

PRICE COUNTY FAIR
Regular Meeting June 9, 2019
4 p.m. Price County Fairgrounds Office

Members present: Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Amy Karpenske, Kristy Ann Carlson, Jan Hardginski, Doug Kirby, Wyatt Lebal, Christine McMillan, Virginia McMillan, Sue Nordall, Pat Vlach, Brooke Lebal, Hanna Eibergen and Paul Dischler.

Absent/Excused: Brooke Lebal (E), Kristy Ann Carlson, Christine McMillan, Virginia McMillan.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Dahlie at 4 pm.

Minutes: Motion by Pat, seconded by Sue to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comments/Correspondence: 4H/Dynamic Eagles sent a thank you note regarding using the fairgrounds for their swap meet.

Fairgrounds Sounds System: Peter received the equipment purchase contract from Tower Sound for the portable system which includes 3 speakers, wires, main amplifier for the office, mic, and an equipment rack. The Fair will be responsible to set up but Tower Sound can walk through on the telephone how to set up the equipment. Discussions remained regarding if this was the best solution. The system will get us what we need in the short term, and should be expandable in the future. Jan motioned that we purchase this smaller system. Pat seconded it. Motion carried.

Saturday Band: Paul found a band called Overplayed out of LaCrosse, but cost \$4000. Casey Muessigmann was also brought up as a possibility for a cost of \$3000. Paul was trying to contact Casey Muessigmann, but not information was found out before the end of the meeting.

4-H Adult Leaders Agreement: Peter attended a meeting with 4-H. They want to renegotiate their contract to pay a flat fee of \$300 versus a % of profits. They said that with this new agreement, they would cut out wanting passes to the fair. Discussions were made regarding the flat fee of \$300 would not be enough and that charging a percentage makes more sense for both parties. Everyone agreed that the contract should stay the same which is 10% of the sales. Peter will take back to 4H. On another note, Peter got back a bunch of keys from the extension office which were not organized and mislabeled. They keys are now organized.

Committees

Advertising/Entertainment/Fundraising:

Sponsors: Discussions were made about getting more sponsorships for the fair. In an e-mail from Christine, she said that the Elk Lake Splash Pad received a very large donation from Forward bank, but they went in with a presentation, and thought perhaps we could do the same type of thing to gain more sponsorships. We did receive a recent sponsorship from the new phone company Norvado (previously Price County Telephone).

Banner: In an email, Kristy said that the Banner was ordered. The banner is allowed to go up 6 weeks before the fair.

Buildings & Grounds: Peter brought up that Price County has allocated money to re-roof buildings at the fairgrounds. The 3 wings of the livestock barn are done. Also 2 bathrooms to the north, the ticket wing and another building. They will also be working on Antiques 1 with plans for a metal roof, and also new roofs for the swine barn, and shower next to the swing barn. Buildings & Grounds committee will be doing a walkthrough of the grounds after this meeting and making a list of things that need to be done.

Commercial Vendors: Jan said she is still looking for more commercial vendors for the fair. We did receive a space request for a 31 Bags vendor, and Cob Poppers should be coming, but we have not seen a contract yet. We have also received a few requests from some non-profits.

Policy: See 4-H agreement discussions above.

Exhibits/Livestock: Michelle wants to order ribbons this week, and may need to order additional premium books, as the extension office does not appear to have any. She is waiting to see if they have any. She also mentioned that the need to update the book and needs to be done by Friday to be in the new book to meet the deadline (14th of June).

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was read. Members were reminded to start planning on how much total prize money and what denominations they will need this year for contests, etc. by July meeting so plans can be made to get what is needed from the bank.

Old Business:

Appreciation Dinner: Jan asked if we decided to include sponsors for the appreciation dinner. It was discussed that in the past it was only for workers and volunteers. It was discussed that we should keep the dinner the same for this year and think about including sponsors for next year. Michelle said she thinks August 15th at 6 pm would work for the dinner. That way information will be fresh in fair workers/volunteers' minds. Michelle will work on the menu. Either the 4H dining hall or the Northwoods building would be used. Jan likes the 4H building because there is not as much echo.

Fair Person of the Year: Discussions were made regarding who to nominate for Fair Person of the Year. People brought up as potential nominees were Bev Brayton, Keith Loch, Deb Urbanik and Carl. Michelle made a motion to nominate Bev Brayton, and Hannah seconded the motion. Michelle will call her to make sure she accepts the nomination. Jan will take care of getting the plaque done. Doug also thought we should keep in mind the other nominees for next year's person of the year.

New Business:

Pre-buy Wristbands: Peter brought up that a local company may want to buy one day passes to the fair for their employees. Peter would like to offer companies that pre-buy passes a discount and discussions were had regarding the amount of discount depending on the number of passes purchased. Peter motioned to sell a quantity of 20-499 for a \$3 discount per pass, and for purchases of 500 or more with a \$5 discount per pass. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other: Michelle mentioned the fair may be receiving a large donation of replacing concrete in the Northwoods or Expo building from Hastings Concrete. They will be coming out to look at the buildings and to make a decision. It was also brought up that Deb Urbanik would like to purchase her old computer. Doug motioned that we should give Deb the computer, and Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peter said we received a check from the Antique Association for their expo for

electricity and for 11 campers, and also received a check for an overdue bill for winter storage. Peter asked for help lining up to read cards and addresses regarding winter storage. Doug and Sue volunteered to help. Jan & Peter will also be going to the Thursday meeting with Andrea & Art to talk about the extension office and the fair relationship. Jan brought up t-shirt ordering, and still owing money. Michelle stated that she will need to know soon what to order for this year.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday July 14th at 2 pm at the fairgrounds.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:11 p.m.