

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

April 14, 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, Tim Heffernan, Emmett Engstrom, Cindy Becker, Tom Scalzo

Others present: Tim Jergenson, Barron County Ag Agent, Jamie Reibe, Bonnie Richter, Sheila Kisling, Steve Fronk, Bud Epp, Joan Swanson and Jeff Nelson

Members Absent: Cory Picknell

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

There was a request to add Winner Circle Support to the agenda.

MOTION by Carolyn Dostal to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tom Scalzo. Motion carried.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to approve the March 10 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann presented the treasurer's report. The contract for the highway signs was extended.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo seconded by Emmett Engstrom to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

FFA and the Horse Project

Cindy Becker presented a proposal from the Ad Hoc committee of Tim Heffernan, Kevin Roske, Tom Scalzo, and Cindy Becker, which would allow youth from organizations other than 4H to participate in the horse project. The proposal stated that the youth must be a member of an organization that has educational components, must have insurance that will cover them at training centers, must join an established training center and meet the requirements of that center. At the Fair Horse Show classes will be judged as two groups (4-H and non 4-H.) The 4-H Horse Book will be adopted as the Barron County Fair Horse Program book and the Fair Board will pay for judge of the Horse Show with 4-H paying expenses for hotel and travel. A discussion followed concerning insurance, 4-H vs. non 4-H places, trophy awards, and training center requirements. It was determined that insurance needs to be checked into further. Sheila Kisling requested that a board member come to the Horse Board meeting on April 26. Cindy Becker can attend that meeting.

Fairest of the Fair

Jaime Reibe said she has the application ready for Fairest of the Fair. The date has been set for Friday, June 11. A postmarked deadline will be May 21 for applicant entries. Jaime would like the document on the web page to be accessible for applicants to be able to type into rather than submitting handwritten applications. Jacque will check with DCS Netlink to see if we can submit documents other than PDFs. Jaime does not want a minimum amount on the sponsorship

letter. It will be the same form as before with an added suggestion to return by June 30. May 20 was double booked for the brat stand. Kiwanis will be making a donation from their proceeds on that day.

Sponsorship

Catherine reported that 350 sponsorship letters had gone out today and about the same number will be sent out tomorrow.

District Meeting

Catherine took names of members who will be attending the district meeting on April 21. Each person is supposed to bring two door prizes.

Water Truck Update

The water truck is almost done and will be painted later this week. The old truck will be junked.

Mother's Area

Mother's area – Master Gardener's, Tim Heffernan, and Ken Kolzow will research and take care of an area for nursing mothers.

Barn Rules

MOTION was made by Kevin Roske and seconded by Tom Scalzo to approve the Barn Rules as follows for the Triebensee Barn. 1. No personal fans, lights, or decorative lighting; 2. No painting of property that belongs to Barron County Fair, which includes boards, pens, wall, floor, gates, and scale; 3. No planks over pens; 4. Clean your clippings after you clip your animals; 5. No signs hung on pens and signs hung will be no larger than the board is now; 6. No nails or screws allowed. Can use hangers. Motion carried.

Memories Concert

The contract is signed for \$2,500 for Sunday, December 5. Time is to be determined.

Superintendent Meeting

Superintendent meeting is tentatively set for June 23 with a second choice being June 15.

MANAGER'S REPORT

We have a \$10,000 Capital Improvement allotment for the north fence from the county. The completed price is \$11,470.

MOTION was made by Tom Scalzo and seconded by Emmet Engstrom to acquire scrap specialists to see if they would remove the old fence. Motion carried.

Tim is going to have the front of the horticultural building painted.

There was a discussion on rental of horse stalls from Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

MOTION by Kevin Roske to get 58 panels. No second. Kevin rescinded his motion.

MOTION by Paul Millerman seconded by Cindy Becker to get 72 panels which would make 27 stalls. Motion carried.

Tom Koser will co-sponsor the Memories concert. Details to be worked out.

Discussion on getting paid for the Soils building. Some years we have been paid and some years not, but we do pay the electric and insurance. We will try to draw up an agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Tabloid – Articles need to be in by the next meeting on May 12.

Demo Derby

MOTION made by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Emmet Engstrom to provide \$3,000 for the demo derby. Motioned carried.

4-H Signs

MOTION made by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to offer the competition to 4-H for Fair signs with first place \$150, second place \$125, and third place \$100 with \$40 to all other participants who do a new sign this year. \$25 will be given to any club who uses last year's sign and changes the dates, but those signs will not be part of the competition. Motion carried.

Lawn Mower Racing

Lawn mower races would be the first weekend in August, 6-7 & 8th, with three shows – Friday night for garden tractor and Saturday and Sunday for large mowers. The cost would be \$4,000.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo seconded by Carolyn Dostal to approve the Lawn Mower event. Motion carried.

Winner's Circle

Winners Circle is asking for \$500 donation, which would pay for a banner ad.

MOTION by Carolyn Dostal, seconded by Cindy Becker to donate the \$500 to Winner's Circle. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Steve Fronk said that Dairy Judging winners will be determined on June 28 and if anyone advances, the competition will be July 18, which would conflict with showmanship at the fair. He wants to move Sunday events to Friday and have Open move to Sunday.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo seconded by Paul Millerman to make the switch. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Kevin Roske to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 12 at the Fairgrounds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacque Schaffer
Barron County Fair Executive Secretary