

NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR, Inc. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes September 9, 2009

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

1. **Call to Order:** Rusty called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Call to the Public:** None
3. **Rodeo Queen Update:** Everything is going good. The queens will be going on the radio shows and getting ready for the fair.
4. **President's Report:**
  - a. **Facility Requests** – Paula Kelley has requested the use of Martinez Hall on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for a Holbrook High School Alumni Reunion. The Alumni committee is asking that the hall be donated and the fees be waived. They will need bartenders and alcohol sales. They are expecting 200-300 people. The board stated that the rental fee for the building is \$350 plus \$50 per security person (will need 4-6 security), and \$100 for alcohol insurance. No alcohol is allowed to be brought onto the grounds. The committee does not want to charge people to attend, they want to get people to come back into town. They will be bringing lots of money into the town. They are planning on having a DJ and would like the tables and chairs. Jimmy stated that we would need to cover our costs. Wes made a motion to allow Holbrook High School Alumni Reunion to use Martinez Hall for \$400 (\$200 for security; \$100 for insurance and \$100 refundable cleaning deposit). Jimmy seconded. Motion carried.  

This is the last board meeting before the fair. Some board members are aware of what will happen, some will learn. The Board of Supervisors crowned the queens yesterday. The Supervisors were also given their passes for the fair. There was also a fairgrounds committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. yesterday. At the City Council meeting last night, they presented Rusty with the \$40,000 check which is the City's annual payment to the fairgrounds. Rusty is still working on some things that will hopefully benefit the fairgrounds. Everything will be starting this Saturday with the pageant and Horse Achievement. Equipment will start coming in on Tuesday. Everyone needs to make sure they have passes for their family, sponsors and personnel. After Tuesday it is tough to get picture passes. The fair will come on Wednesday at 5:00 whether we are ready or not.
5. **Event Director's Report:** Everything is moving right along. Mina is working on getting feed, equipment, entertainment schedules, etc. Rusty asked if Mina had any direction to the board. Mina does need help putting up the arena signs. The Rodeo committee can help hang the arena signs. Sara's 4-H Club will be here to clean the Jr. Livestock area. Lori needs two rooms for Thursday night.
6. **Secretary/Accountant's:** None
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. **2009 Fair** –
    - i. **Redgie** – Everything is good. She is finished inputting entries. In 2008 we had 336 exhibitors, this year we have 305. In 2008 we had 1,870 entries, this year we have over 2,000. Entries will be coming in on Sunday and Monday. Judging will take place on Tuesday and everything will be ready to go on Wednesday.

- ii. **Kelly** – There are 4 Ranch Rodeo teams. Little Buckaroo call-ins are tomorrow night. Everything is set and ready to go.
- iii. **Sara** – Everything is good to go. The horse show is ready. The calves, steers and sound are good. Sara will give Lori a list of her judges/personnel to serve food to at no charge. There should only be three people on Saturday and 3 on Wednesday (the announcer, secretary and judge). On Wednesday, horse achievement starts at 10:00 a.m.
- iv. **Tim** – Sanitation is taken care of. The forks for the loader will not be available for the fair. Rusty has a forklift coming from the county. The sound is set to go for all the events.
- v. **Alberto** – He has received response from a couple of the Chapters. The President should be attending opening ceremonies on Friday or Saturday's Rodeo.
- vi. **Lori** – Everything is good to go. She is still looking for volunteers.
- vii. **Mike Sample** – Inquired about having a log for board members to sign for getting food and water. Lori will make sure that board members do not have to pay at the cantina. The cantina will be selling ice for \$2 a bag.
- viii. **Rusty** – The Rodeo is all scheduled and going good. Entries are good. Bulls and barrels are full. Last year we had 647 entries.
- ix. **Wes** – Everything is good. Hopefully the rest of the donated paint from APS will be received tomorrow along with Redgie's pipe.
- x. **Anna** – Still trying to get more sponsors. The radio station in Lakeside will be running more ads.
- xi. **Mike Mellor** – there are 9 open contestants and 4 lady contestants.
- xii. **Mike Sample** – Still receiving calls from vendors. Generators will be here on Tuesday.
- xiii. **Jimmy** – Everything looks good. The barn has been painted and the gate hung. Junior Livestock will come off of Buffalo and will have two lanes to unload.
- xiv. **Don** – So far everything is good. The City is set for the road closures. He will be picking up the barricades on Monday and Tuesday. We are still waiting on some signs from the County. The streets will be closed Wednesday morning. Don will need to place a sign on Buffalo directing people to the "Hog Weigh-In".

Things to happen after the fair closes every night. Plan on staying here until after 11:00 p.m. Buildings and gates need to be locked and the facility secured. Please make sure that everyone is wearing their identification badges. There will be 40 radios delivered, of which 20 are dedicated to security and 5 to finance. Make sure that all board members check in with Laura, so we know who is on-site and who is not. Meetings will start at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Wednesday at 4:30 is the first lock-down. Jr. Livestock will have access to the midway everyday from 6:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. At 9:30 each day we will lock-down the facility. Ticket takers will be in place to start selling tickets at 9:30 each day.

**9. Executive Session:** None

**10. Post Executive Session:** None

**11. Upcoming Meetings – October 14, 2009**

**12. Adjournment:** Sara made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried.