

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING  
June 10, 2009  
Barron County Fairgrounds

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

Others present: Sheila Kisling, Stacy Kilmer, Annette Bjorklund, Duke Thurs, Bonnie Richter, Larry Jerome, Debbie Drost, Duke Thurs and Jeff Rettenmund

Members absent: Cory Picknell

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

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

Appearances: Debbie Drost said she would have 80-100 draft horses coming. Will need more stalls and divide what we already have. Will make use of Bud Epp's offer to use the Harness Barn for stalling.

Jeff Rettenmund said the rodeo will happen on August 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Tim Heffernan said he would get posters from G&B sales. Horse project kids want to sell tickets for the rodeo by the horse barn during the fair. Fair will receive all money from beer sales.

**For Your Information: Proposition II – dated June 11, 2008 states in item #7:** “Booths at non-fair events that are sponsored by the fair shall pay a percentage of the proceeds as set by the fair management to the fairboard. The current fee (**set in January 16, 2008, Proposition I**) is 12.5% of the gross. Each vendor shall pay the percentage to the fair daily.”

**MOTION** by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to allow the 4-H Horse Project kids to be the food supplier during the rodeo. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Paul Millerman to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Horse Stalling:** - Sheila Kissling said there is a 22'x44' – 4' eaves cover she wanted the fairboard to know about. It is available and could be placed in the NW corner of horse arena which would enhance spectatorship in the horse arena.

Committee of Tom Scalzo, Cindy Becker, Sheila Kisling and Emmett Engstrom to study this and bring back to President Kolzo. He will call board members with results of their study.

Sheila said at present time the number of horses expected to come to the fair is 135.

**Building Update** – Duke Thurs gave a report on the fund raising. 87.7% of \$50,000 goal has been raised. Larry Jerome presented information about an animal weigh-in scale. He had met with Rice Lake Weighing about the scale. Cost will be \$10-\$20,000 which Larry said would be covered by donations.

**MOTION** by: Emmett Engstrom, seconded by Tom Scalzo to have Larry meet with the Building Committee to work out details for the scale. Motion carried.

**Mission Statement:** Board approved the following as the mission statement.

“The mission of the Barron County Fair Association is to provide for people of all ages opportunities to exhibit their talents or products and to enjoy and participate in entertaining, educational and affordable activities in a safe, wholesome environment.

Board recommended this be placed on our website and entrance to fair.

Soil & Water Conservation Department had contacted Bonnie Richter and said Coke would provide containers for recycling plastic bottles. Board agreed it was a good idea and told her to go ahead with it.

Black Box will be at fairgrounds on June 11

Superintendents meeting will be June 25, Youth Expo Bldg., 6:30 pm meal; 7:30 pm educational.

District 1 Holstein Show will be held at the fairgrounds on June 16.

Circus will be on June 22, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Fairest of the Fair Luncheon will be June 20, 12 noon, Turtleback Conference Center. She said there are five candidates.

**Manager & Grounds Manager Reports:**

**MOTION** by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Kevin Roske that based on recommendation from the Building Committee to award the concrete contract to Greisen Concrete. Motion carried.

Tim said Greisen Concrete would start work the end of the week – June 12.

North Fence Improvements - \$10,000 from Barron County Board budget for capital improvements.

Tim will contact Century Fence for an estimate and get information out to board members.

Too late for this year to make any grandstand admission fee changes. Definitely need something put together for 2010.

**New Business:**

No stock to be transferred.

**Outstanding Fair Person Award:**

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Scalzo to nominate Catherine Walther for this award.

Motion carried.

**VIP Award:**

**MOTION** by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Cindy Becker to nominate Dr. Stanley for this award. Motion carried

**Friend of the Fair Award:**

**MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to honor living, existing members of the original livestock committee, Duke Thurs, Stan Bergum, Dr Dennis Rahn, Jim Meacham and any others.

Motion carried

**Discussion:**

The fair hires no person less than 16 years of age. We are not an agricultural business so we are in compliance with the motion passed at the May board meeting regarding wages.

**MOTION** by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Tom Scalzo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting July 8, 2009 – Fair Office – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Walther, Executive Secretary