

CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

BOARD MINUTES

June 18, 2012

7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Schulz at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: **Board Members:** Wayne Schulz, John Garbisch, Bob Ashbeck, Gary Bymers, Ron Meyer, Dan McGiveron, Larry Gilbertson, Bob Halle, John Spiros, Bruce Thorson, Ed Wagner, Dennis Stroetz, and Gary Cummings

Executive Secretary/General Manager: Carol Kerper

Absent: **Board Members:** Melissa Gerlach, Andy Keogh, Todd Anderson, and Tim Heeg

Motion was made by Ed Wagner, seconded by John Garbisch, to accept the May 21, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Junior Fair/Market Animal Report – Ron Meyer

Junior Fair:

No meeting.

Market Animal:

No meeting. A youth educational meeting will be held on June 19.

Draft Horse – Dennis Stroetz

A committee work day was held at the fairgrounds on June 9 to clean and repair the portable horse stalls. A meeting was held on June 17. Committee members are asked to continue trying to get sponsors for this year's Draft Horse Show. A major sponsor is also being sought.

Buildings/Grounds/Long-Term Planning Committee – Ron Meyer

No meeting. The City of Marshfield street project that will supply material for completion of the goat/llama tent platform and the campground roadway is about four weeks behind schedule. The Fair Association will receive a one week notice before the material is available so that the areas can be staked out. Any material left over from the two projects will be used to improve the draft horse tent area. Discussion took place on the removal of the warm-up arena panels. Pat Fellenz will be contacted to discuss whether the Fair Association has enough llama panels to use in place of the existing panels and if the time required for set up of the area during the fair is doable.

Advertising Committee – Gary Bymers

Minutes from the June 13 meeting were emailed to board members prior to the board meeting.

Sanitation/Safety, Signage/Parking Committee – Dan McGiveron

No meeting.

Livestock Committee – Larry Gilbertson

No meeting. The domesticated exotic animal department will need approximately 10 more pen panels for the 2012 fair. Donations of \$76.00 per panel are being sought to cover the cost of purchasing them.

Vendor Relations Committee – John Garbisch

No meeting.

Non-Fair Activity Committee – Carol Kerper

No meeting.

Fairest of the Fair Committee – Carol Kerper

No meeting.

Grandstand and Other Entertainment Committee – Todd Anderson

No meeting.

Motion was made by John Spiros, seconded by Dennis Stroetz, to accept the committee reports. Motion carried.

Manager's Report: Carol Kerper

The remaining 15 way finding/directional signs for the Fairgrounds, Zoo and Main Street have been installed throughout Marshfield.

The 2012 Event Schedule has been printed and distributed at many area locations.

The first draft of the 2012 fair/premium book was completed on June 14th and submitted to the Buyers' Guide. We will receive a copy and make revisions or changes within a week. The book will be available to the public on July 13.

Dale Phillippi, the summer employee whom we hire each year through ODC, began work on May 29.

2011 Fairest of the Fair, Katie Gagas, participated in the Dairyfest and Stratford Heritage Days parades and will be participating in the Wisconsin Rapids parade on June 24 and the Pittsville parade on July 4.

I did a walk-through inspection of the Hockey Building on May 23. There were no problems. The Hockey Association will allow the Gust Gym to use a locker room during the Gust Memorial Boxing to take place on Sunday evening of the fair. The rink manager has been notified of the problem with significant amounts of gravel washing onto the horse wash rack when it rains.

Dairyfest was held at Marshfield Fairgrounds Park June 1-3. I will be attending a wrap-up meeting on June 20 for this event. The Northern Lights Goat Show took place on June 16 and 17. H&S Manufacturing will have an equipment display and informational seminars in the Jer Lang Show Palace and Jr. Fair Expo Building on June 25 and 26.

A certificate of deposit has been opened at Central City Credit Union. This is to return the Knoll funds that were used in 2011.

Motion was made by Ron Meyer, seconded by John Spiros, to accept the Manager's Report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: John Garbisch

Checking account and line of credit balances were reported.

Motion was made by Dan McGiveron, seconded by Bob Halle, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Fair Commission Update – Carol Kerper

No meeting.

Other Old Business:

A press release will be placed in the Marshfield News Herald to remind the public of the adult season pass special price until July 15. An announcement will also be made on Facebook.

Wood County's assistance with pounding the posts for the parking lots will again be needed for this year's fair. This worked very well last year.

New Business:

Sunday's grandstand entertainment will be The Jerry Schmidt Band. The after party bands in the Family Entertainment Tent on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings are being booked.

Dennis Gorke has agreed to drive the Round Barn Express Train for this year's fair.

A profit and loss report will be compiled for the grounds entertainment so that decisions can be made on what events and activities to retain.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Thorson, seconded by John Spiros.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kerper