

POLK COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 11th, 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
Polk County Fair Grounds, St. Croix Falls WI, 4H building  
(Draft for Approval)

- Call to Order: 740pm Dale Wood
- Approval of Agenda as presented, Karen Peper made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Rod McGee 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- Approval of Meeting Minutes dated June 26th, 2014, Rod McGee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Karen Peper 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- Approval of Treasurer's Report: Geri Christensen presented

Old Business

- 1; Yellow House: Gate/gate poles, closing of the well, future property use: Dale Wood – site cleaned up. Property is ready to do something with, for this year it will be used for some additional horse camper parking.
- 2: New Property Purchase: Dale Wood - nothing new at this time.
- 3: Barn Walkways/Water Runoff Study: Dale Wood – he contacted Land and Water to see how they felt the water should run between the barns – they figured half going each way. Tie boards need to get put up, maybe do at a cleanup day.
- 4: Small Animal Barn: Grant Burdick –wondering if a new location for the small animal barn would be a better idea, Dale Wood is in agreement – if we are putting up a larger building we may have more problems with water runoff. Ted Johnson suggest getting together at a future meeting at taking a walk around the grounds and brain storming on locations.
- 5: Establish spring startup/fall shut down procedures/written instructions/utility maps/checklist: Brandon Derosier and Judy Bainbridge – continue to work on it.
- 6: People Movers/Drivers: Judy Bainbridge – good, only a few open spots left.
- 7: 4H foods stand repairs, stove/oven replacement: Geri Christensen – kitchen equipment is now located where it needs to be, Janis Larson – Rick Yunker will look at electrical needs after fair and repairs will be done after this years fair is completed.
- 8: Fair Photo Contest: Geri Christensen/Judy Bainbridge – List of photo categories is out on website and Facebook, we are always looking for photo's, please either bring photo's or email to Kerri or Judy and have available at September's meeting, then all fair board present will have an opportunity to look at and decide which ones go to convention. We can use anyone's photo, if someone that is not on the board please get their name and contact info so they can be recognized for taking the picture.
- 9: Suggestion for 2014 WAF Awards – continue to think about it.
- 10: Good Samboree: Geri Christensen - On hold at this time
- 11: 2014 Fair

- 1: Pop vendor – Geri Christensen will contact bernicks to arrange for water donation.
- 2: Cherris Miller – Social Garden – ready to go.

### Committee Reports

Advertising: Geri Christensen - Posters and brochures are here, please take and distribute. Went with the ad in the yellow paper, Chisago news paper, AFP, Ledger. AFP will be doing the fair guide as well.

Premium Book: Dale Wood – errors have been found in the premium book, the different departments need to work together on this to get it correct, please let him know of any mistakes or problems found.

Quality Meats: Judy Bainbridge - Nothing new

Ticket Sales: Geri Christensen - all good

Entertainment & Grandstand : Judy Bainbridge – All entertainers and events are scheduled. Thursday may be a really busy night since the Dweebs have been doing self-promotion for their concert here. Rod McGee – so far all crises have been averted.

Commercial Exhibits: Dale Wood – seems to be going good.

Small Animal: Becky Larson – nothing new to report.

EMT's & Safety: Janice Larson – she is in need to red boxes/sharps containers and will be installing them in the bathrooms and by the arena.

Social Garden : Cherris – all good.

Fairest of the Fair: Dale Wood – program was tonight went well, the current girls have been going to a lot of parades.

Horse: Geri Christensen – she received an email from Tammy Belisle stating she would like to send out invites to the dedication/appreciation ceremony and would like to send out passes to the sponsors. List of which sponsors would potentially need to have passes was discussed and Rod Rivard felt that 20 passes would be sufficient. Ted Johnson made a motion to allow Rod Rivard to use up to 20 single day passes for the dedication sponsors for Saturdays sponsor ceremony, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant Burdick, motion carried. Rodney Rivard - Sign is done, they are working on painting it now. They will need to beef up the supports as it weighs more than what was anticipated.

Parking: nothing to report.

Senior Events: Kerri Slate - all good.

Bylaws & Policies: Pass

Livestock: Karrie Melin-Swenson – shavings, we are still working on getting shavings.

Fair Camping: Janis Larson - no more camping sites are available. Brain Hobbs will be here next week. Will need signage indicating that the hose to the hockey arena that states hose is not food grade.

Programming Committee: Geri Christensen – reviewed contest they are planning – round bale contest is in place, being sponsored by Edina Realty, Grant Burdick is donating the bales and will deliver the weekend before and contestants have to have decorated prior to the start of the fair. Medallion hunt will run Thursday – Sunday. Family night will be Thursday evening and will include old fashioned games. Veggie Race – for children, will have them make then race a veggie car, we have the racetrack and car parts. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle this year during the fair in different tents/barns. Will need people to sell tickets at the different locations.

Budget: Geri Christensen – nothing new at this time.

Fundraising: Geri Christensen – again 50/50 raffles schedule to run during the fair.

Use of Grounds & Winter Storage: September 21<sup>st</sup> – fundraiser is being held for Hans Johnson (Ted Johnson). They will be doing a raffle. Karen Peper makes a motion to allow the benefit for Hans Johnson on September

21<sup>st</sup> is allowed to happen without fees and to allow them to use our raffle license. Becky Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Janice Larson – horse people would like to bring in a 4 wheeler with trailer to use just there (arena) to haul in equipment, ect. Geri Christensen – should be covered under our insurance. It would only be used for the arena- no other area's. Cherris would also like to bring her own 4 wheeler in to use at the beer garden. Polaris is requiring a waiver from all drivers for specific machines, New Frontier is requesting we use the Polaris waivers for their vehicles as well so we will need to get waivers at start of Fair and assign vehicles to specific people. We are also working on a code of conduct for machine use during the fair, but it may not be in place by this year.

Bldgs. & Grounds – Maint. & Long Range plans: Nothing at this time.

Executive Committee: Dale Wood – nothing at this time.

### New Business:

1: Action on Committee Reports: None needed

2: Banners for buildings: Kerri Slate – suggestion from last year to make buildings more visible by purchasing a large banner to hang on the ends of the buildings. Discussion regarding the "names" of the buildings – ie: "crops building", what happens if we change the name – Grant Burdick suggested listing what is in the building, but again what if we change what we are putting in there. Kerri Slate suggested getting a banner for the Show Barn since that will always be the "show barn" and see what kind of response we get, we can get them inexpensively at sign express, cost for 2' x 4' is @\$36. All in agreement to go ahead and try this.

St. Croix County wants to borrow gates, ok to do? Yes, all in agreement. They will be coming Monday to pick up. Rodney Rivard – do we have enough for horse stalls? Can we get horse gates in exchange? Can try, Dale will ask.

- Set next meeting date/time: August 14th, 2014
- Adjournment Ted Johnson motion to adjourn, Grant Burdick 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- Upcoming Events:
  - √ Inmate dates: July 29, 30 & 31. Oct 1, 2 & 3.
  - √ Fairest of the Fair Judging July 11<sup>th</sup> 2014
  - √ 4H clean up days – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - √ Fall District Meetings: District 2 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 – sponsored by Barron County Fair, held in Barron, WI