

**POLK COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 29, 2013 – 7:00 pm -10pm.
Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI
(Draft for Approval)**

Attendance: Dale Wood –President, Rod McGee –Vice President, Karrie Melin-Swenson –Vice President, Geri Christensen –Treasurer, Judy Bainbridge –Financial Secretary, Becky Larson – Director, Rodney Rivard – Director, Ted Johnson –Director, Leslie Davidson – Director, Warren Nelson, Chris Wood, Kerri Slate – Secretary, Chris Nelson –Lighthouse Movers, Chuck Prissel – Extension.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 725 pm by President Dale Wood.

Agenda: Agenda was distributed; President Dale Wood requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Request from Stephanie Larson to be added to the agenda to discuss beef entry, request by Chris Nelson to be added to the agenda to give the board an update on the Yellow House sale and moving. Motion made by Karrie Melin-Swenson to approve the agenda with the above changes, 2nd by Ted Johnson, motion carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes: Draft meeting minutes from the December 5th, 2013 PCFS Meeting of the board of Directors was distributed. President Dale Wood requested a motion to approve the Meeting minutes: Rod McGee made a motion to approve the December 5th, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented, 2nd by Leslie Davidson, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Geri Christensen – Treasurer present copies of the treasurer's report dated January 23, 2014. Ted Johnson made a motion to accept the treasurers' report dated January 23, 2014 as presented, 2nd by Rodney Rivard, Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1: Chris Nelson- Lighthouse movers: Signed Contract received today from Terry Hawkins. Insurance liability – his insurance covers from the time he hooks up and begins to move the house, but it does not cover if she goes into the home prior to this. She should provide us with her insurance certificate. Property is planned to be moved either right before road restriction are put on or right after road restrictions come off this spring. He needs to do the barn at the same time they move the house, and they will be able salvage some of the wood to recoup his cost. Chris Nelson verbally listed his tentative work list; he will email a copy of this to the Fair Secretary.
- 2: Duane Chinander Arena Project/Horse Project: Rod Rivard – there are a few events planned to be held at their arena.
- 3: New Property Purchase: Dale Wood – President, Nothing new at this time.
- 4: Loan status on new property: Geri Christensen: loan is approved, there was an error made in the title transfer from some time ago, they are currently working on fixing it, as soon as this is resolved we can close. New loan will be with Central Bank in SCF.
- 5: 4H Policy Review: Dale Wood – President: will need to contact Chad L/Leaders Federation to continue discussion regarding this.
- 6: Bernicks Pepsi – Ted Johnson – nothing new, they will not be changing anything for this year, but will be looking at changes for the following year.
- 7: Suggestions for 2014 Fair/Contest: Geri Christensen suggests having a “programming committee” meeting to working on this as well as other ideas.

- 8: Barn Walkways: Money is available and as soon as weather permits work will begin.
- 9: Memorials Policy – pass
- 10: Southwest Directors Position: Becky Larson – Director: Dana Buzzewitz is interested in doing this for 1 year, Dale Wood or Geri Christensen will contact her directly regarding this position.
- 11: Committee Policy: Geri Christensen – this will be moved to the policy committee.
- 12: Tractor: Ted Johnson – Director. It is fixed and currently on Craigs list for \$4800, repair bill will be only for the parts, labor will be donated.
- 13: Water Runoff/small animal building: Dale Wood – President. Will continue to work on getting quotes/bids for a building, we will also need to talk with the local vet on what animals can be co-mingled in that building.
- 14: Ecoli update: Kerri Slate – Secretary, pass – nothing new to report at this time.
- 15: Establishing spring start up and fall shut down procedures/written instructions/utility maps/checklists
- 16: Carnival Contract: Geri Christensen: 2015 and 16. Rod McGee makes a motion to make the discussed changes of adding the verbiage “Polk County” in addition to “Polk County Fair Society” in the contract and sign and get it sent to Mr. Ed’s, 2nd by Geri Christensen, Motion carried
- 17: Pocket Gophers: Leslie is on gofer patrol (chair). Stephanie Larsen is also willing to help.
- 18: Energy fair/Energy day at the Fair: Geri Christensen can we move this to the Programming committee? Yes.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Geri Christensen -Nothing to report at this time.

Entertainment & Grandstand: The band “The Dweebs” are booked for Thursday, The Baptist church has agreed to do church services again this year.

Social Garden: Next meeting scheduled for Feb 6th at 630pm at Loggers.

Senior Events: Kerri Slate – nothing new, will be meeting soon to start discussion of activities.

Premium Book: Chuck Prissel/Karrie Melin-Swenson – meeting has not happened, some small changes, will set up meeting again soon.

Commercial Exhibits: Ron L. he has had some applications coming in for the 2014 fair. He has also asked that we find someone to replace him for next year as this will be his last year working with the Commercial Vendors.

Fairest of the Fair: Dale Wood – they are going to luck carnival, fairest did good at convention.

Bylaws & Policies: Nothing new, has not met yet.

Quality Meats: Dale Wood - 1/21/14 meeting was held, they elected officers, set springs weigh in for 4/26. They gave \$2000 to the education fund.

Small Animal: Becky Larson – Nothing new at this time.

Horse: Rodney Rivard: there are a few things scheduled at their place.

Livestock: Pass

Ticket Sales: Nothing new

EMT’s & Safety: Pass

Parking: Pass

Fair Camping: Pass

Budget: Reviewed under Treasurers report.

Fundraising: raffle for baskets, unknown who or where, will continue to work on it.

Use of Grounds & Winter Storage: Falls sampler will be May 2nd, relay for life has made contact again, wedding committed for June 2015, and another in September of this year.

Bldgs. & Grounds – Maint. & Long Range Plans: Dale Wood - we need to start on some of the maintenance things.

Executive Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

1. Action on Committee Reports – no action needed.
2. Toys for Tots: we received a thank you from the Sherriff's department.
3. State Fair Talent Contest: Judy Bainbridge reviewed rules for new state fair talent contest; she will need to send in the initial registration by May 1st if we are interested in participating.
4. Convention reports – none presented at this time.
5. 2014 Fair bids – Kerri Slate, just a reminder that bids will be going out shortly, does anyone have any changes? None voiced, bids will be sent out as is. Judy Bainbridge and Kerri Slate will coordinate with vendors to procure ATV/Gator/on site vehicles for staff this year.
- 6: Apple River Saddle Club proposed use of Arena: The Apple River Saddle Club contacted Geri Christensen regarding using the arena. There were some question regarding the fee, Rodney Rivard makes a motion that they can use the arena for free if they run the Open class horse show the prior fair year, but they will still be responsible for any additional chargers outside of the arena fee, per our fee schedule. 2nd Geri Christensen, motion carried.

Set Next Meeting date/time: February 27th, 2014 7pm at the Government Center in Balsam Lake

Adjournment: Ted Johnson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Leslie Davidson, motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 935pm.

Upcoming Events: Inmate dates: April 23, 24, 25. July 29, 30, 31. Oct. 1, 2,3

Flea Market: May 3rd

Quality Meats - Beef weigh –in December 7th

Quality Meats - Sheep/Pig Weigh-in – April 26th

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Slate, Secretary