

Griggs County Fair board meeting 2016-03-31, 6pm @ Pizza Ranch

Members present: Tom Johnson, Jeremy Clemens, Ron Johnson, Chad Johnson, Matt Haugen, Bonnie Krenz, Dave Krenz, Dave Hoverson, Jerry Hohertz, Cody Johnson, Brian Saxberg

Guest: Craig Stockeland

Tom opened the meeting and asked if there were any additions/corrections to the agenda.

Minutes from previous meeting on 3-24-2016 were discussed.

Matt moved to accept, Ron Second, Passed all Ayes

Dave handed out the detailed treasurer's report. We are still in the black but over all for the year we spent \$1600 more than we took in.

With the guest needing to present with priority, agenda old business #3 was discussed first.

Craig Stockeland presented a quote and plan for the south east barn renovation project. We had asked him to quote us what it would take for a cement pad with a steel roof matching the existing barn. This would be used for pigs that are shown at 4-H. There would be no permanent walls, just open area where panel stalls could be put up.

A 16ft x 48ft concrete slab 5in thick would be an estimated \$4340.

A lean to style addition on top of that cement slab using 6x6 treated posts and 2x12 rafters would be estimated at \$9750.

After some discussion the board decided we wanted to see more bids and will advertise looking for bids.

Ad will be put in the paper requesting bids to be returned to the fair board by April 20th 2016.

New Business #1 – Blow up games

Matt and Jeremy had quotes from Hatton, Jamestown and Mandan.

Hatton – 5 games, 5 hours, they bring a generator and man the games for \$2200.

Jamestown – 4 Games, we provide the electricity and man power for \$1677, we have about a \$300 credit with them from last year.

Mandan – 3 games plus 4 zorbs balls - \$3750. This may be an option in the future as the zorbs balls could be really popular.

Brian moved and Matt seconded to apply for the Cooperstown Community Fund grant of up to \$1000 to help offset the cost of the games.

Brian moved and Matt seconded that we go with Hatton.

The board agreed there would be no charge for people to use them during the fair.

New Business #2 – Timing lights

Jeremy and Chad had information on timing lights and what it would mean for us to purchase them.

Jeremy had a wired bid for \$3759. They used information Brian had on wireless ones from last year also.

Board discussed possible avenues to generate money to pay back investment if we went with our own. Ideas ranged from a second mud drag to snow drags. Any type of racing that required timing. Jeremy and Chad are to investigate a COOP type idea with surrounding communities that wanted to be able to do this type of event but also lacked their own equipment.

Jerry motioned to table this for more information requested. Seconded by Brian, motion carried.

Chad requested the option of having a quick meeting sooner once he returns with more information. Date and Time to be determined if and when Chad needs one.

New Business #3 – Craft/Vendor Show

Ron had talked to CCAA about the craft show from last year. He brought up the idea of possibly changing it from a craft show to a vendor show much like the winter show. Cost was \$20 for a spot and if they needed a table that would be an extra \$5. This would be held in the commercial building on Saturday of the fair with static exhibits going in the west wing. If Bingo is played it will be in the east wing allowing all of the main building to be used by potential vendors.

Brian moved for Ron to pursue vendors to gauge interest. Dave K second, motion passed.

Old Business #1 – Painting of the inside of the barn

A short discussion of timing of when it was last painted and when it needed done again.

Tom moved to table this until next meeting, Brian Second. Motion passed

Old Business #2 – Upgrade electrical in north storage shed.

With the selection of Hatton for the blow up games, this item is no longer needed at this time.

Old Business #4 – Exit signs, no smoking signs and breaker bars

Dave K is working on installing the Exit signs, Dave H was to order the parts for the breaker bars (quick exit).

Old Business #5 – Fair schedule

Matt said the horse show for June 27th is not for sure yet.

Blow up games from noon to 5pm on Saturday.

Vendor show from noon to 5pm on Saturday (pending Ron's findings on interest)

Bingo from 1:00pm to 3:00pm if the Sutton Senior Citizens wanted to host it.

Kiddie tractor obstacle course will be moved to the street on the west side of the hockey arena at 11am.

Megan Ressler has been given the go ahead to setup an Open Class Animal category for the fair.

Tom confirmed Wade Faul will announce the parade with Brian as backup.

Cooperstown Community Youth will be serving food out of the kitchen from noon through the derby, they will provide bleacher side service.

4-H will be serving food at the derby also behind the museum. The two groups will coordinate as to not overlap food options.

Next meeting scheduled for April 26th, 6pm at Pizza Ranch.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Brian Saxberg – Secretary, April 1st 2016