

PRICE COUNTY FAIR
Regular Meeting July 14,
2019 2 p.m. Price County
Fairgrounds

Members present: Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Amy Karpenske, Kristy Ann Carlson, Jan Hardginski, Christine McMillan, Virginia McMillan, Sue Nordall, Pat Vlach, Brooke Lebal, Hannah Eibergen **Excused:** Doug Kirby, Wyatt Lebal, Paul Dischler **Others present:** None

Minutes: Pat motioned to accept the Minutes from June 9, 2019, with the correction of all members absent are excused. Virginia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comments/Correspondence:

None

4-H Adult Leaders Agreement: Peter attended the 4-H July 1st meeting. He stated at the meeting that the Fair is not in favor of using a flat fee and that we still want to use the percent of profit as stated in the current agreement. He said if someone from 4-H want to discuss any changes, that they should come to a board meeting to discuss. Peter also mentioned at the board meeting that we have not yet been paid for last years sales, and others had heard that the 4-H leaders are having trouble finding their sales information from last year. Peter also discussed a possible change in relationship after this years fair with the Extension Office. This may be the last year of 4H entries being done by the UW Extension office. There will be more discussions regarding this in the future. Michelle asked if the youth had worked on the flower beds yet, as they do not look very good at this time. Christine received an e-mail stating that this was supposed to be done by 4-H groups in June.

Voice Mail for the Fair Telephone: Information was given about adding the voice mail feature to the Fair telephone through the phone company. It would cost about \$15 up front and an additional \$3.75 per month on the phone bill. It would give the Fair a more professional presence for anyone calling the Fair phone number, as they would hear an appropriate voice mail message instead of the call just being forwarded to someone's personal phone or cell phone. Messages can be picked up from any phone with information and password provided by the phone company. Kristy motioned that we should add this feature to the phone, Michelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Red Apple: Red apple called to ask if they would be able to receive discounted tickets to the Fair for approximately 28 clients and 6 staff members, and they would be attending the Fair on Thursday. Peter stated that he would like to personally buy the tickets and donate them to the Red Apple Center.

Committees Advertising/Entertainment/Fundraising: Posters: Peter stated K&M posters

are up around town. The fair poster was presented by Kristy for approval. Corrections to the horse show and jugglers need to be made. It was also decided the following items need to be changed/added: a picture of the Ferris wheel in the background, fair logo, times to main events, and days of the week. Discussions were also made about having another printed paper at the fair entrance, or to have a tear off on the poster with more detailed event information. Pat motioned to order the posters with the changes noted. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Banner:** Kristy stated the overhead street Banner is printed and ready to be picked up and put up. **Advertising:** Radio advertisement for Medford and Tomahawk are set. Newspapers are almost set. **Sponsors:** Discussion was made regarding a supplement to add sponsors. Christine also asked if there will be a new sponsor board and if so, new sponsors need to be laminated.

Buildings & Grounds: A walkthrough of the buildings and grounds was done after the last meeting. The fence around the grandstand is being painted. Peter mentioned we may have the option to purchase more used steel to finish the fence north and south. It was agreed if the steel was cheap enough that we should purchase it. Peter will talk to Nick Trimmier. Work is continuing on roofs. 2 more are being done, the swine barn and the building next to it. Gary is working on repairing sheep pens, and also the shutters in front of the grand stand. The horse arena needs some boards replaced and a display shelf in the open building needs repair. We have one volunteer from the jail helping with some of the painting. We also need to find some help for setting up and during the fair. Kristy stated that the main gate tire wheels needs some repair to make gate move freely.

Commercial Vendors: Jan said we are still waiting for vendor applications to come in from some vendors that said they were coming. Fresh cut fries, BBQ and Cob Poppers. She will again make some phone calls. Mike Fransen made a request to get in early to his building to sanitize his items. We will also have breast feeding stations again this year. It was also mentioned that Head Start needs to be called as they have a new person in charge, and to make sure they are still having a booth.

Policy: Peter will be contacting Youth Hockey regarding their contract for beer and corn, the need for a new 2 year agreement and that they need to provide their own tent. It was also brought up that it is important that the Fair again has a large tent for picnic tables and sitting so guest may get out of the sun or rain. It was stated that the tent donated last year seemed a bit unsafe. Christine motioned that we need to rent a tent. It was agreed that we should get a 20x40 tent at the cost of approximately \$500. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Exhibits/Livestock: More fairbooks are now available if needed.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was read.

Old Business: Tower Sounds: Michelle mentioned that tower sounds was still waiting for the contract. The check and contract were mailed out. They will be contacted to make sure it was received. **Fair Person of the Year:** Bev Brayton has accepted the nomination and was very excited about being chosen. **Appreciation Dinner:** The appreciation dinner will be on August 15th before the fair. Michelle will donate the main course, and others are asked to bring a dish to pass/pot luck. **New Business:** Discussions were made regarding the need for many more volunteers to help set up for the fair. The need for a sign up sheet was discussed, and a list of things to be done should also be made up. Christine will work on this. An office schedule also needs to be set up for help in the fair office. Other discussions were brought up regarding a presence at the fair for Czechfest, the Phillips Fire, old Fair pictures, etc. for more community interest.

Other: Peter brought up the need to start thinking about planning for the 2020 Fair now instead of later, national entertainment needs to be booked early, etc. but also keeping in mind that it may be difficult to have things in place before the budget is set.

Next Meeting Date: Monday July 29th at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The **Annual Meeting** date is set for **Thursday, September 26th at 6 p.m. at the UW Extension office.**

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:11 p.m. with Pat motioning and Sue seconding the motion.