

NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR, Inc. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes June 10, 2009

**Board Members in Attendance:** Rusty DeSpain, Redgie Justman, Kelly Favro, Don Fischer, Anna Amos, Jimmy Crosby, Wendell DeCross, Tim Kelley, Alberto Peshlakai  
**Staff in Attendance:** Mina Henning, Laura Brooks  
**Guests:** Linda Kor, Paul Barger, Cherise Merrick  
**Excused Board Members:** Mike Sample, Lori Reynolds, Wes DeSpain  
**Unexcused Board Members:** Allen Mitchell, Sara Hansen, Mike Mellor

1. **Call to Order:** Rusty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting May 12, 2009 – Redgie made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Call to the Public:** None
4. **Rodeo Queen Update:** The queens are doing a great job. They will busy the next couple of months. They have Taylor, Snowflake and Show Low coming up.
5. **President's Report:** The hood in the Cantina is complete. There is now a certified hood with fire suppression in the Cantina. The compressor for the walk-in was ordered and delivered, but was refused due to damage. Buildings and Grounds will install the compressor once all the parts are on-site. Jose is finishing the arena fence with materials that we had on-site. He has removed the chain link and is installing a pipe fence. July 1<sup>st</sup> we will start our monthly fairgrounds committee meetings with the City department heads, sheriff's office, county, etc. We did receive full funding from the Governor's Fund with a check for \$30,000. That check was deposited into savings. Anything that we were holding off on ordering, ribbons, printing, ads, awards; we can now order. Budgets for each department need to be submitted.
  - a. **Facility Requests:** None
6. **Event Director's Report:** Will give report under 2009 fair.
7. **Secretary/Accountant's:** No report
  - a. **Expenditures** – Kelly made a motion to accept the expenditures as presented. Anna seconded. Motion carried.
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Old West Days** – Rusty was invited to a meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the City Council Chambers to discuss the 2009 Old West Days. The Chamber was funded by the bed tax through the City. Due to the Chamber's inappropriate use of funds, the City suspended funding. The City has taken over the handling of the events. The City has organized a committee to help put on the Old West Days. Rusty was invited on behalf of the fair board and to handle a rodeo. The City will be footing the bill for the event. The City would like to use the facility (fairgrounds) at no charge. They want us to run the concessions. All vendors would be placed on the fairgrounds. Old West Days will be August 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. The events will include NABRA, battle of the bands, Rodeo, foot races, pancake breakfast, fireworks, parade, chili cook off, quilt show, etc. Jimmy asked if they would be interested in having some Jr. Livestock demonstrations here as well. Rusty will talk with the committee and see. It will be in the best interest of the Fair Board and will better the relationship with the City to have the event here. We will make money on the concession stand. Jimmy made a motion to partner with the City for Old West Days and do what we can to benefit the City of Holbrook. Anna seconded. Motion carried. Jimmy stated that possible next year we can hold the SAILA jackpot in conjunction with Old West Days.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Concession Stands** – At the last meeting, the board directed staff to rewrite the lease for the Bread of Life Mission. We rewrote the Lion's Club agreement for the Bread of Life Mission. The changes were: \$300 annual fee, if we re-rent the building then Bread of Life has to move their stuff out,

they are responsible for the inside and outside of the building, and the fair board has to approve all improvements and/or changes to the building. The Bread of Life has agreed to the contract and has signed and had it notarized. After brief discussion, the Bread of Life Mission would like to be notified of all events so that they may have the opportunity to open their facility. Rusty recommended passing the agreement. Don made a motion a motion to accept the agreement with the Bread of Life Mission. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

**b. Discussion/Possible Action RE: Executive Committee** – Mike resigned from President at the last board meeting. Rusty has been taking care of the presidential duties since that time. Now the board needs to discuss how they are going to fill the position and what they are going to do. It can be discussed in open meeting or in executive session. Anna recommends leaving Rusty as president. Rusty stated that his head is underwater as it is and really does not want the position. But he feels that it would be unfair to someone to put them in as president this close to the fair. Rusty is willing to stay as president until January, however, the vice president's position will have to be filled with a dedicated person. Wendell stated that the board would have to have an election. Wendell made a motion to have Rusty fill the President position. Anna seconded. Motion carried. Don made the motion that the board unanimously elect Lori as Vice President. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

**c. 2009 Fair** – Rusty is here to help with meetings, finding things and helping with work days. Laura and Mina can help with the paperwork that is on file from previous years. The office can be used for committee meetings. The fair is less than three months away and will happen whether we are ready or not.

- i. **Open Class** – Redgie reported that her committee is meeting monthly. They have new volunteers. They are trying to get demonstrations scheduled for during the fair.
- ii. **Little Buckaroo/Ranch Rodeo** – Kelly reported that all the gear bags and rope bags have been ordered. She has sold one buckle in each event. Meetings will start soon.
- iii. **Tim** – Will get with Jose and start preparation now. Rusty commented that Tim is currently the Interim Public Works Director for the City of Holbrook.
- iv. **Entertainment** – Mina reported that the entertainment was good. She is still trying to get something for the south end. Sponsorships are slow. Radio ads will start tomorrow and run through August. Raffle, auction and giveaway items are filling her office. The Fair book will go to print next week. Sometime around July 2 we will have 8,000 coopies.
- v. **Vendors** – Wendell told Mike that he would handle vendors. Rusty stated that Mike should be able to help Wendell out.
- vi. **Anna** – Working on sponsorships for Little Buckaroo and Ranch Rodeo. Helping Mina with sponsors.
- vii. **Jr. Livestock** – Jimmy stated that all animals are tagged. Everything is going alright. There were complaints from last year about the steer area being unclean. They will be looking into laying wood chips or saw dust.
- viii. **Don** – Unless something from last year needs changed, everything looks good

**10. Executive Session:** None

**11. Post Executive Session:** None

**12. Upcoming Meetings:** July 8, 2009

**13. Adjournment:** Tim made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Alberto seconded. Motion carried.