

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2010

Barron County Government Center – East Conference Room - Barron

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

Others present: Duke Thurs, Tim Jergenson, Cathy Solum & new 4-H Agent, Mary Pardee

Members absent: Tom Scalzo and Emmett Engstrom

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

Appearances:

Duke Thurs stated he had turned over records of the 2009 fair building program to the fair.

Cathy Solum presented an idea for an educational materials display at the fair. This item will be placed on the February agenda.

Debbie Drost appeared to answer questions about the premiums paid for the draft horse show. She said she would like to charge a \$5 entry fee for youth hitch classes. Debbie collects the guarantee money as sponsorship funds. She pays for premiums, ribbons and trophies to the youth and non-entry fee classes from these funds. She would like the Draft Horse show advertised more so sponsors are aware we do have a show at the fair. Board thanked her for appearing.

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

Motion carried.

Patty Mann stated minutes of December 2009 meeting need correction to state Tonic-Solfa concert netted \$2,970.42 less any outstanding bills.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to approve the December minutes as amended.

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Patty Mann, Treasurer presented the financial report.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Cindy Becker to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Free Act at 2010 Fair – Kenny Ahern, Family Comic to do three 30-minute shows Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the same price as 2009 - \$3500.

Cedar Crest Ice Cream donated 5 gallons of ice cream for the WI Association Hospitality room at State Convention. Catherine will send a thank you note.

Tonic Sol-Fa – Kevin stated they charge \$1-2000 less for non-Christmas show. Memories would cost about \$2000-2500 if they are available.

Rodeo – Tim Heffernan has not heard anything

Praise Band – Cindy Becker contacted them. They were to get back to her. Show would be Sunday afternoon in the infield tent.

DeWayne Spaw – Tim to locate contract

Aqua-Fest – No decision

Items not judged at Fair

MOTION by Cindy Becker; seconded by Caroline Dostal that Communications Festival performers will be invited to participate in a Blue Ribbon Showcase on stage in Youth Expo Building at the fair.

Keyboard will be available. Motion carried

Fairest of Fair – Tim Heffernan will bring sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at the fund raiser on May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24 to the February board meeting.

\$50/\$25 Sponsorships – Would like to have fair stickers that state “I am a proud supporter of the Barron County Fair with the date of our fair” to give to sponsors who donate a minimum of \$25.

Need to work with the list of donors Karn provided us during months of March and April, plus we could get names from chamber offices. If businesses want to know what funds are used for, we state it is for improvement of fair facilities, entertainment and educational displays.

MOTION by Cindy Becker; seconded by Tom Hellendrung that we start working on this sponsorship program immediately. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Tim stated Brad Draves Construction put in a bid of \$2,036.45 to reface the Commercial Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim said commercial booths normally rent for \$140-\$145 during fair week.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Cory Picknell to give \$20 off the rental fee for the Commercial Building booths if renters pay in full by March 15. Motion carried.

Convention Report – Bob had attended sessions on Fairs Going Green, Parliamentary Procedure and Judges Training. Tom Hellendrung attended Animal Health session where the speaker warned fairs about the Humane Society of U.S. Tim Heffernan said Carnival Night was well attended. Fairest auction goal was \$20,000 and made \$22,500. Tim and Terry Schmelling received Friend of the Fair awards.

Record Book Rule #4 in Fairbook Information to Junior Exhibitors.

Board stated premiums cannot be withheld for a 4-H rule.

April 21 District Meeting – Catherine will handle reservations. Meal will be \$12.

Das Lach Haus in Cumberland will be location. Will need to canvas for door prizes.

Fair Secretary Position

MOTION by Kevin Roske; seconded by Paul Millerman to hire Jacque Schaffer as the new Fair Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Kevin stated Meyers Truck will donate a 2003 truck with tank we could use for water truck. It is automatic and uses propane.

MOTION by Cindy Becker; seconded by Kevin Roske that we accept the truck from Meyers Trucking and go with tank of some type, not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried.

Tom Hellendrung will check with Dr. Stanley and Anderson Dairy Equipment to be at the 2010 Fair.

MOTION by Kevin Roske; seconded by Cory Picknell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting – February 10, 2010, 7:30 p.m., at Government Center in Barron, East Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Walther, Secretary
Barron County Fair