

**PRICE COUNTY FAIR**  
**Regular Meeting October 13, 2019**  
**1 p.m. U.W. Extension Office**

**Members present:** Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Amy Karpenske, Doug Kirby, Wyatt Lebal, Christine McMillan, Sue Nordall, Pat Vlach, Brooke Lebal, Hannah Eibergen, Jed Hallstrand, Greg Hughes

**Absent/Excused:** Jan Hardginski

**Others present:** Denae Walcisak

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Dahlie at 1:34 p.m.**

**Minutes:** Motion by Vlack, seconded by Kirby to approve the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carries.

**Public Comments/Correspondence:** None

**A 13<sup>th</sup> Board Member (2 year term):** Denae Walcisak submitted her application to become a member of the Fair Board with a 2 year term. Drobnik motions to accept, Vlach seconds, motion carries.

**Organize Committees of the Fair Board:** The committees for the 2020 fair are organized as follows:

Finance – Pete Dahlie, Jan Hardginski, Sue Nordall, Pat Vlach, Christine McMillan, Amy Karpenske

Advertising/Entertainment/Fund Raising – Christine McMillan, Brooke Lebal, Denae Walcisak

Building/Grounds – Doug Kirby, Christine McMillan, Sue Nordall, Greg Hughes

Commercial/Vendors – Jan Hardginski, Wyatt Lebal, Doug Kirby

Exhibits/Livestock – Drobnik, Eibergen, Nordall, W. Lebal, B. Lebal, Hallstrand

**Winter Storage:** Winter Storage day is October 19, 2019 starting at 8 a.m. All help is needed. We have approximately 50 signed up, also putting boats in the horse barn and livestock building. Tom Frane is bringing 10 boats, we still have a waiting list.

**Finance/Premiums:** Finance numbers were given. Michelle wants to try and pay premiums after winter storage. Would like checks to get paid out in November so they are available for the 4H Awards Banquet. Drobnik motions to pay out in November, Kirby seconds, motion carries.

**Focus on Energy:** Pete met at the fair with Focus on Energy to look at new/lighting options for Open Class and Northwoods buildings. Focus on Energy can sell us materials at a 30% discount. Discussions were had about new LED Fixtures and/or bulbs/bypassing old balasts. Pete spoke to Dave with Price County to see if they could install. Dave is going to see if he can get fixtures cheaper and will get Pete information. Greg Hughes stated that we can ask Xcel to do a free energy audit for us.

**Ideas or Suggestions:** Discussions regarding bringing in more revenue, ideas for new entertainment, bringing demo derby back, need for bigger carnival rides, etc. were had. Michelle Drobnik said that we can get and sell fair t-shirts for a decent price. A pie eating contest, horsehoe pitching, lumberman entertainment and cornhole contests were all brought up as some possible ideas. Also discussed was holding raffles, old time community ball tournament, tug of war, fire department mud bog, and drive in movie night as possible fundraisers.

**Priorities for the Next 3 Months:**

**Create a Budget** – Pete would like to have a budget before Thanksgiving.

**PCAA** - Pete received a new agreement and is reviewing. Questions were raised and asked about the history of the PCAA at the fair.

**Two Year Premium Book** – This should be done by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year as exhibitors are always looking for the book early. Dates also needs to be set for 2021 and also to address gate fees.

**Other:** Convention – decisions and registrations need to be done soon for the convention and to get early bird pricing for those interested in attending, as well as hotel reservations.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the UW Extension Office.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 3:30 p.m.