

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

7:00 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center

227 1st Street W

Altoona WI 54720

MINUTES

Members Present: Allison Olson, Leslie Strey, Debbie Kitchen, Dakota Roettger, Sara Novotny, Leticia Papke, Lisa Vetsch and Jenny Regalia.

Members Absent: Tami Schraufnagel, Morgan Thesing-Ritter, Jodi Thesing-Ritter and Jane Mueller.

Others: Kathy Gehrke and Kevin Kitchen.

Call to Order

Chair Kitchen called meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / January 27, 2016

Minutes were reviewed. Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

Review Bills

There were no bills to review.

Public Input

Kathy Gehrke proposed to the committee that additional food vendors are needed for the fair because of the increase of visitors, the demand for shorter food lines, and the need for food closer to the animal barns. More discussion under *Additional Food Vendor* under 2016 Fair. Kathy also shared that the Cloverbud and Explorer departments needs to look at modifying parts of its judging system to make it run smoother. More discussion under *Cloverbuds / Explorer Judging* under 2016 Fair.

Hosting District Meeting for Fall 2016 / Discussion – Action

This item was tabled to next meeting.

2016 Fair / Discussion – Action

Additional Food Vendor – Options brought up were to either bringing in an outside vendor or bringing in a food trailer that would be run by the leader's association. Lisa made a motion to allow Kathy to look into getting the wood fire pizza to sell food at the fair on Saturday in addition that the committee looks for a food trailer for the leader's association to use on the other days of the fair to sell various foods. Motion carried. It was also discussed that it would be convenient to allow Wayne's food trailer to stay at the fair through Sunday. Leslie made a motion to allow Wayne's food trailer to extend its time at the fair from Friday to Sunday. Dakota seconded. Motion carried.

Cloverbuds / Explorer Judging – Lisa made a motion that Cloverbud and Explorer exhibitors will be required to preregister their judging time by calling into the Extension Office and scheduling their face-to-face judging time into a 10 minute time slot, and the judges would be split into different time shifts with one from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, and one or possibly two judges from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.

Junior Class Judging – Sara made a motion to move the rocket launch to Sunday with time to be determined if it is approved by the rocketry judge. Leticia seconded. Motion carried. Lisa is going to contact the judge of rocketry to see if a Sunday launch would work with his schedule.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Show – Lisa talked to multiple exhibitors from the dairy and beef projects and the small overlap of the dairy show and the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Show would be okay. The option of moving the show ring to the north side of the building was turned down because of logistical reasons. Leticia moved to change

the time of the president's class of the dairy show to 11:00 AM to accommodate to the loud sound from the cowboy mounted shooting show. Leslie seconded. Motion carried. Debbie is going to contact Miranda, the superintendent of dairy, to explain the change.

Fair Contracts – Debbie clarified that the fair contracts will be signed and sent as soon as possible.

Superintendent Meeting for 2017 Fair (Face to Face Judging) – Tabled to the next meeting.

Debbie shared that extra ribbons were bought to accommodate to last year's deficiency of ribbons. The cookie baking contest has been rescheduled to Saturday with time to be determined to accommodate with the judge's schedule. Lisa Roettger will judge the pie judging contest and the contest will be held in the exhibit part of the exhibit building at 9:00 AM on Sunday. Garbage pickup volunteers are needed to cover garbage cleanup, which was added to next meeting's agenda.

Dakota is going to make a poster for the committee to promote the senior day on Sunday and the open class judging at the fair that will include the pie-baking contest, the chicken dinner, the Sunday band, and the other items that Kathy and Debbie will put together and share to Dakota. The poster will be sent out the local nursing homes, libraries, and other public places.

Sub-Committee Reports

Insurance- Tabled to next meeting.

Biosecurity- Tabled to next meeting.

Sign-Up Genius- Dakota shared the letter that he wrote for the Friends of the Fair requesting the pro account on Sign-Up Genius that will be shared at their meeting on Tuesday.

Set Up/ Tear Down- Tabled to next meeting.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The meetings for the rest of the year were scheduled at the November meeting. Meeting dates set for the next two meetings are as follows: Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 PM. All meetings will be held at the UW-Extension Office at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Agenda items for the March meeting will include district meeting hosting for fall 2016, 2016 fair with subtopics of security, rocket launch update, superintendent meeting for 2017 face-to-face judging fair, garbage cleanup, manure disposal, and sub-committee reports for insurance, biosecurity, sign up genius, and set up/ tear down.

Adjourn

Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Olson
Committee Clerk