

March 25th, 2015

Fair/Recycling Committee Meeting

Present: Buford Marshall, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Richard Wastlick, Scott Gald, Carla Doudna, Ingrid Kovars, Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Kerry Melby, Connie Jump, Molly Jump, Warren Keys, Brady Doudna, Bryan Myers, Jason Schultz, Jamie Koch, Bryan McCarvel, Chad Cosgrove

Call to order at 5:00 p.m. by B. Marshall

Affirmation of public notice was made.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Richard Wastlick, second by Marilyn Marshall, motion carried.

Motion by Richard Wastlick, second by Marilyn Marshall, to approve the minutes from February 25, 2015, motion carried.

Use of grounds discussed regarding Mayhem/Churning Dirt. Shultz offered \$8 hour for committee members to work camping, committee declined. Shultz and Myers presented new proposal offering to pay for the grounds in the days before and after each of their scheduled events. Myers presented they would pay for Mayhem 4 days, Dirt 6 days and Rally 4 days, all these events will include additional charges for utilities. They will also provide supplies and cleaning of the bathrooms and grounds when events are over. Myers asked if semi could stay on the infield for storage, B Marshall stated that it can't be placed flat on the ground. Keys reminded everyone that the charges will be slightly higher due to the new sewer. B. Marshall did instruct that if there were any changes on their end they need to notify him, Shultz agreed. Myers stated proof of insurance will be provided for all their events, and that they will come to the Board for approval if they would like to make any changes or grounds improvements. Motion by Wiedenfeld to accept the proposal, second by Peters, and motion carried.

Demo Derby - B. Marshall mentioned that nothing can be on the track within 100 feet of the spectators. In the past when the Fair was thinking of hosting the derby, he and Kovars had inquired about coverage, agent stated that in the coverage requirements. Myers stated their insurance coverage has always covered past events and it was nowhere near 100 feet and all approved by their agent. Myers stated they wouldn't be doing the event if it wasn't covered. Shultz & Myers assured the track will be restored when events are completed. New contract was given to Myers. Motion by Peters to approve the Derby, second by Gald, and motion carried.

Molly Jump spoke of her involvement with the Fairest of the Fair. She attended the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair Convention, enjoyed it and spoke with many people regarding ideas for improving and promoting the Fair. Some of the speakers spoke of additional Carnival options, ways to attract the older generation with new entertainment ideas such as, hypnotist and acapella groups. Wiedenfeld invited Jump to District Meeting.

Doudna announced that Lonnie Haas is interested in being our new Fairest of the Fair Coordinator, motion to accept nomination made by Wiedenfeld, second by Gald, and motion carried.

Connie Jump was missed being listed on agenda for 4H Round pen. She did speak to Committee regarding the plans they would like to present at the next Board meeting in April. C. Jump mentioned most fair grounds have a warm up arena with a separate show arena. They need more space because they do have a high number of kids using it. The 4H would like to put up a permanent round pen up by the arena near the woods. B. Marshall will go down with her before next meeting to measure, mark and see the best place to have it put.

Kerry Melby with the American Legion requested permission to put up a shelter on the south side of building coming out 4 feet from the cooler and black top all the way across the back to protect the guys from sun when cooking. Requesting approval from Fair Board to do the project and then get pricing. It could take two years depending on cost, copy of plan available at the Fair Office. Motion by Wiedenfeld to approve, second by Peters, and motion carried.

Fair Committee Replacement - Jamie Koch would like to fill the vacant position left by Jason Kleppe. Wastlick made a motion to accept the nomination of Jamie Koch to join the Fair Board and send to the County Board for approval, second by Gald, and motion carried.

Richland County Fairgrounds Improvement Committee (FIC) Poultry Cages - Sandy Campbell was to present but ill, information given to Virginia Wiedenfeld to present on her behalf. The cages and racks will primary be paid for by a memorial donation from Dr. Moen's father with the remaining balance paid for by FIC. Motion to approve by Gald, second Peters, and motion carried.

2015 Spring District Meeting - Meeting will be held at the Center Café Banquet Hall on April 16th, with registration at 9:30. Wiedenfeld stated preregistration is needed and cost is \$15 which will cover the meal and registration. Anyone interested in attending should get their \$15 turned in to Doudna by April 6th. Doudna has collected donations for door prizes and items for small attendee gift bags.

Highway Department - B. Marshall stated the Highway Department is looking to buy a piece of land to have a sand pit. The biggest objection from the residents around the trailer park is the traffic up and down the road. HD is requesting use of the Fairgrounds triangular piece of property by using it to have an access road to the sand pit. The HD would gravel and maintain the road. The tube across the creek will need to be replaced at the HD expense. Motion by Wiedenfeld to allow B. Marshall to work with the HD to get this project done, second by M. Marshall, and motion carried.

4-H Premium Book changes - Sandy Campbell gave Virginia Wiedenfeld information to present on her behalf. There are a few changes but Campbell would like approval for those changes so booklets can go to printer before next meeting. Changes in open class and 4-H include Open Class Sheep, Stamping up, and Cultural Art will add a Fairy Garden category. Campbell requested permission to list a late entry warning to be placed in this year's book that will go into effect for 2016. Campbell is requesting this on behalf of the non-livestock superintendents due to numerous late entries in the Open and 4H area where they are arriving late, have nothing tagged and results in late night for the superintendents and judging. The warning would state that any entries that come in at 6 p.m. without tags attached and not ready to hand into the superintendents will be considered late. This rule will start with the 2016 Fair and will result in being marked down one placing. Wastlick will stop by to see Campbell to ensure his changes are done in open class. Motion by Peters to approve the changes to the Fair Book so it can go to print and for Sandy to list/announce the penalty for 2016 late entries, second by Wastlick, and motion carried.

Gate Rates - Wiedenfeld would like to change gate rates for the seniors back to \$5. Wastlick stated that last year was the first year and that the Board needs to give it a chance before changing it again.

Grandstand rates - Gald said we can't hold off on that because of the time frame we are in, Demo is set and Tractor pull in the works for Friday. Peters stated the Fair gate and grandstand prices should remain as is from 2014. These two items are to be revisited at Aprils Board meeting.

Camping and electrical rates. \$40 for Wheels of Time is too high and rates should be consistent for all camping. Rates will remain at \$15 for tents and \$25 for all other campers including electricity. Motion to revote and change from February 2015 minutes by Gald, second by Wastlick, and motion carried.

Gald noted that we are not listed as a camp ground and need to look into getting signed up and advertised.

Electrical Increase rates for vendors. Peters stated it that was talked about several months ago and that we wouldn't be able to cover it if we had major breakage. Gald working on the meters. Motion to increase Service Club fee to \$200, appliance count at start of fair time, electric rates for vendors and AV Miller building to be left as is by Gald, second by Wastlick, and motion carried.

Fair Items discussed. Duties of Committee Members will be moved to August agenda.

Beer Tent/Resolution had much discussion, Wiedenfeld stated the resolution states we will have an organization run it not the Fair Grounds. Kirkpatrick talked about going back to look at the current resolution in place for selling beer and placement of it including having beer on all the grounds. Kirkpatrick pointed out that the Fair Board needs to decide if they are going to specify different events have different rules as they can do that. Kirkpatrick noted that several places she has visited the beer is not restricted. Wastlick requested that when we revisit the Resolution we need to keep in mind what other places are doing and have made it successful. B. Marshall requested that it be on the next agenda for the Fair Board to discuss. Kirkpatrick noted that all those involved need to be invited to hear the proposed discussion.

Barn Security will be taken care of by B Marshall. He will contact Sheriff Bindl regarding this.

Vet Checks Times - Times will be Wednesday 9am-6pm and Thursday 12N-6pm. They will keep the same set up as last year and requested that bigger signs be made for directing traffic flow.

Free Events. We currently have Nicks Kids Show and the Pedal Pull. Wiedenfeld also asked if we should contact the Rock County Choir or Jar Trio. Wiedenfeld and M. Marshall both agreed to not continue with Euchre due to poor attendance. Another Pie & Desert event for Saturday was talked about. Wastlick mention having a bidding war and Gald suggested getting local business owners involved to help make that happen. Doudna will contact local businesses for participation and promotion.

Entertainment - Gald and Koch will work on bringing in another event. Gald stated that with the Demo Derby already in place and Jerry not providing the signs or advertising it will be imperative for us to set that up. Gald suggested we make flyers for the Mayhem gate and pit crew area. Also get posters made for the Grandstand entry area for Mayhem weekend to promote too. Gald will call Jerry to see what break down is for cars. Doudna will make up flyer and look into making a poster. It was mentioned to contact beer and soda vendors for banners. Gald will work with Koch to see about getting the information out to all the other Pulls. After much discussion Gald requested a budget that he and Koch can work with to pull in events for the Fair weekend. The amount of \$10K was made, Gald noted that there is a lot of money out there for sponsors but we have to ask for it. B. Marshall stated the Fair would need at least \$3k in sponsors for just the weekend events. Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the budget to be \$10K second Peters. Wednesday night entertainment will be Captain Tom Mason, Doudna will contact Sandy Campbell to get contract and work on getting rooms donated for the entertainers. Gald mentioned that if our local businesses will donate the rooms they can be listed as a Fair Sponsor, B. Marshall agreed. Entertainment for Saturday afternoon will also be looked into. The new contracts for the Fair Ground was previously approved and is what will be used from this point forward for any ground rentals. B. Marshall did sign the Demo Derby and Pedal Pull contract. B. Marshall suggested we sit down with Mr. Ed's Magical Midways when they arrive in September and discuss the contract for 2016-2017. M. Marshall mentioned talking to him about a new ride he has.

Recycling - R. Wastlick attended Recycling Conference and stated the Key note speaker was very good and kept your attention. Wastlick stated that plastic bag recycling bins are located at Wal-Mart, Burnstad's and Ed's Family Foods. Wastlick has gotten this information placed on the Fair website along with updated

information regarding Electronic and Tire Recycling along with the Household Hazardous Waste and Agricultural Clean Sweep for this Fall. Wastlick announced that the price of electronic recycling is up double the price over last year and cost will be covered on the WRCO Morning show that he and Doudna will attend on Wednesday, April 22nd. Wastlick stated that the Police Department will no longer be offering over the counter drug disposal and will look into taking that over. Wastlick spoke with Adam at UW-Extension office; he will provide Wastlick with larger Farmers and businesses so a letter can be sent out to pre-register.

Recycling Resolution - B. Marshall mentioned that the name needs corrected from Richland County Solid Waste Committee to Richland County Fair and Recycling Committee. Wastlick will make changes and get to Kirkpatrick and Southwick so it can be put on the County Board Agenda. Motion to approve with noted correction by Gald, second by Peters, motion carried.

Coordinator Report - Doudna mentioned email from Jayme Buttke requesting that you contact Howard Marklin regarding the request for the addition \$50K for Fair aid.

Authorize Payment of Bills - only two bills are for toner cartridges. Motion by J Marshall, second Peters, motion carried.

Next Fair Board Meeting will be April 22nd at 5pm.

Motion by Gald to adjourn, second M. Marshall, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Doudna

Carla Doudna, Fair & Recycling Coordinator