

## BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2010

Barron County Government Center – East Conference Room – Barron

Members present: Bob Kolzow, Tom Hellendrung, Kevin Roske, Caroline Dostal, Paul Millerman, Patty Mann, Ken Kolzow, Catherine Walther, Jacque Schaffer, Cory Picknell, Jamie Riebe and Tim Heffernan

Others present: Mary Pardee, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Members Absent: Emmett Engstrom, Cindy Becker and Tom Scalzo

President Kolzow called meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Carolyn Dostal seconded by Tom Hellendrung to approve the February minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

Patty Mann, Treasurer presented the financial report.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fairest of the Fair** – Sign-up times are available for Fairest of the Fair fund raiser at Louie's meats in Cumberland for May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17, and June 24 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please return the e-mail to Tim with the times you are available to work. Jamie presented Fairest of the Fair budget and proposals and discussed sponsors. She also provided a sample letter asking sponsors for a specific amount and said sponsors should be advertised. She is working with Bethany Lutheran to hold the judging there and with Lehman's for the luncheon. She will need to know at the April meeting how many board members plan on attending the luncheon.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to accept the budget and proposals. Motion carried.

**Sponsorship** – A letter was drafted asking for donations for the fair. It will be sent to Barron County businesses with a Sponsor Sticker.

**April District Meeting** – Meeting will be April 21 at Das Lac Haus. Let Catherine know by next meeting if you plan to attend.

**Water Truck update** – The truck is done. United Ag is taking care of their own advertising. A decision needs to be made if the truck will be painted. The tank is white. Meyer's truck will advertise on the door.

**Credit Card Use** – Tim, Catherine, Jacque, and Patty met with Carrie Hobrough from Heartland Payment Systems to use as a gateway to take payments online.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Cory Picknell to use Authorize.net from Heartland as a gateway to take Visa, MasterCard, and Discover for entry fees. Motion carried.

**Mothers Area** – Tim will set up an area for mother's who wish to nurse babies in private.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tim presented the grounds manager job description for approval.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Cory Picknell to accept the job description as presented. Motion carried.

Tim attended the Free Marketing Seminar in Eau Claire on January 26 and found it to be very informative.

Everyone should have an e-mail or hard copy of sign up sheets for the brat stand. The Zone 4 meeting will be March 21-24 in Grand Forks.

The commercial building, with improved facing, is almost done.

Jerry Hammer will be speaking at Cumberland Kiwanis on March 15. Anyone interested needs to let Tim know immediately.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Paul Millerman, seconded by Kevin Roske to authorize Tim to buy something for \$25 or less for the Zone 4 auction. Motion carried.

**Lawn Mower Racing** – Kevin reported that the schedule is out and they are interested. June is open. Kevin will check to see if they want to come on June 20 following the AquaFest parade.

**Horse Barn Stalls** – Tim has to call company back.

**Mission to Mexico** – Yes, we will use them for garbage pick up. **(from 2009 minutes)**

**MOTION** by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Cindy Becker to award the garbage pick-up to the Mission to Mexico group again this year for a price of \$1,000. Motion carried.

**Barn Rules** – Discussion of no personal fans, lights, or decorative lighting, no painting of property that belongs to the Barron County Fair, no planks over pens, clean up clippings, no signs larger than planking, no screws or nails, no signs hung from the pens. (Ken was asked to make rules to say for All the Barns-Add anything else needed and bring back to the April meeting for approval.)

### **Discussion Items**

- Should we use the Lean To or put a row of draft horses in the 4-H horse barn. No decision.
- Land of Lakes will provide a flat screen TV to provide educational information in hog & sheep barn.
- Discussion about weighing in beef/sheep/swine at the Equity sales barn in Barron as it is a better place for weigh-in during winter months.
- Animal livestock committee has been asked for some animal behavior guidelines for the fair.
- Tom Hellendrung contacted Dr. Stanley to be the fair veterinarian and Anderson Dairy to handle the milkhouse. Both are willing to work with us again for the 2010 fair.
- Last year there was a conflict with goats and llamas showing at the same time as dairy. Superintendents need to be contacted about this and let us know if there was a problem and how they would like to adjust the schedule before show times are finalized in the fairbook and advertising materials.
- Tim Stevens from Memories was contacted and they could do a concert either December 5 or December 18 at the Rice Lake High School. The board agreed the 5<sup>th</sup> would be the best date. Their charge would be between \$2500-\$3000. Board agreed we have had Tonic-SolFa for two years and their price is higher, and people probably would like a change.

**MOTION** by Paul Millerman seconded by Tom Hellendrung to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried.

Next meeting – April 14, 2010, 7:30 p.m., at Government Center in Barron, East  
Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacque Schaffer, Executive Secretary  
Barron County Fair