report from Jerry yet on the pub and events at eagles. Brandee will contact him toward end of the week if he hasn't called.
- M. Sponsorship – Sponsorship was about 85,000. Still have those coming in
- N. Concert – check was delivered to WS. Know there are some things to work on.

Manager's Report

Next Meeting – Monday April 8th

“Good of the Order” Nick – Troy Franklin wants to meet over demo derby. Can do this next monthly meeting. Have them attend at 6 pm.

Whitney – Reisters complained over ventilation. Discussion over ventilation. Royce said last estimate was \$20,000. Brandee to research clean air grants.

Bill – wants expense report. Wants to know why raffle tickets said Saturday night but was done Sunday? Discussed that we have been doing it at the auction since we no longer have a ranger to pull into arena. Will make sure tickets are changed for future. Bill wanted to know why payments haven't been made. This is due to there are forms that have to be filled out by the winners, they have to come in or be mailed those forms and we have to have those back before payment is issued. Bill has made calls about the handling of this raffle to ask questions on how it should be handled.

Adjourn Meeting Kevin made a motion to adjourn and Dave 2nd.

