

MINUTES
BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
Of February 4, 2004

Members Present: Chair Ron Rowan, Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Mark Johnson, Andy Barr, Rob Ellingson, Bob Borgen, Lynn Perkins

Members Not Present: All Present

Advisory Board Members Present: Nellie Forrester

AB Members Not Present: Dave Noble, Janice Cowan

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), Kenny Hoopes, Mike Chandler, Kerry Bratcher (President) all of the Elkhorn Archers; Dean Barnes of the Juvenile Department, Mike Ferguson of the Baker City Herald, and County Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Rowan at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Andy to approve the minutes of January 14 as submitted. Motion passed.

Discussion Regarding usage of the Community Center by the Elkhorn Archers: Mike Chandler spoke on behalf of the Archers – requesting usage of the Center every Thursday evening, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. The Archers have been in the Center two times so far this winter, w/o an agreement with the Board. The Archers have been using the facility for several years and have never had a contract due to one of their past officers being on the Fair Board, so it was a shock to them when Andi let them know they were using the facility w/o going through the proper channels (they had a key, and let themselves in). After some discussion, **Dean moved to charge the archers a ¼ day rate of the CC at \$25.00 per night, plus reimbursement of utilities for their use during the months of January, February and March of this year. Mark 2nd the motion. The motion passed.** Kerry Bratcher, the President of the Archers will meet with Andi at 2:00 pm tomorrow to sign a contract and to properly check-out the key they have. The archers also said they would like to be considered for any projects that could also be applied to the rent.

Rob asked if we were prepared to make this the standard rate. After some discussion the following policy was made: **The Base rate for the usage of the Community Center shall be as follows: \$25 for ¼ day (up to 3 hours), \$50 for ½ day (up to 6 hours) and \$75 for full day rate (in excess of 6 hours). The rental fee shall be the appropriate base rate plus reimbursement of utilities (electricity and gas heat). Dean made the motion and Mark seconded to approve the Community Center rental policy. The motion passed.**

Discussion Regarding Usage of the Show Barn by Dean Barnes, Youth Accountability Officer for Baker County: Dean approached the board and asked for permission to use the Show Barn as an area to refinish picnic tables that his 15 at risk kids are working on for the City. He said they need to get the tables done before spring,

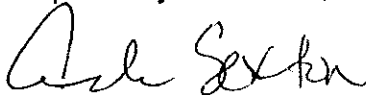
and their schedule would be Mondays through Thursdays from about 8:30 am until 10:00 am. He said there would be three adults providing supervision. Discussion followed regarding the utilities and how to pay for utilities. Dr. Carl Stiff said he would donate the utility usage. **Mark made the motion to allow the use of the Show Barn to Dean Barnes with reimbursement of utilities by Dr. Carl Stiff. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed.** Dean said they would be out by March 15, in time for setting up of the Home and Garden Show. It was also discussed to have the at risk kids assist the Fair Board with some projects such as: Moving the rock from the tree area along Grove Street and putting down landscaping matt, and painting the rodeo grounds fence.

Discussion regarding John Goodyear's Letter for the Baker Church of Christ: Andi presented to the board a request from John Goodyear on behalf of the Church to be in charge of certain janitorial and maintenance items instead of a per hour tally. The board was in favor, with the question as to if the Church would also check the Rodeo Grounds (for trash) once a week, and if they would mow the lawn. Andi will follow-up with John Goodyear.

Financial Documents: Mark made the motion and Dean 2nd to accept the financial documents as discussed. Motion passed. Discussion: Ruth Whitnah of the County Health Department has requested office space for the Girl Scouts – at \$50/a month. **Dean moved to accept the \$50/month from girl scouts and Andy seconded. Motion passed. The rent will be on a month-to-month basis.**

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Ron Rowan at 7:00 pm and followed by a Master Planning Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Andi Sexton, Fair Manager