

POLK COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 3rd, 2015 7:00PM

Meeting to be held at The Government Center, Balsam Lake WI
(Directors, please contact Kerri Slate, Secretary if you are unable to attend this meeting)

DRAFT meeting minutes

- Attendance: Judy Bainbridge, Warren Nelson, Royce Larson, Tracey LaBlanc, Janis Larson, Ted Johnson, Tim Wilson, Don Dipprey, Amy Jonnson, Rodney Rivard, Becky Larson, Karrie Melin-Swenson, Dale Wood, Becky Dickinson, Geri Christensen
- Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by President Dale Wood
- Approval of Agenda dated December 3rd, 2015. Addition of spring district meeting to New Business and the Inmate schedule. Karrie Melin-Swenson makes a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, 2nd Amy Jonnson, motion carried.
- Approval of meeting minutes dated October 15, 2015. Becky Dickenson makes a motion to accept the minutes as printed, 2nd Ted Johnson, motion carried.
- Approval of Treasurer's Report: Rodney Rivard makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd Brandon Derosier, motion carried. Menards account is still in Marlin's address, we are unable to change the address without him doing the change. Karrie Melin-Swenson makes a motion to cancel the current acct with Menards then start a new one with the new treasurers address it, Ted Johnson 2nd, motion carried. Geri Christensen presented the final year-end report. Dale Wood was reimbursed \$100 for chairs.

Old Business

- 1: Small Animal Barn: Becky Dickenson makes a motion to move \$5000 donation from the ASPCA into the small animal barn fund, Becky Larson 2nd, motion carried. Thank you letter for ASPCA for donation needs to be sent. Dale Wood – Keith Anderson update- he is still working on building codes. We do need to get an idea of what size we want. Dale has been approached by a person who would like to remain anonymous at this time but who may be offering funding for the building.
- 2: Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention: Dale Wood – 35 people going to convention this year.
- 3: Superintendent of Entries Position: Karrie Melin-Swenson – position has been in the clover connection for 2 months and no interest at this time. She will also work with Gail Peterson on an updated job description.
- 4: Fair Theme: Karrie Melin-Swenson – Amy Jonnson makes a motion to have the following be our theme: "Polk County youth, our greatest resource", 2nd Becky Larson, Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Advertising: Karrie Melin-Swenson movie tickets.

Premium Book: Karrie Melin-Swenson –went to meetings, changes need to be into Extension by end of January, poor attendance for committee meetings.

Quality Meats: Dale Woods

Entertainment & Grandstand: Judy Bainbridge - Pickles is booked, Elvis show on Thursday instead of dweebs, possible Johnny cash on Thursday as well. Looney Lutherans booked, she is working on a hypnotist. Janis Larson – person from last year's fair who got hit by a rock at the demo derby is trying to collect money, will fall on Rick's insurance.

Commercial Exhibits: Amy Jonnson – working on contract for 2016, no changes to the food vendors at this time, inside spaces and outside spaces will have an increase of \$10, crops building will remain the same, adding some additional spaces alongside the 4 H building, would be spaces for vendors who are unable to be there for the full 5 days (they would still pay for the full 5 days), this year will not process an application without all information, pre purchased tickets will be enforced, Brandon Derosier makes a motion to accept Amy Johnsons proposal regarding changes to Commercial vendors contract and fee changes, 2nd Rodney Rivard , motion carried.

Small Animal: Becky Larson – nothing at this time.

EMT& Safety: Janis Larson – nothing at this time.

Social Garden: Amy Jonnson – has not met, will meet in Jan/Feb.

Fairest of the Fair: Dale Wood – fairest preparing for convention, she has a basket started but could use additional items. Dale is having a rocking tractor made for her basket and for the PCFS basket.

Horse: Rodney Rivard nothing at this time.

Parking: Dale Wood – same group coming back.

Senior Events: Dale Wood – he spoke with ADRC and they are working on events for next year.

By-laws & Policies: Karrie Melin-Swenson – committee met, reviewed several things, presented code of ethics should be done yearly in October, continue to work on items.

Livestock: Karrie Melin-Swenson – Meeting in January per usual

Fair Camping: Janis Larson nothing at this time

Programming Committee: Judy Bainbridge – haven't met yet

Use of Grounds & Winter Storage: Dale Wood – We will continue to have the treasurer collect deposits

Budget: Dale Wood – nothing at this time.

Fundraising: Becky Larson -meeting this month

Bldgs. & Grounds – Maint. Long Range Plans: Brandon Derosier – gophers (Karrie Melin-Swenson) digging under the 4 H building, she spoke with an exterminator, cost would be \$150 - \$200 then would have to keep on top of it. Hockey arena – need to look at the contract, not much going on there at this time. They have not requested bleachers yet. Tracy is questioning the fee's on the phones and why there is so many lines and what they are used for during the fair and in the off season, she feels that all the lines should be shut off during the off season.

Executive Committee: Dale Wood – nothing at this time

Tickets: Dale Wood – questioning if we need to increase the cost of entry or not? Will look at convention to see what others are doing.

New Business:

1: Action on Committee Reports: none needed

2: Convention: Flowers for Fairest-Dale Wood last year cost for roses were \$150, she will look for them cheaper elsewhere, Amount to be spent at the Fairest basket auction – PCFS Fairest Amy Jonnson makes a motion to have the convention board members bid up to \$500 on our fairest basket, Royce Larson 2nd, motion carried.

3: Set next meeting date/time January 28th 2016 – 7 pm Meeting, County Board Room, Government Center in Balsam Lake

- Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned – Motion made by Rodney Rivard to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Brandon Derosier motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Kerri Slate, Secretary