

MONTHLY MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD AMENDED MINUTES

June 14, 2023 – 8:00 pm

Barron County Government Center

| Board Members | Present | Absent | Board Members | Present | Absent |
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| 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:

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

MOTION by John Banks; seconded by Dwight Thurs to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

MOTION by Dwight Thurs seconded by Jerry Donath to approve the minutes as amended from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – **MOTION** made by John Banks ; seconded by Dwight Thurs to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – No appearances. Fair Time Chapel now has a coordinator-Emily Hagen.

OLD BUSINESS

New Office – The construction of the new office is progressing, however they went through a sewer line. Water line pipe is not big enough to make our hook-up and the replacement will be \$5,000. We are still ok with money. We are looking at moving in right after the 4th of July. We will tear down the old office.

Sticker Campaign – We have taken in \$1,400 with an expense of \$693.00.

Repairing of Horse Barn Lean-to – It is almost done except for steel on the roof.

Vendor Contracts – Everyone is coming back or we have replacements. Indoors we currently have 12.

Flipping Commercial and Horticulture Buildings – Kevin thinks we need to flip the commercial and horticulture buildings and also we will move llamas into the goat barn. We are trying to get everyone in the show arena and plan to go live. Molly and Ben Dittmann will help with the live feed. We will go with UTube this year. Also we will have QR codes available for daily schedule. We will be making buttons which board members and superintendents can wear containing the code. We will also have signs throughout the fair. Fairgoers can click on the QR code and get the current daily schedule. The QR code will not change. Molly will change the site each day to show the current day’s schedule.

Fairest of the Fair – Brooke appeared in the Aquafest parade. We have one contestant so far. Luncheon – where do we want the lunch? We are looking into having a junior fairest competition.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Stock – There were none.

Chronotype Articles – Ruth needs articles for the Chronotype.

Opening Ceremonies Speaker? – If you know of anyone please let Kevin know.

Grounds Manager's Report – Things are going ok. We need rain. Harness horses running creates a lot of dust. Four bikes are here from Synergy.

Manager's Report – Sunday is Last Blast of Barron County Fair. Two kids will be free with one paying adult. There will be tractor and combine rides from 12:00 - 3:00. The Hay River Sisters will perform in the Heffernan Stage from 12:00 to 3:00. The bike give-a-way will be at 4:00. There will be a county wide church service at 10:00 am in the Fairtime Chapel. Should we have a Fair Office dedication/Ribbon cutting? Improved bleachers are in the show arena. We have three new grandstand signs this year. There will be a memorial for officers who lost their life in the line of duty. There is a 10 by 15 banner attached to side of hay wagon which will move around the county advertising for the fair. Fairtime chapel is getting a new sign. We will not get the sponsor \$2,000 from the business but we will still allow workers to enter free from 11:30 to 12:30 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday if they are wearing a work badge or uniform. The rodeo will be the weekend after labor day, September 7, 8, 9. **MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Sarah Doyen to hire a band for music at a price up to \$1,500. Motion carried. The petting zoo is coming back and the kiddie barn will be where the llamas were last year.

Placement of Barn Quilts – This year's contest is animals and we already have six. The plan is to display them outside of dairy barn and you will be able to see them from road.

Superintendent's Meeting – It will be June 28. Meal 6:30 Meeting 7:00

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be July 12 at 8:00 pm. at the Fair Grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Schaffer
Executive Secretary, Barron County Fair