

Board Of Marshfield Fair Commission

Wednesday September 22, 2010

Fairpark Office

Members present: Clendenning, Winch, Ashbeck, Feirer, Buttke

Members absent: Stauber

Also present: Fair Manager Kerper, and Park and Recreation Director Englehart

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15 by Chairman Feirer
2. There were no public comments
3. Motion by Clendenning seconded by Winch to approve previous minutes, all ayes motion carried
4. Treasurers report was given and motioned by Clendenning seconded by Winch to approve, all ayes, motion carried
5. There were no bills
6. Reviewed grandstand project and was motioned by Clendenning seconded by Buttke to have a contingency of \$5,000.00 for this project but will be approved if necessary by phone calls. All ayes, motion carried
7. Fair association September 2010 report was read by Kerper as follows: Wenzel Farm Sausage has given us a refrigeration/freezer that they no longer use on the road. The unit can be leased to vendors during the fair or other events.

The National Trappers Convention, held August 5-7 was a huge success. Attendance at the convention exceeded what was projected. Personnel with the National Trappers Association were very pleased and received many compliments regarding the layout and cleanliness of Mashfield Fairgrounds Park.

The Wisconsin Trappers Show was held on September 11. The show was dramatically downsized from previous years because of the National Trappers Convention held here in August.

The Fresian Keuring was held on September 17 and 18. The judging was held in the Jer Lang Show Palace because of rain.

The Wisconsin Ponies of Americas personnel were very pleased with the fairgrounds facilities for their show held in June. They will be booking their 2011 show at Marshfield Fairgrounds Park.

We once again experienced some vandalism to the Gate E ticket booth. The door was kicked in and damaged beyond repair. A police report was filed by the Marshfield Police Department.

The large amounts of rain received during the last few months caused some electrical problems in the campground and horse barn/arena areas. Electrical improvements will again be a project in 2011.

We experienced rain during most days of the 2010 fair. Fortunately, the only grandstand event affected was the Friday evening Ted Nugent concert. The concert was halted after one hour because of the danger associated with wet musical equipment. Tractors were on site to assist in towing anyone with a vehicle stuck in the parking lots. When the weather was good, attendance was also good.

We will be meeting our booking agent on Saturday, September 25 to begin selection of the 2011 grandstand entertainment. Clendenning talked about having better recycling at the fair. Motion by Buttke seconded by Ashbeck to approve fair association report, all ayes, motion carried

8. The Park and Recreation report was given by Englehart as follows:

Grandstand Structural Repairs John Hamus- JRH Masonary is planning to begin work in the Lion's Den in early October to sandblast the exposed metal and make repairs as proposed by project engineer, Doug O'Donnell. Work will be completed up to the \$10,000.00 level that the Fair Commission has approved for this work.

Events & Activities National Trappers Association Convention was held at the Fairgrounds August 5-8 with good attendance and few problems. They indicated they were pleased with the facilities, food services and support provided by the host committee and may be interested in returning in 2012. The convention and Visitor's Bureau estimated an economic impact of \$500,000.00 to the community. The host committee (CWSFA, CV&B and Parks and Recreation) has yet to finalize their costs and revenues to determine whether the fees charged covered the event costs.

Central Wisconsin State Fair was held September 1-6 encountered rain and grass parking areas were impacted. CWSFA will making repairs to grounds. Fair Time (per Fair Commission

agreement) ends September 21st Parks and Recreation Department staff will conduct a walk through of the buildings and grounds with Carol to identify any damages and clean up that remains to be completed.

The donated bench in recognition of former Alderman and Fair Commission member Art Schirpke was dedicated on Sunday. The bench is located at the corner of 14th and Vine, immediately across from the entrance to the fairgrounds.

Upcoming Events – (September – December) Communion, Kiwanis K.E.E.P. Central Wisconsin Calf Sale, Wedding

Reception, Marshfield Area Kennel Club Dog Obedience (4H Building Oct. _ April) Auction, Central Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Show, Muzzle Loaders Gun Show.

Building and Ground Maintenance Concrete feed bunk and floor replacement in Round Barn was completed. A substantial amount of concrete repairs remain in the Round Barn.

Over \$6,000.00 of electrical repairs were completed on the city owned portion of the fairgrounds prior to this year's fair. The items had been identified by the city electrical inspector or were identified by the CWSFA electrical contractor while making other repairs. Included were the repairs to the Jer Lang Show Palace monitored alarm system, installation of GFI outlets in the office building and restroom, repair of light fixtures in Jr. Fair Expo Building, repair of 200 amp electrical service panel, replaced old service panel and outlets on area light pole south of Lang Show and a variety of miscellaneous items noted by the electrical inspector.

It was noted by the electrician that to provide proper lighting in the Jr Fair Expo Building, proper light fixtures that fit into the suspended ceiling grids should be installed. This would also be an opportunity to upgrade the lighting to more energy efficient fixtures. No cost estimate was provided. This could be a capital improvement funded by the Fair Commission.

Motion by Buttke seconded by Winch to approve the Park and Recreation report, all ayes, motion carried

Next meeting date Wednesday November 17, 2010 at 9:15 at the Fairpark Office

Motion by Clendenning seconded by Winch to adjourn at 10:00 all ayes, motion carried

Tom Buttke Secretary/treasurer

