

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2009
Barron County Fairgrounds

Members present; Bob Kolzow, Tom Hellendrung, Kevin Roske, Tom Scalzo, Cindy Becker, Emmett Engstrom, Caroline Dostal, Paul Millerman, Cory Picknell, Patty Mann, Tim Heffernan, Ken Kolzow, and Catherine Walther

Others present: Annette Bjorklund, Bonnie Richter, Dennis & Shelly Coleman, Jacob & Jean Malsom and Chris Fitzgerald, Sheriff

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

President Kolzow requested the Coleman's appearance before the board be added to the agenda

MOTION by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Kevin Roske to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

Appearances:

Jacob Malson gave an update on his Eagle Scout project at the fairgrounds. He needed the signature of the board president for his Scout report and a Letter of Recommendation. He presented a check to the board in the amount of \$551.69 as agreed.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to set aside these funds in a special account for any other Scout wishing to do a project at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

The Colemans appeared before the board and asked if a committee, including 4-H Horse Leaders, FFA Instructors and Board members had been established to check into regulations to allow FFA students to participate in the Horse Show at the Fair. Bob Kolzow stated it had not happened as of the meeting, but will be done in the near future. He will keep the Colemans updated with a progress report.

Chris Fitzgerald, Sheriff of Barron County, appeared and asked how the law enforcement people had done at the fair. Board stated they did a good job. Discussion followed of various things that could improve safety issues during the truck and tractor pulls.

MOTION by Cory Picknell, seconded by Paul Millerman to approve the July minutes as printed.

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann, Treasurer presented the financial report. Put item on the September agenda to discuss if the board will pay an additional amount on the grandstand loan.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Caroline Dostal to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the fair.

For security and safety purposes, noted on Friday during the truck pull that the best situation is to pull east to west. Saturday night tractor pull would be good if pulled this same direction.

Recommended the rail be up close to the signs.

Rich Vernon's speakers were not good during the sale – needs to improve quality of sound.

Complaints about grandstand speakers were terrible. People could not hear what was going on.

People liked the shorter judging times this year and the face-to-face system.

Kevin Roske brought up the idea that our fair needs to have some music on either Friday or Saturday night. We are in a rut with nothing but truck, tractor pulls and Demo Derby.

Discussion of use of the fair's copy number.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Kevin Roske that all projects wanting to have program copies must pay for their own copies in 2010. Motion carried.

Horse Exhibitor left early from fair. Catherine is to pull premiums.

Kevin stated we need to have better guidelines for exhibitors about loss of proceeds of the sale of an animal, premiums, etc., in the 2010 fair premium book.

A policy committee with Tim Heffernan, Cindy Becker, Kevin Roske, Catherine Walther and Caroline Dostal was appointed to set guidelines and bring information to the board.

Place item on September agenda we need better control of the beef show.

Rocket Launch problem – Board stated the Harness Race Horse situation was guilty of not allowing the launch to take place. This group must obey the list of grounds users as given to them by Tim Heffernan. Board will set up a policy on the use of the fairgrounds.

Manager's Report

Everyone should have a list of fair dates sent out by Tim Heffernan. July 14-18, 2010

Calkins Midway will be the carnival. Will pay \$15,000, plus \$100.

Suggestions to parents to purchase ride tickets as Christmas presents. Cost of tickets would be \$35 for Christmas; \$40 before the fair and \$50 during the fair.

Recommend agenda item for September of No Alcohol Drinking section in the grandstand.

New Business

Budget Committee of Tom Scalzo, Bob Kolzow, Tim Heffernan, Patty Mann and Catherine Walther was appointed. Will meet at the fair office on August 18 at 2 pm.

Note from Sheila Kisling that Jerry Steitz has 12 sections of horse panels, 10'x10' for sale at \$100 each. Board stated they are not interested.

Cindy Becker said she would try for more money in a grant from the Wisconsin Horse Foundation.

North Gate Pass System – Need a better system or an older adult in this entrance.

Bob Kolzow asked Tom Hellendrung to go through the contents of the Safety Deposit box to sort contracts and other items.

Fairest of Fair Committee – Place on September agenda

Tonic Sol-Fa concert will be November 28 at Rice Lake High School 7-9:30 pm

Pre-sale price at \$20 and \$25 at the door. Kevin working on Ag/Risk Mgt as a sponsor.

Outlets will be Econofoods, Rainbow, Dairy State Bank, U.S. Bank, Marketplace Foods

Strategic Planning update will be given at September 9 meeting.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Caroline Dostal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting September 9, 2009 – Fair Office – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Walther, Secretary