

**POLK COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY, INC.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**October 15th, 2015**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

- I. **Call to Order** – President Dale Wood called the meeting to order at 0712pm.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Geri Christensen moves to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Derosier, motion carried.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from 2014 Annual Meeting:** Gail Peterson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geri Christensen , motion carried.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Financial Report** – Gerianne Christensen presented the Treasurer’s report dated October 15, 2015 and the PCF Budget for year ending 10/31/16. Amy Jonnson makes a motion to present the treasurers report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Johnson, Motion carried.
- V. **President’s Report-** President Dale Wood – Thanks everyone for everything they do. He expressed that we have the best Fair around.
- VI. **Committee Reports**

**Superintendent of Entries:** Gail Peterson: presented her 2015 report for Exhibits entered and exhibits shown and premiums paid. Dale Wood thanked Gail for her years of services.

Fundraising: Geri Christensen - Flea market went well, will do again in the spring, no raffle this year. Sticker program, gained 638\$ last year. H – Barn improvements continue.

Advertising: Geri Christensen – reviewed current advertising and costs.

Entertainment: Judy Bainbridge – reviewed entertainment from 2015 entertainment lineup.

Grandstand: Jaime Wood – Events went well, very few complaints, we continue to move forward making things better.

Senior Events: Dale Wood – ADRC assist with this, they coordinate the centenarian’s, so if you know of anyone that will be a centenarian for next year let us know. ADRC continues to provide events.

EMS: Janis Larson –

Fair Camping – 186 units – did not care if they had electric or not.

Parking: Dale wood, The church does a great job, many complements on their smiling faces. .

Ticket sales: Geri Christensen – Presented the Daily attendance sheet for 2015.

Quality Meats: Craig Schotz - another record sale this year. Building funds, \$5000 will come to the fair society for walkway, \$206,279.00 sale this year. Kids continue to work hard in the program. Pigs are down, beef numbers were overall up.

Small Animal: Becky Larson – rabbits program to promote rabbit keeping, fundraising to go towards new cages. Amy Jonnson – Poultry: we were able to have a poultry show this year, numbers were down a little bit. We will continue to monitor the state vets

Horse: Rodney Rivard – numbers were up this year, everything went well this year, new arena worked well.

Livestock: Karrie Melin-Swenson – numbers in all animals stay fairly steady at our fair, our quality continues to be good compared to some other fairs. Area farms/farmers are willing to allow kids to care for and show their animals. Thank you to Tim Wilson for all his help and assistance with the milk house and a thank you to the Board at F&A dairy for the donation towards the H barn.

Premium Book: Chuck Prissel – The the extension office facilities the premium book. The changes for the youth are good,

Beer Garden: Geri Christensen for Andrea Jain – Cherris was unable to continue managing, Andrea will be taking over. Attendance down slightly but they still had a profitable year. Good committee.

Commercial Exhibits: Amy Jonnson – She and Kim were new to this position this year, they did not do to many changes. Thinking of adding more vendor spots along the 4 H building and maybe get some outlets on the outside of the building.

Fairest of the Fair : Amy Strohboch – 2 Fairest contestant, 6 jr. contestants. Wis. State Fairest was here on Friday. New court has attended 3 parades so far, getting ready for Anoka Halloween. Fairest of the fair will be running for Wis. State Fairest in January. She would like to look at re doing the float to make it more efficient to set up and take down. If you have anyone that is interested please send them her way.

Bylaws and Policy: Karrie Melin-Swenson – meet 1 x this last year to discuss the memorandum per Jeff Fuge. Has not met since then and no further interaction from Jeff.

Programming Committee: Newer committee that works with different committees and coordinates many activities at the fair.

Use of grounds/Winter Storage: Dale Wood – winter storage begins this weekend. If anyone is available to help move units please come to the fairgrounds. Geri Christensen – reviewed yearly events.

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance: Dale Wood/Brandon Derosier – new doors on the tin barn, cemented between the tin barn and open barn, purchased a tractor and mower, new secretaries door, we had 2 host stay on the fairgrounds that helped. Thank you to everyone who has helped with repairs and upkeep on the buildings and grounds.

**VII. Old Business**

No

**VIII. New Business**

Rod McGee makes a request that a director makes a motion to accept his resignation, Geri Christensen makes a motion with great regret to accept his resignation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney Rivard, motion carried.

**IX. Other Business**

Jessica Bailargeon, Polk County River Riders Group. McKenzie Christensen, Destiny Dicosmo, Tory Collins presented their goals of working with the PCFS and are offering 10 working hours towards the beautification of the fairgrounds/year in exchange. Currently has 25 committed members (adults, not including children) and @ 66 total that had interest.

**X. Appointment of Tellers**

Dale Wood is appointing the tellers – Justin Wood and Becky Dickinson. Judy Bainbridge will distribute the ballots.

**XI. Presentation of Ballot**

Ted Johnson moves to close nomination for the NW District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geri Christensen  
Chris Wood moves to close nomination for the SW district  
North east, add Tim Wilson, don Dippery. Motion to close by Dale Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Derosier  
South east Director – Geri Christensen nominates Kerri Slate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karrie Melin-Swenson,  
Tracey LaBlanc nominated. Rodney Rivard makes a motion to close, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod McGee.  
Director at large – Chris Wood makes a motion to close, 2<sup>nd</sup> Royce Larson.

**XII. Election of 2015 – 2016 Directors**

North west Director – Karrie Melin-Swenson  
Southwest – Ted Johnson  
Northeast Director – 3 yr Tim Wilson  
2 year Don Dippery  
Southeast – Kerri Slate  
Director at large – Rod Rivard

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Grant Burdick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Peterson, motion carried