

## **EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

7:00 PM, Expo Center, Building E

Location: Eau Claire County Exposition Center

5530 Fairview Drive

Eau Claire WI 54701

## **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Allison Olson, Tami Schraufnagel, Jenny Regalia, Leslie Strey, Debbie Kitchen, Lisa Vetsch, Dakota Roettger, Jane Mueller, Leticia Papke, Morgan Thesing-Ritter.

**Members Absent:** Sara Novotny, Jodi Thesing-Ritter.

**Others:**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Kitchen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

### **Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / March 16, 2016**

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

### **Review Bills / March and April Bills**

Bills from April and May were reviewed.

### **Public Input**

No public input was presented.

### **Youth Livestock Update / Discussion – Action**

Jenny shared that the group was working with the livestock individual. They have been working on their plans for improvement including making a spreadsheet to record her time with her project, setting up times to meet during the fair, making plans to attend future livestock meetings, and the selected mentor to help the livestock project youth has been selected.

### **2016 Fair / Discussion – Action**

Security- Tanner Walker has been hired for security at the fair and will be working all three nights, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, of the fair for \$300. Debbie has bought equipment that will distinguish him as a security guard. He has a great background and was recommended by many county individuals. The security must have insurance, so the committee may need to hire someone from the Eau Claire County Police Department. Leticia and Debbie were going to look into this issue.

Garbage Cleanup- Jenny is still looking for someone to take care of garbage cleanup as the previous person will not be available during the whole fair. More discussion next meeting.

Manure Disposal- Premium Lawn Service has agreed to remove manure from the fair at no cost other than advertisement. The company has shared that they are very excited for this project. The committee discussed significantly promoting the business at the fair because of their generosity and excitement to this project.

Friends of the Fair made a \$2,400 deposit to rent the expo center for this year's fair.

Lisa shared a concern from a livestock project member that involved a rule from the fair book stating that only one offspring could be brought with a cow to the fair. The livestock project member's cow birthed twins and she would like to bring both calves. Jenny made a motion to make an adjustment to the fair book to allow more than one offspring from a cow per year to come to the fair. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Debbie shared an inquiry by someone to see if they could bring their camper to the fair as it wouldn't stay overnight and wouldn't be plugged in. The committee discussed this matter and decided that they would not allow any campers into the fairground, even if they were only used during the daytime without electricity. This rule will be enforced and shared through the cloverleaves and to club leaders.

The third driveway next to the wooded area will be cleaned up and opened by Clint.

Livestock and Horse and Pony project exhibitors were concerned about the amount of trailers that will be parked at the fair because of the earlier horse show. The committee noted that they would have areas marked off for the horse trailers to park during their show.

The committee discussed the possibility of having more golf carts at the fair. The committee is allowed to get one from anywhere; it just needs to have its own insurance. Leslie checked with Value Implement and they are willing to give a golf cart to use for the fair.

Jenny shared her experience at the spring fair districts meeting in Polk County. She explained the fun seminars that she got to attend and some of the ideas that she thought we could hopefully bring to our fair in the future. Next meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup> in Dunn County.

Debbie has contacted the company where the committee got the radios from last year and they are donating them to the fair committee for usage during the fair.

Emily Bleick contacted the police and fire departments that have come to the fair for the past couple years to see if they would come back again to the fair and they are planning on coming back and adding more to their exhibit on Saturday. Some new items planned include hosting a bike giveaway with 10 bikes and other bike accessories, hosting a fire safety event, bringing in a police canine and doing demonstrations, and hosting a bike rodeo.

Debbie was concerned about a shortage of tables at the fair. She found a deal from A1 Rental of 12 tables for \$144. The committee also discussed buying tables that could be used through county 4-H, instead of just for the fair. Dakota and Allison will ask the Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council if they would be able to help pay for the cost of new tables for county 4-H.

The committee discussed the awards that are awarded at the fair awards ceremony including the Distinguished Fair Service award and the Partner in County Fair award. Some people were nominated. The Distinguished Fair Service award will be given to John Muel of Muel Dairy and John Norby / Hickory Hills Golf Course. The Fair Service award will be given to Art Schrofe and Dean Solie.

Jane shared that the milk house doesn't have the proper equipment and cannot be used for the fair this

year. Committee members were going to work on finding ways to get new equipment at an inexpensive price. More discussion next meeting.

The committee discussed pairing an Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council member to tour an Eau Claire County Board around the fair. Dakota and Allison will bring this idea to the youth council.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Insurance- Leticia submitted insurance policies to different companies and the committee is having issues of establishing what committee or entity would have the insurance. Lisa will make signs for the entrances of buildings to state that all people enter the buildings at their own risk. More discussion at next meeting.

Biosecurity- No discussion.

Sign Up Genius- Dakota shared that the pro-account for sign up genius was working and he already made a sign up for working the fair office. He will be making more sign ups and will update at the next meeting.

Set Up/Tear Down- No discussion.

### **Scheduling of Future Meeting / Agenda Items**

Meeting dates set for the next two meetings are as follows: June 29<sup>th</sup> to follow Fair Superintendent meeting and August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center. All meetings will be held at the UW-Extension Office at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Agenda items for the May meeting will include 2016 fair with subtopics of security, garbage cleanup, manure disposal, golf carts, milk house issues, OYC Member and Eau Claire County Board collaboration, and sub-committee reports for insurance, biosecurity, sign up genius, and set up/ tear down.

### **Adjourn**

Deb adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Olson

Committee Clerk