

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2009

Government Center, Barron

Members present; Bob Kolzow, Tom Hellendrung, Kevin Roske, Tom Scalzo, Cindy Becker, Patty Mann, Paul Millerman, Caroline Dostal, Emmett Engstrom, Tim Heffernan, Ken Kolzow, Cory Picknell and Catherine Walther Others present: Jean and Jacob Malsom, Sheila Kisling, Jamie Riebe, Stacy Kilmer and Annette Bjorklund

President Kolzow called meeting to order at 7:30

Kevin requested Demo Derby and Animal Livestock Code of Ethics be added to agenda. President put item as Any Other Item of Discussion.

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

Appearances:

Jacob Malsom, Troop 52 Boy Scouts, appeared and distributed drawings of his plans for the flagpole landscape project. He was asked by board if he could obtain ½ of the donations required to do the project. Annette Bjorklund stated 4-H Adult Leaders could donate the 4-H Flag.

MOTION by Caroline Dostal, seconded by Paul Millerman that Jacob go ahead with his project. After discussion, Caroline rescinded the motion.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman that the fair donate \$4600 to the project. Jacob would fund raise and if he gets more donations than necessary, those excess funds would be given to the fair. Motion carried.

Jamie Riebe and Stacy Kilmer appeared before the board. Jamie is stepping down as Fairest of the Fair Coordinator and Stacy will be her replacement. They will be working together on the program for this year.

June 13 will be the date for Fairest preliminaries; June 20 will be the final interview with the luncheon the same day. They want to send an application packet out to FFA and 4-H groups to help bring in more applicants.

Jeff Rettenmund did not appear before the board as he is waiting for final approval from PRCA because of the proximity of the Spooner Rodeo.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to accept the minutes of the February/March meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

MOTION by Paul Millerman, seconded by Cory Picknell to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Meeting – Place on the May agenda

Building Update – Waiting on Digger’s Hotline before construction can begin.

Tonic Sol-Fa – Kevin stated contract has been signed for November 28. Waiting on approval from the Rice Lake school.

Horse Stalls – Jeff Nelson is working with a lady who has some stalls for sale
Business Awards Banquet – Thursday, April 30th, Das Lach Haus, Cumberland. Bob Kolzow and Tim Heffernan will attend. The Barron County Fair Association is being honored with the Philanthropy Award.

Manager & Grounds Manager Reports

Tim is checking with Cooper Engineering on sewer plans for construction.

Contacts for cement work – Paul asked Todd's about price. Will be about \$78/yard. Jeremy said cost to pour cement and do re-bar would be about \$9,000. Kevin said the Building Committee will discuss cement work.

Sheila Kisling asked if the announcer stand could be on the north side of the horse arena. Board was ok with that suggestion.

Bonnie had told Kevin that exhibitors must submit accurate numbers of animals they will be stalling at the fair. The form to do this is in the fairbook.

Ken has been working at fairgrounds. Put new door on the Horticultural Building.

A tree that is detrimental to the roof of the Horticultural Building will be moved to the Gazebo Park area.

Admission proposals- Put on May agenda.

Building Fund Raiser – Letters were prepared and mailed.

No stock to be transferred.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Kevin Roske that a freeze be put on wages for remainder of year. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cindy Becker, seconded by Caroline Dostal to keep sign project with 1st three placings at \$150; \$125 and \$100 and increase the participation amount from \$25 to \$40. This money to be taken out of the advertising budget. Motion carried.

Club Tree Program –

MOTION by Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Kevin Roske to table this program until construction completed and the board has a more accurate layout of the grounds. Motion carried.

Mission Statement – Put on May agenda

Brochure – Put on May agenda

Discussion:

Livestock Committee recommended using State Fair Guidelines for the COOL Rule and Code of Ethics for the Livestock sale.

MOTION by Paul Millerman, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to accept the Code of Ethics as proposed. Motion carried.

Demo Derby –

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Emmett Engstrom that Kevin be given \$3,000 to promote the Demo Derby. Motion carried.

District 2 meeting will be in Eau Claire – Wednesday, April 22. Registration is to be submitted by April 15. Bob Kolzow, Tim Heffernan, Emmett Engstrom and Catherine Walther will attend.

Zone 4 Meeting – Tim Heffernan had attended.

MOTION by Cindy Becker, seconded by Caroline Dostal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting May 13 – Fair Office – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Walther, Executive Secretary