

**Minutes:** August 7, 2014

President Richard Parker called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**VISITORS:** Tabby Rayl from CARES came and spoke about their participation in the fair. Tabby said that the building looks good and thank you. Their group has trimmed down to about 9 to 12 people but they should be okay for Fair. There are a few new people but they will be working with veteran workers. They will set up on Sunday. Jerry Merhar thanked them for returning.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported that they are ready but had a few questions. She wanted to know where the tractor for the auction will be located. Dick Parker said it will be somewhere with the Antique Tractors. Lisa said that the list of families for the passes has been sent to Cindy Woodman. Cindy thinks some names are missing, but will double check. Lisa questioned if there an issue having 2 mascots for Kids Day. Lisa was informed that it should not be an issue. Lisa asked if Livestock was allowed to bring in a generator for washing the livestock. The Fair Board decided that no generator would be allowed. Wade Crofoot mentioned that there was word that the 4-H kids wanted to do a lottery to leave early on Sunday because school starts on Monday. This will not be allowed for the front barns.

**MINUTES:** Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the minutes. Rob Sidley seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** No financial to report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michelle Byram reported that 3 thank you cards were received: The Mettler Family for the donation for Suzie Mettler, Brookelyn Harrison for the Fair Queen competition and Perry Fall Festival for the Courtesy Tickets.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership Tickets: Dick Parker reported that membership tickets are still available for family and friends.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Director Petitions: Dick Parker reported that the petitions for the Directors election are on the filing cabinet in the office.

- Queen Schedule – Michelle Byram reported that the tentative schedule for the Queen during fair is attached. Michelle reminded the Board to look over the list and see if there are any events they need the Queen at.

### **COMMITTEES:**

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that everything is good. The electronic billboard is outstanding. The News Herald has a full color ready and looks good. The radio stations and online with the News Herald will start. The online News Herald produces a lot of activity and links to our website. Sponsorship is over previous years.

**-Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Steve Ohmes reported that gaskets have been replaced on the milking parlor. He was informed that the vacuum pump will need to be replaced for next year. He will be meeting with the inspector on Monday.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported that both buildings are now completely full as is the midway.

**-Entertainment:** Jerry Merhar asked if it was alright to get ten grandstand tickets for the Rodeo for Latino Day to give away. No objections to this.

- Mike Peplowski reported that there were issued reported at the Medina Fair regarding the Demo Derby but after talking to Jeremy, these had nothing to do with Derby Dog.

- Bob Dawson reported that approx. 675 trackside tickets have been sold for the concert, out of the 750 that will be sold.

**-Fair Queen:** Dick Parker reported what a nice Queens Reception was held on Sunday.

**-Fine Arts:** Jerry Merhar reported it is under control and volunteers are growing.

**-Gates & Tickets:** Mike Peplowski reported that he has Wickliffe Band working the main gate, horse gate and Grange gate. The Girl Scouts will be working the ride booths. He has names of individuals for the Armory and midway gates. Mike will meet with Cindy Adams at 1:00 on Saturday with the groups.

**-Golf Carts:** Steve Andow reported the golf carts are here and green this year. Steve reminded the Board to sign out their carts and sign the rules when they get their key.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported that the electric will be inspected on Friday. He also reported that the Cone Barn is done. Gravel has been put down in front of barns 25 and 26.

**-Historical:** Wade Crofoot reported he met with Doc and he has a good crew.

**-Draft Horse:** Wade Crofoot reported that they have close to 90 horses. Wade said he may need a few stalls from barn 26.

**-Parade:** Joe Slansky reported that the change in the parade route due to the road being closed for construction. The office staff will be calling the list of applicants and local officials and police will also be contacted.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported that this is good. He has people to work the main parking and Armory. Mike also has drivers for the People Movers.

**-Publications:** Steve Andow reported the Schedule of Events are out.

**-Race Program:** Rob Sidley reported that we received track material.

**-Rentals:** Jerry Merhar reported that there is a vast interest lately. Mike Patterson is ready to sign the contract. He would like to have 250 chairs. After discussion was had on how to handle this, it was suggested that someone be there when the chairs are signed out and returned and a deposit should be left on them.

**-Rings:** Bob Dawson reported that the lighting has been replaced at the Plaisted Ring and paddock paid for by Ladies Auxiliary.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Jerry Merhar reported that the voice of the fair has quit and this leaves many spots open. If anyone knows of someone interested, to contact Jerry.

Rob Sidley made a motion to read and pay bills. Seconded by Joe Slansky, the motion passed.

Jerry Merhar moved that the meeting be adjourned. Georgianne Adams seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 4 @ 7:30 p.m.**