



LINCOLN WATERS is one of the riders who enjoyed the trail ride. His father, Jon Waters, also attended.
Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Board discusses fair finances during October 7 meeting

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Much of the Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting was spent discussing the money made at the August fair and expenses dealing with the fair.

Lacy Reed, treasurer, had given a list of fair income, expenses and current bills but was unable to attend the Thursday meeting. Some of these questions, Dick Bursch, president, said, will need to wait until they have the board's computer, books and vouchers.

Mrs. Reed had said, at the September board meeting, that she would not accept the job of treasurer again but would be willing to help the new treasurer until the first of the year. The board elected the new treasurer at the October meeting, voting unanimously to have Drew Flemming fill the position.

In year's past, the officers took over the positions at the first of the year, however, the past few years, they have taken the new office in October when the election is held.

The books will be audited, Mr. Bursch said, and then Mr. Flemming will assume the duties.

Some of the questions included Karol Lohman, board member, wondering if the premium sale account had been balanced and premiums taken care of? Another question asked was if bills for Walz Welding, Sam Miller, Donna's Gift Palace and Clay Zimelman had been paid.

Mr. Bursch said that when the county audit is done in October, the board is required to have all tickets/vouchers but, again, this matter would need to wait until the books are available.

The board voted to pay all outstanding bills, starting with the most outstanding.

It was suggested that the board agree to have a short board meeting following the fair to take care of a lot of the bills. If they wait until the September meeting to pay bills, Gary Cooper, member,

said it doesn't look good for the board. The members voted to have a board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11.

It was also suggested that those sponsoring trophies pay for the trophies when they are ordered. Marty Fear, extension agent, said in one of the counties he had worked prior to coming to Cheyenne County, a list of needed trophies was sent out four months in advance of the fair. Sponsors checked the trophies they wanted to sponsor and sent it back to the office with the money to pay for them.

Extension agent's report

Agent Fear said he had brought two checks for trophy payments. He said Linda Elfers, agent assistant, had sent the rest of the checks for ribbons and goat premiums. Mr. Bursch said that there needs to be more sponsors for trophies. It was noted that belt buckles had been donated.

The 4-H Achievement banquet has been moved to the fairgrounds on Nov. 7 starting at 12:30 p.m.

New at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 will be a 4-H Family Welcome night. It will be a fun night to welcome 4-H'ers and their families and let them know more about 4-H.

Agent Fear suggested changing the dress code for 4-H'ers during the fair. Instead of the shirts, T-shirts with the 4-H emblem and the name of St. Francis printed on it. He suggested that the same shirt design be used from year to year. The board asked him to get prices and the number of T-shirts needed.

Premium sale

The 4-H Premium Sale was discussed. The board members had heard complaints about the buyer's group (a group made up of individuals and businesses who had combined their money to get top dollar for championship livestock). Board members said they had talked to some of the people in the group. The consensus was the group had not meant to take the opportunity from anyone wanting to buy the champion ani-

mal - only to get the 4-H'er the highest dollar possible. It was noted that champion premiums at the Cheyenne County Fair get less than some of the other fairs around.

Brian Hobrock, board member, said it (the buyer group) is different and people don't like change. He later noted that he thought it (issue) would work out.

It was also mentioned that the bidding could possibly have been more public - that people may have envisioned it as being underhanded.

Mr. Bursch suggested that board members continue talking to people about the premium sale.

In other business

In other business:
• Other officers were all re-elected: Dick Bursch, president; Nick Ketzner, vice president, and Gary Cooper, secretary.

• Bill Ehrman, representing the Amusement Authority, said he had no comments. Mr. Bursch said he wanted Mr. Ehrman to know that the fair board did not turn the Authority in for having the quarter dozer games.

• Mr. Bursch said the district conservation board would like to use the livestock building to store trees they are selling in the spring. They plan to have three times more trees than in year's past. Since it is a non-profit entity, there will be no charge for the building.

• Mr. Bursch said the freezer at the fairgrounds is not working right. The board will need to get another before the fair next year.

• The board rules state that members are not to miss three meetings in a row. Members discussed this ruling, noting that if members miss that many meetings, they lose out on what is happening.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Nov. 7 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Another successful day spent on trail ride around area

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Despite low, dark clouds that looked like rain, between 70 and 75 horses and riders showed up for the 20th Cheyenne County Trail Ride Sunday afternoon. Riders came from Colorado, Nebraska and the northwest Kansas area.

Held at the Jeter Isely farm northwest of Wheeler, the wind whipped around the riders except when they were down in the canyon areas. Occasionally, there

were a few drops of rain but not enough to make a difference in the ride.

As riders reached the high point, they were treated to a panoramic view of the country side. Here, Gary and Bonnie Cooper had water available.

This was the first ride in 20 years that Mr. Cooper, who is one of the main coordinators, has missed. However, he and others are already planning the next ride on the second Sunday in October

2011.

As the riders crawled off their mounts after over 2 hours of riding, the 4-H horse club members had a meal waiting for them which was served in the Isley's yard.

Each year, Sharon Olofson, coordinator, takes up a donation for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, noting that the money is for those children who would like to ride but cannot. This year, at the end of the day, there was \$349 collected but she expected a few more donations to come in.

Historical meeting set

Bird City Historical Association
The committee for the formation of the Bird City Historical Association met on Tuesday, Sept. 7, with the election of officers, the development of a constitution, the by-laws and the mission statement.

The board of officers began the procedure of application for a non-profit/501 C 3 association. Upon

approval of this application, it will be filed in the state of Kansas.

There will be an up-coming open meeting at the Senior Center to welcome all people interested in the preservation of Bird City history and the surrounding area. Watch the *Bird City Times* for the date and time.

Check out the website: www.birdcityhistory.com.



Preventing falls discussed

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, Candi Douthit, RN and Fall Prevention Coordinator for Cheyenne County Hospital will present an effective fall prevention program incorporated into the Diabetes Support Group Meeting. This program will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement conference room.

Falls are not inevitable consequence of aging, but falls do occur more often among older adults because fall risk factors increase with aging and are usually associated with health conditions such as diabetes. Falls are a major threat to the health and independence of older adults, people aged 65 and older. Each year in the United

States, nearly one-third of older adults experience a fall.

Falls can be devastating. About one out of 10 falls among older adults result in a serious injury, such as a hip fracture or head injury, that requires hospitalization. In addition to the physical and emotional pain, many people need to spend at least a year recovering from the fall either in a long-term care facility, or living with one of their children. Some never return to their homes.

Falls can be deadly. Falls are the leading cause of injury deaths among older adults. The rate of

fall-related deaths among older adults in the United States has risen significantly over the past decade.

Falls are preventable. The opportunity to help reduce falls among older adults has never been better.

This diabetes and fall prevention program is open to the public and free of charge. There is elevator access to the basement for this program. For more information contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

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