

NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR, Inc. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes August 26, 2009

**Board Members in Attendance:** Mike Sample, Rusty DeSpain, Redgie Justman, Kelly Favro, Wes DeSpain, Don Fischer, Allen Mitchell, Jimmy Crosby, Wendell DeCross, Tim Kelley  
**Staff in Attendance:** Mina Henning, Laura Brooks  
**Guests:**  
**Excused Board Members:** Lori Reynolds, Sara Hansen, Anna Amos, Mike Mellor, Alberto Peshlakai  
**Unexcused Board Members:** None

1. **Call to Order:** Rusty called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Rusty stated that with the weekly meetings it is too hard to get the agendas out on Thursdays. Agendas will be available in the office each Monday.
2. **Call to the Public:** None
3. **Rodeo Queen Update:** We have a queen contestant, so now we have a total of five contestants (1 queen, 2 teen queen, 1 junior teen queen, and 1 little buckaroo). They will still have to meet point levels and will not just automatically be named. Jimmy asked if it was a big expense to be a queen. Yes, they have to travel to the rodeos, provide their wardrobe, motel rooms and fuel.
4. **President's Report:** Rusty had lunch with Jimmy Jayne the other day to discuss the fair and the County's help. They are still trying to support us as much as possible. There are no major projects planned. They have cut back to a four day work week. Money is tight. The fairgrounds have come to a position that it can idle along. Some areas do need work, but they can manage. The county will help in every way they can. The county employees can volunteer here.
5. **Event Director's Report:** None
6. **Secretary/Accountant's:** None
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Old West Days** – Everything is moving forward. The City is helping to get the fairgrounds ready. Lori could use volunteers in the Cantina. Rusty, JR and Jose will be riding horses in the parade.
  - b. **2009 Fair** –
    - i. **Redgie** – Spent all day entering entries into the computer. Everything is good to go. The cleaning crew will be here September 9.
    - ii. **Kelly** – There are two paid teams for the Ranch Rodeo. \$2,325 is still needed in sponsors. The cattle is taken care of. Little Buckaroo is good.
    - iii. **Tim** – The sound is covered. Tim is available in the evenings the week prior to the fair. Waste Management will donate a dumpster and \$200 for their arena sign. Tim will handle Diamond S.
    - iv. **Allen** – Everything is alright. Posters are being distributed with Mina's help.
    - v. **Mina** – Scheduled to start delivering posters, placemats, color sheets, napkins, etc next week.
    - vi. **Rusty** – The rodeo is set. Old West Days is shy on rough stock riders. Rusty hopes that this does not carry over to our rodeo. There are 3 rodeos in New Mexico too. The Duncan rodeo will be the same weekend as ours, but they only have \$100 added.
    - vii. **Mina** – Sponsors are down. We have lost some, but gained some.
    - viii. **Wes** – Everything is good.
    - ix. **Mike Sample** – Vendors are calling daily. Martinez Hall is almost full. We will have pony rides, a petting zoo and a climbing wall. Phoenix Helicopter Services is going to bring in two helicopters and will give rides throughout the day and into dusk. We will have to do some dust control. Without the rain we will also have to do dust control in the parking lots, etc.

Rusty needs to confirm the location of the helicopters. They will bring in their own security and fencing, insurance and Part 135. They will be sending their information in.

- x. **Wendell** – Nothing to add to Mike’s report. Wendell will distribute posters in the south part of the County.
- xi. **Jimmy** – Entries are all turned in. Family passes and exhibitor passes have been picked up. The backdrop for pictures is coming along. The gate still needs to be installed for the pigs to unload from the parking lot. An area 10’ high by 12’ wide needs to be painted on the North side for the pictures to be taken against. There are concerns about the Jr. Livestock Auction. There are about 40 hogs that might not make weight. Emma Malone will be presented a lifetime pass during the livestock sale.
- xii. **Don** – Has been helping Laura with signs for the float. A friend is painting 9-10 signs at no cost. There will be a designated smoking area out front and one in the grandstand area. Smoking signs will be installed tomorrow.
- xiii. By next Wednesday we need to have Ranch Rodeo sponsors, a final answer on first aid, Budweiser posters and money, Jr. Livestock area painted and all areas cleaned. Wes will need to get his sawdust before Jr. Livestock checks in.

**9. Executive Session:** None

**10. Post Executive Session:** None

**11. Upcoming Meetings – September 2, 2009; September 9, 2009**

**12. Adjournment:** Tim made a motion at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn. Allen seconded. Motion carried.