



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 1, 2016

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Caretaker: David C Henon Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: Judy Parker 4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: September 1, 2016

President Richard Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS: Ladies Auxiliary President, Judy Parker was in attendance and reported that the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, October 22nd in the 4-H Building. Judy reported that during fair, Ladies Auxiliary hosted the Political Reception and the turnout was not well represented. There have been good turnouts in previous years. Judy also reported that meals were prepared for the Directors each evening during fair and hoped that everyone was able to enjoy them. Next year will mark the 25th year for Ladies Auxiliary.

MINUTES: Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4th & 11th. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: No financials to report

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported that three thank you's were received. One from the Sheriffs' department, one from the Lake County Fair Queen Taylor Petti and one from Joe Bailey thanking Fair Board for the Mini Show.

- OLD BUSINESS:** Fair: Dick Parker wanted to thank a few people for their work during fair:
- Joe, Jim and Bob for the lighting that was put up. Multiple hours were put into this project.
 - Thank you to the Slansky family for the Poultry Exhibit. They handled all the building, heat and lights for the exhibit.
 - Georgianne for the efforts with Colleen on all of the work on the Poultry Exhibit. This was a tremendous exhibit for the fair.
 - Jeremy for and outstanding Demolition Derby.

-Thank you to all the Directors for a good fair.

-Capital Grant: Wade Crofoot reported that the roofers started their project and are about 75% complete. Dick Parker reported that the Grant also went to the lighting, bleachers, coolers for the Agriculture Building and the mower.

-Ladies Auxiliary Harvest Moon Reverse Raffle: As previously reported, it will be held on Saturday, October 22 in the 4-H Building. Tickets will be \$90/couple. Steak and Chicken will be served.

-Membership: Dick Parker reported there are a few days left to get memberships.

NEW BUSINESS: Gala Ticket : Bob Dawson reported that the fair traditionally purchases a ticket. Jerry Merhar made a motion the fair purchase a Gala Ticket. Seconded by Cindy Woodman. All were in favor.

-Election Clerks: Dick Parker reported that clerks and judges will be needed for the Fair Board Elections on Saturday, September 24.

-2016 Fair Summary: Bob Dawson reported that Michelle Byram put together a revenue side of the fair and is included in the packet.

-Fair Health Check Up: Bob Dawson put together a Power Point Presentation showing the results of the 2016 fair and what would happen if the dates of the fair are changed. A few dates were highlighted to detail pros and cons for those dates, as there would be conflicts of some sort no matter which week is picked. Keeping fair at the current schedule will continue to conflict with schools and the past two years have shown a decline in attendance, exhibits, participation and revenue having fair during the first week of school. Several discussions were held to determine what is best for the fair moving forward. Some major considerations were: other local events creating competition, rides, concessions and other exhibits, entertainment and harness racing, fairground obligations, seasonal related exhibits such as fruits, vegetables and flowers, timing for 4-H animals and camp, state fair and weather. The other two weeks discussed were July 25 and August 1. After much discussion on the presentation, Jerry Merhar made a motion to move fair to the last week of July, making the 2017 fair July 25 – 30. Dave Wilcox Jr. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Cindy Woodman abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that sponsorship was up.

-4-H Livestock Auction: Wade Crofoot reported the new computer program for the auction worked well.

-Concessions: Cindy Woodman reported that concessions were up from previous years.

-Culinary-Farm-Dairy: Dave Wilcox reported that the new coolers were fantastic.

--Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported that Drag Racing will come back. The Truck Pulls and Demolition Derby were good.

-Fair Queen: Judy Parker reported that the girls did a beautiful job during fair making it to the special events. We have a wonderful group of girls.

-Gates & Tickets: Mike Peplowski reported that the groups worked good. The infield revenue was good.

-Golf Carts: Steve Andow reported we had a few issues with the golf carts, mainly the lights. The company was good to respond within 24 hours if there was a problem with a cart. Discussion was had about too many vendors having golf carts on site. Cindy Woodman said these are needed by some of the vendors that have multiple concessions on the grounds.

-Grounds: Wade Crofoot reported the building roofs are underway.

-Draft Horse: Wade Crofoot reported he was approached about doing horse pulls again and will look into it. The mini program will be in the book for the fair next year.

-Saddle Horse: Cindy Woodman reported a few things need to be ironed out. The Saturday show went well. There was a profit of approximately \$1500 between the Saturday and Sunday shows.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported there has not been a wrap up meeting yet. The Dog group was happy. Overall there were no major issues and she felt fair ran smoothly. Lisa reported the Barns were full. The Livestock Auction program saved many hours. Dick Ingalls is going to put together a "Buyers Club" for those that spend over \$3,000 at the auction and will have their names listed on a board.

OTHER MATTERS: Judy Parker reported there will be a post fair party at the Parkers on October 1st.

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

Wade Crofoot moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Slansky seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 6 @ 7:30 p.m.