

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

July 7, 2010

Barron County Fairgrounds

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

Others present: Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, Tim Jergensen

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

MOTION by Kevin Roske to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Tom Hellendrung. Motion carried.

MOTION by Caroline Dostal, seconded by Tom Scalzo to approve the June 9 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann presented the treasurer's report. We netted \$804.33 in the brat stand sales and \$1675 in the sticker promotion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Tractor Pull

Wayne Barta will do the tractor pull. Bob has taken care of printing and having the rules available.

ShoWorks & Entries

Jacque purchased the ShoWorks upgrade which enable the program to take entries over 5,000 up to 10,000 and explained that there was no advantage to purchasing the next upgrade for ShoWorks at this time. The cost is an additional \$1,000 if the occasion arises that we go over 10,000 entries. She reported that the current total of entries for the 2010 fair is 8,797. The breakdown is 3,142 junior online, 3,404 junior paper, 679 open online, and 1,572 open paper.

Opening Ceremony

Severt Olson has put a program together for the opening ceremony which will happen at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 14. As many veterans as possible are encouraged to participate. A suggestion was made to contact the media so that they are aware and possibly there to cover the event.

Sunday Admission - Grandstand

Starting at 3:00 on Sunday, fair goers can enter the gates for \$12 and get the armband for the demolition derby. The same color armband will be sold at the grandstand.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Tim has been contacted by Monster Trucks to negotiate a price for a Friday and Saturday show in September.

MOTION made by Tom Scalxo, seconded by Kevin Roske to offer to rent the fairgrounds for \$500 per day plus the beer sales. Motion carried.

The north fence is complete and we are now in good shape for fence except for a section along Short Street. The estimated cost for that fence would be about \$9,000 and Tim will try to put that in for capital improvements for next year.

Tim presented a contract from the County for the Soil Building. The Board questioned some of the points in the contract. Tim will get back in touch with the county.

Miller Beer will be sold for the fair, garden tractors, and rodeo. The horse stalls will arrive Friday, July 9 and will be put up on Saturday. A contract is needed for the garden tractor weekend on August 6, 7, and 8 in order for the event to happen. The admission price for the garden tractor event will be \$10 per event or \$25 for all three shows. Youth 15 and under will get in for \$5 per event. The rodeo will be August 13 and 14.

NEW BUSINESS

ATM for sale

Tim was contacted to ask if the fair wanted to buy an ATM machine for \$1400. The Board questioned liability, maintenance, and whether or not it goes out of date and decided to pass for now on this purchase.

Rice Lake Tourism

The Rice Lake Tourism Committee would like the fair to supply season tickets (two adults, two youth, and a ride pass) for a Facebook promotion.

MOTION made by Kevin Roske seconded by Tom Scalzo to supply the tickets. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Kevin reported that he had acquired two 42" flat screen TV's to be hooked up to computers for educational tapes and for use during animal weigh ins. The TV's were made available through donations from State Farm Insurance, Lakeland Coop, and Ag Risk Managers of Barron.

Cindy would like everyone to let her know their parking schedule availability during the fair. Bob Kolzow has left over cavetils from the superintendent meeting and asked if the Board wanted a meal at the next meeting. Kevin said he might also have left over food so the idea was put on hold until the August meeting.

MOTION by Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Paul Millerman to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Next meeting will be August 11 at 7:30 at the Fairgrounds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacque Schaffer
Barron County Fair Executive Secretary