

MONTHLY MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD AMENDED MINUTES
February 15, 2023 – 8:00 pm
Barron County Fairgrounds

Board Members	Present	Absent	Board Members	Present	Absent
Loren Amdall		X	John Banks	X	
John Blaskowski	X		Heather Colburn	X	
Jerry Donath	X		Sarah Doyen	X	
Devon Laursen	X		Ken Kolzow	X	
Patty Mann	X		Cory Picknell	X	
Russ Rindsig	X		Kevin Roske	X	
Jacque Schaffer	X		Dwight Thurs		X
Brooke Shatley	X				

Also Present: Sara Waldron, Doug Schuebel, Kristin Hanson, Chris Fitzgerald, Sheila Kisling

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Russ Rindsig.

MOTION by John Blaskowski ; seconded by Jerry Donath to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

MOTION by John Blaskowski; seconded by Heather Colburn to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – **MOTION** made by Heather Colburn ; seconded by Devon Laursen to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – Doug Schuebel appeared before the board and suggested that The EAA have a booth in the commercial building. He will keep in touch with Kevin about this.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Book and Theme – The winning theme was “Let the Good Times Grow.” Jacque reported that she is working on updates for the book.

New Office Plans – Plans were provided to the fair board. The building will not be connected to the building next to it. It is expected that ground breaking will be as soon as possible in the spring. We have acquired furniture from Mosaic and that furniture is currently being stored at the fair grounds.

Convention Report – There were thirteen people from Barron County in attendance and it was a very good meeting with the high point being that Brooke Shatley was named runner-up for Fairest of the Fair. It was noted that we have a very good relationship with the Extension Office and Law Enforcement and that we all work together. We have learned that this is not always the case at other fairs and Barron County has gotten the reputation of being a good example of working together.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Stock – Stock from Donna Dodge was returned to the fair. The following people purchased a share of stock from the fair. **Donald Dipprey**, Courtney Schullo, and Sara Malson. **MOTION** made by Jerry Donath; seconded by Cory Picknell to approve the sale. Motion carried.

Sticker Campaign – A vote was taken on three sample stickers. Sticker No. 2 was the winner and Kevin will take care of getting them ordered.

District Meeting – The District Meeting will be April 4 in Barron County at the VFW in Barron.

Possible Open Class horse in 2023 fair – The recommendation from the Horse Committee is not to pursue adding open class horse and the board agreed.

Manager Report – Contracts are ready to mail out with a pricing change. Food stands will be \$350 instead of \$450 plus 4% of the gross excluding Sunday. Other stands will remain at \$250 plus 4% of the gross. Sticker letters are ready to go out. There will be a glass blower who will have items to sell every day. Grampa Crachit will return with a different them. People who have rooms provided by the fair will be responsible for any damage to the motel room. There is already a wedding scheduled for 2024. Congratulation goes out to Brooke for doing such a fine job at the convention.

Grounds Keeper Report – Ken is checking the fair grounds twice a day and keeping an eye on the snow on the roof. Everything is going well.

A decision was made not to have a meeting in March. Therefore ,a **MOTION** was made by Cory Picknell; seconded by Heather Colburn to pay the bills for March. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Kevin asked that the board think about switching the commercial and flower building and moving crops into the old commercial along with the flowers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be April 12 at 8:00 pm. at the Government Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Schaffer
Executive Secretary, Barron County Fair