

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
February 9, 2009

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Olson calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 2:40 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Goss, Neer, Olson, Radtke, and Viscarra are present. Directors Hughes and Johnson are absent and excused. Interim Fair manager Bill Powers is present. Maintenance Supervisor Oran Morrison is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Neer, seconded by Director Viscarra, makes a motion to approve the agenda for February 9, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

The public introduces themselves. Nancy Gambell, Past Sweetheart; Susan Taylor, Fair Industry Specialist; Kenny Chance, Back Door Catering; John Steffanic, and Jon Kennedy are present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

**A. Fair Planning
Budget**

Director Viscarra felt that a supplemental budget would need to be prepared for the 2009 Fair. The Board also expressed a desire for a complete profit and loss statement. The Administrative Assistant provided the Board with a copy of the profit and loss from 2007 and 2008 Fairs. Discussion ensued on several line items and how the Fair could possibly trim the budget for this year.

Admission/Parking

The Board discussed a free gate versus a paid gate. If the fair was free, a donation bucket would be placed at the gates. The Board was in agreement that a parking fee should be charged. Administrative Assistant Vieira was instructed by the Board to contact the Chester Boosters regarding interest in the project.

Recycling

In keeping with an industry wide push towards green fairs, various ideas were brought up as to how the fair could accomplish more recycling. Coca Cola Bin Grant and other sources of recycling bins were discussed. Maintenance Supervisor Morrison mentioned that the fair no longer has the staff to run the program. John Steffanic offers to contact the Boy Scouts of Portola as they had a recycling program at the 2008 Fair.

Fair theme

Director Abbott entertains a motion to accept the theme of "Relive the Memories; Recapture the Fun. Celebrating 150 years". Director Neer seconds the motion and it is carried unanimously.

Daily Themes

Thursday – History/Mining – This day will include the Grand Opening and a dramatic historical presentation.

Friday – Farming/Ranching

Saturday – Logging/Forest Industry

Sunday- Railroad

Sweethearts

The past Sweethearts will be presented at the Friday and/or Saturday night Grandstand event and will participate in the parade. Director Goss will be in charge of securing wagons and teams for the event. A luncheon will also be served in their honor with former Masters of Ceremonies and Sweetheart Coordinators invited to join them.

Golf Carts

Each director is encouraged to work at securing the donation of golf carts for use during the fair.

Community Involvement

The Tulsa windows will be offered to the Chambers from each valley to decorate showcasing each valleys industry and/or resources. A letter will be drafted to the Chambers inviting them to decorate the windows and each letter will be delivered by the Fair Director from that area. The contest will also be in the Exhibit Guide with the exhibits being judged by “people’s choice” and the winner receiving a rosette.

Mineral Building

Relive the history through interpretive arts. Enis Peck should be contacted through the Roundhouse Council for native basket weaving. Local spinners and weavers will also be invited. A display of gems and minerals will be sought for display within the building. The building may also serve as a peaceful cooling center with background music provided by local musicians.

Entertainment Ideas

Budweiser Clydesdales – Staff to contact the regional Bud distributor.

Splash Dogs- Grounds act

Dave Russell Band- side stage band

Antique Rockers- side stage band

Carson City Gunslingers or Law Dogs and the Pistoleros to provide historical gunfights

Curt McBride – Stilt walking

Talent Show or Idol Contest

Cooking Contest

3rd Army Band – Staff to contact

Air Force Band of the Golden West – Staff to contact

Swan Brothers Circus

Trackless Train

Souvenirs

Caps, hats, shirts, and cups were discussed with the 150th year logo. A suggestion was made to contact Jeff Gogue for the design of the logo. Another suggestion was made to check the covers of premium books from the 1800’s for possible art work.

Extra Fair Time Staffing Needs

The Board would like to have Mr. Ron Wilson contacted to serve as the Livestock Superintendent.

The Board desires to have hired security for the 2009 fair. Bill Powers to contact sheriff's Office regarding feasibility of their department providing the need security.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Abbott and seconded by Director Viscarra. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on February 25, 2009 at 4:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

Bill Powers
Interim Fair Manager

Thelma Olson, Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board