

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2010

Barron County Fairgrounds

Members present: Bob Kolzow, Tom Hellendrung, Kevin Roske, Paul Millerman, Patty Mann, Ken Kolzow, Catherine Walther, Jacque Schaffer, Tim Heffernan, Emmett Engstrom, Cindy Becker, Tom Scalzo

Others present: Sheila Kisling, Shirley Berlin, Bruce Thunberg, Gail Waldron, Louise Buchmann, Kord Fowler, Carrie Varga, Bonnie Richter, Bruce Crotteau, Jeff Rettenmund, Sheriff Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Cory Picknell, Caroline Dostal

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

MOTION by Tom Hellendrung to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Cindy Becker. Motion carried.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to approve the April 14 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann presented the treasurer's report.

MOTION by Kevin Roske 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 reported that she had met with the horse board and they have worked out an agreement for non 4-H youth to join the horse project. For this year only non 4-H youth will have to enroll in the horse project by May 21. In the future, they will have to meet 4-H enrollment deadlines. A youth cannot leave 4-H or another youth organization NOT in good standing and join a project through FFA.

MOTION was made by Kevin Roske seconded by Emmett Engstrom to adopt the 4-H Horse Handbook as the Barron County Horse Handbook with the exception of rules that pertain only to 4-H for this year only. Motion carried. The horse board will work with the fair board to create a new handbook.

APPEARANCES

Therapeutic Horse

Therapeutic horse volunteers appeared before the board and requested that the horses used for the Therapeutic Horse project be allowed to come into the fair and back out just for the therapeutic horse event on Saturday because these horses are older retired horses that cannot sustain several days in the horse stalls. Bonnie Richter suggested an alternative plan of educational booth displays and videos to showcase their program instead of the horses being present in the stalls for the duration of the fair.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo and seconded by Paul Millerman to allow the therapeutic horses to be brought in Saturday and taken out at the discretion of the owner. Motion carried.

Rodeo

Bruce Crotteau and Jeff Rettenmund appeared before the board and requested that the price of a can of beer at the Rodeo be lowered to \$2.50 a can instead of \$3.00.

MOTION made by Kevin Roske seconded by Tom Scalzo to drop the single can price by 50 cents to \$2.50 per can at the Rodeo provided the price from the distributor stays the same. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS Continued

Fairest of the Fair

Tim reported that he still needs a few workers for the Fairest of the Fair fundraiser at Louie's Meats in Cumberland on June 3, June 10, June 17, and June 24. The Fairest of the Fair luncheon will be June 11 at 12:30 at Lehman's.

Sponsorship

Tim reported that we took in \$1,925 with 46 responses, mostly for \$25. Expenses were \$1,172

Barn Decorations

Kevin met with the livestock committee and they requested the ability to screw their feed pans to the wall and to display their club signs.

MOTION made by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to amend the barn rules to allow one club sign per club not to exceed a size which is higher than three (3) feet and wider than four (4) feet and they can either screw the sign or attach with brackets above the pens to the current board and they may also screw their feed pans to the wall. Motion carried.

District Meeting

Tim reported that the April district meeting was a great meeting with good food.

Water Truck Update

The truck has been painted and the decals will be put on after the paint has cured for a week.

Superintendent Meeting

The meeting will be June 23 at 6:30.

Sale of Fair Books

Catherine reported that the Rice Lake Chamber would sell fair books. They are also being sold at the Extension Office in Barron and Tim will check with the Chamber office in Cumberland. The board is still looking for a place in Chetek to sell the books.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The horse stalls have been rented and arrangements are being made for someone to pick them up. There has been no progress on the agreement with the county over the Soil Building. Tim sent them a map. Tim has been approached by Wild White Tails to exhibit at the fair for free. The fee to see the display would be \$1, which the fair board would receive 10%. The board would pay for the motel.

MOTION made by Paul Millerman, seconded by Kevin Roske to hire the Wild White Tails display and pay the motel up to \$200 maximum. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tabloid – Articles were due today.

Awards

A candidate has been selected for Friend of the Fair Award. Catherine Walther and Dr. Dave Stanley were nominated for Outstanding Fair Person Award and VIP Award respectively.

MOTION by Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Cindy Becker to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 9 at the Fairgrounds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacque Schaffer
Barron County Fair Executive Secretary