

BARRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2009
Barron County Fairgrounds

Members present; Bob Kolzow, Tom Hellendrung, Kevin Roske, Tom Scalzo, Cindy Becker, Emmett Engstrom, Tim Heffernan, Ken Kolzow, and Catherine Walther Others present: Sheila Kisling, Stacy Kilmer and Bonnie Richter

Members absent: Cory Picknell, Caroline Dostal, Paul Millerman and Patty Mann

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

MOTION by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to approve the agenda as printed.
Motion carried.

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Tom Hellendrung to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Cindy Becker to accept the financial report and pay the bills.
Motion carried. Board would like to discuss Line Item #6815 at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Update – Horse Barn and Show Exposition Center are completed. Committee needs to meet and discuss cement work

MOTION by Tom Scalzo, seconded by Emmett Engstrom for Building Committee to solicit quotations for concrete work, not to exceed \$15,000 and proceed with the most advantageous bid. Motion carried.

Horse Stalls – Sheila Kisling stated the Horse Project has about 135 horses right now. They would prefer to rent stalls for this year's fair.

Strategic Planning update – Place on June agenda

Business Awards Banquet – Thursday, April 30th, Das Lach Haus, Cumberland. Fair received trophy and plaque. Thank you to Tom Scalzo for making this happen.

Wages – **MOTION** by Kevin Roske, seconded by Cindy Becker to reconsider freeze on wages.

Tom Scalzo amended the motion to state wage freeze must comply with state statute DWD 272.03(1)(a) All employees except opportunity and minor employees \$7.25 per hour on July 24. Board will check with Job Service (234-6826) to see if our employees are considered agricultural and the meaning of the word minor. Will bring back this information to the June meeting for final approval of the motion.

Press Conference – Six newspapers were present

Brochure – Brochure is completed. Catherine will make 1500 copies

Mission Statement – Will discuss at June meeting (2 suggestions attached)

Manager & Grounds Manager Reports

Admission proposals – Nothing prepared for discussion

Boys & Girls Club – Tim had made contact

Triebensee Fund Raiser – Letters were mailed and funds are coming back

Little Black Box Contest – June 11 – 5:30-7:30 pm

Credit Card Machines at Walk-in Gate – Tim is working with this project

District 2 Meeting in Eau Claire – Bob, Tim and Catherine had attended

New Business:

No stock to be transferred.

MOTION by Tom Hellendrung, seconded by Cindy Becker to award the garbage pick-up to the Mission to Mexico group again this year for a price of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Trolley – Veterans will handle running the trolley

Malsom Flag Project – Veterans will help with project if the Scouts want their help.

Proposal for Gas Certificates – Board turned the idea down.

4-H Signs for Advertising – Information went out in the 4-H newsletter. 1st three placings will be awarded \$150; \$125 and \$100. Participation amount is \$40.

Club Tree Program – Postponed until 2010 after buildings are completed.

Charlene Oftedahl proposal for Welcome Center – Board agreed it is a good idea and gave their permission for her to proceed with plans to call it the “Hospitality & History Center.” Building would house the Centenarians Bulletin Board & table display; Office on Aging table display, Veterans Office table display, Fair history & information table plus a message center for fair goers. Janice Peterson would be the coordinator of the center.

Discussion:

Stacy Kilmer, Fairest of the Fair Coordinator, proposed a Fairest of Fair line in the budget with a sum of \$2,000 each year. Fairest luncheon will be June 20 at Turtleback Golf and Conference Center.

MOTION by Kevin Roske, seconded by Emmett Engstrom to amend the Fairest of Fair Contest Rules Item #7 as follows: The Fairest or First Runner-up should be unable to attend, must participate in the following activities: Barron County Dairy Breakfast, Rice Lake Aquafest Parade, Chetek Liberty Fest Parade, and the Cumberland Rutabagafest Parade, as well as at least two of the following: Ridgeland, Clayton, Haugen, Shell Lake, Cameron, Turtle Lake and Prairie Farm

Draft Horses – July 1 is the deadline for Superintendent to have her horse entry numbers.

Superintendent Meeting – Thursday, June 25 – Meal 6:30 pm; Meeting 7:30 pm

Caroline/Cindy – potato salad & baked beans; Kolzow’s fruit salad & cooking tools

Hamburg – Tom Hellendrung; Cavatils – Paul get small crockpot

Mustard, ketchup & pickles – Kevin. Bars: Emmett, Tom Scalzo and Cory Picknell

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

Next meeting June 10 – Fair Office – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Walther, Executive Secretary