

**Humboldt County Rodeo Board  
Agricultural District #3 - Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Bengoa, Dennis Ramasco, Dale Owen, Glynn Montero, Becky Hill, and Tom Brown

**Board Members Absent:** Kent Maher and Dave Louk

**Staff Present:** Kim Petersen, Sheree Tibbals and Darrel Field

**Others Present:** *Garley Amos, Pete & Bonnie Cassinelli, Zack Sherburn & Adena Wright*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Bengoa called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Dale moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2014. The motion passed unanimously with Glenn & Chris abstaining since they were absent.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS**

Dennis moved to approve the outstanding vouchers consisting of:

\$17,436.04 for the Ag District #3 through November 12, 2014

\$11,153.52 for the Indoor Event Center through November 12, 2014

The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Garley Amos asked the board to consider Tom's proposal to revive the Friday Night Roping. He notes that it is important to have a board member, like Tom, at the event who has the desire and knowledge to make the event happen.

Garley notes that he has spoken with the County Administrator who has no concerns about the proposed event so long as the applicable rules are followed.

Tom proposes to get cattle from Tommy Lee in Fallon for which he will be charged \$8.00 per run. He will leave the cattle on the fairgrounds and promises to feed and care for them during the proposed 10 week roping series to begin at the end of May 2015.

Tom is also working to get sanctioning and insurance through ACTRA.

Chris asked whether he would have enough for prizes.

Tom replied that he intends to charge \$50 per team and hopes to get 100 teams. If the only cost is feed, facility and stock rental the payouts should be fine.

Bonnie asked whether the stock could be available for practice.

Tom will speak with Tommy Lee and pose the question. Several members cautioned that the cattle could be over practiced or practiced improperly where they will not rope well.

Kim asked what funds would be available for facility rent and whether we should ignore our policy regarding the scheduling of similar events. He notes that ACTRA is tentatively scheduled to use the facility either on April 4 & 5 or April 11 & 12. This places the proposed roping within a week of another major Roping.

Tom is working on the numbers and will bring a proposal back to the next meeting.

The discussion will be added to the next agenda.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Kim received a letter from the America West Barrel Racing Association canceling 2015 barrel races. The association cites lack of enough contestants to continue the series in 2015.

## **2014/2015 BUDGET REVIEW**

Kim distributed copies of this month's expenditure reports. At 42% of elapsed time, Event Center expenses are at 58% and Fairgrounds expenses are at 36%. Events Complex revenue is at 53%.

Kim reports that Event Center expenses are high due to the \$85,500 expense line without the \$150,000 budget offset.

## **WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX (WEC)**

Nothing at this time.

## **EVENTS UPDATES, REPORTS AND SCHEDULING**

### **a. Ranch Hand Rodeo**

Kim reports that staff will meet next week to begin planning the Ranch Hand Rodeo. He notes that the wild horse race during the recent WSRRA finals were a great crowd pleaser and staff are working on plans to incorporate the event. He comments that the race will not be an official event competition but an exhibition from a separate association. Kim also comments that the Winnemucca Inn and Winners noted an increase in customers from out of town with the addition of the Wild Horse race at the recent WSRRA Finals Rodeo.

Glynn commented that the last Ranch Hand Rodeo he attended was two years ago but the bucking horses seemed sub-standard.

The board notes that the horses were better last year but we should put a word into Wally to ask him to bring the best stock he can. The board also notes that in late February and early March it is difficult to find well fed animals that will put on the best show.

Tom suggested adding a day to the event in order to take more teams. Staff commented that it will be very difficult to find volunteers to work an additional event day.

Sheree asked that the board consider Garley's suggestion of honoring John Fallon as Ranch Hand of the Year. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

### **b. Labor Day Events**

Sheree reports that she has verbally confirmed with Manuel Souza of Souza's Bucking Bulls to produce the 2015 rough stock Labor Day Rodeo.

### **c. SSIR**

Dale passed around a tentative schedule for the SSIR event.

He asks that the board review the schedule and send any comments, questions or conflicts to Kathy through Kim.

The board noted that the schedule contains some Open Jackpot Team Ropings that should be restricted to contestants only.

d. Mule Races

Kim reports that we have not heard directly from any Mule Race Association member and feels that the event should no longer be on the agenda.

**FAIRGROUNDS REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Tom asked about the roping tub sale.

Kim reports that while Nuffer has agreed to do the work, He is not sure when he can get it done so recommends hanging on to the current tubs for now.

He asked the board for ideas on the best way to proceed.

Becky suggests setting a minimum and accepting sealed bids to get the most revenue out of the tubs.

Chris asked that Kim look at the nap weed near our fields. He also mentioned that he received comments about too many old panels making the fairgrounds un-appealing.

Kim will check out the comments and clean up the area if needed.

**INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND/OR REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel Field, Secretary