

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2009

Barron County Government Center – East Conference Room - Barron

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

Members absent: Cory Picknell and Ken Kolzow

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

MOTION by Caroline Dostal, seconded by Cindy Becker to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion carried.

MOTION by Caroline Dostal, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to approve the November minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann, Treasurer presented the financial report.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tonic Sol-Fa – Good show – we made \$2,970.42 profit after paying MicroTel.

Kevin will contact them about 2010 concert – Will be on the January agenda

Draft Horse Premiums – Bob will contact Debbie Drost to attend January meeting to discuss premiums and the guarantee money paid out.

Free Act at 2010 Fair

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Scalzo to have Tim Heffernan contact Kenny Ahern to see if he is available for same days as 2009 fair at the same pay rate. Will be on the January agenda

Cindy Becker is to check with the Praise Band to see if they would perform Sunday afternoon in the tent free. Others checking with Hayward Chainsaw Carving School to see if they would come to the fair.

Information gleaned to be addressed at the January meeting.

Fairbook – **MOTION by** Kevin Roske, seconded by Caroline Dostal to print 1500 copies of the fairbook and charge \$2 per copy. Starting with year 2011-2012, it will be a two-year book. Motion carried.

Pay and Mileage for Judges – **MOTION by** Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Cindy Becker to leave the hourly rate at \$8.00 and mileage at 40 cents per mile. Motion carried.

Hospitality for Conference – Tim Heffernan to contact Cedar Crest to see if they would donate ice cream.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Rettenmund and Bruce Crotteau are making plans for a rodeo in 2010.

Tim H. attended a grant-writing class at the Convention in Las Vegas.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Roske to contact DeWayne Spaw about performing at the fair. Will be on January agenda

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to have the Tractor Pull on Friday at 7 pm and the Truck Pull on Saturday at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Treasurer request for wage adjustment – Patty requested \$1,000 year raise plus \$500 for the fair week and one week after fair because of high workload; with a request for a review of wages after the fair.

MOTION by Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Caroline Dostal to give Patty a \$750 raise.

Emmett and Caroline rescinded their motion and tabled this to go into closed session.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Paul Millerman to go into closed session under discussion for wages of treasurer. Motion carried.

Fairest of the Fair Fundraiser – Tim H. requested volunteers to work 3 hours at Louie’s meats in Cumberland on May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24. To be on the January agenda

Gate and Grandstand Pricing – MOTION by Cindy Becker, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to accept the Tim Heffernan’s proposal on fees. Vote failed 4-4.

MOTION by Kevin Roske to keep the grandstand price for Wednesday & Thursday at \$5 for Harness Racing; increase Friday and Saturday to \$10 and \$12 on Sunday for Demo Derby. Tom Scalzo amended the motion to state that if they come to the gate after 3 pm on Sunday, they can buy just the Demo Derby ticket for \$12. Motion carried.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Scalzo to increase the adult season pass to \$20. Motion carried.

\$50 sponsorship – Place on the January agenda.

Aqua-Fest Partnership – Request from City of Rice Lake to rent the fairgrounds for June 14-20. Wednesday-Saturday and Sunday for tear down. \$2,000 plus \$800 for expenses of \$500 for electric and 3 days of labor for \$300. To include insurance, set-up and clean-up. Carnival would be there to set up on June 14.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to go ahead with the Aqua-Fest partnership. Motion carried.

Emmett requested that Tim Heffernan and Tom Scalzo get a contract and work out any areas of question.

DISCUSSION – Communications Festival Talent Judges for items not at the fair. Caroline Dostal will bring to the Adult Leaders for a decision and bring information to January meeting.

Members went into Closed Session to discuss Treasurer’s Wage Increase.

MOTION by Emmett Engrstrom, seconded by Caroline Dostal to approve \$750 for pay raise for the calendar year. Motion carried.

Members came out of Closed Session

January Agenda – Discuss Commercial Building Space Rental

Next meeting set for January 20, 2010, 7:30 pm at Government Center

MOTION by Cindy Becker, seconded by Tom Scalzo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Walther, Secretary
Barron County Fair