

Griggs County Fair board meeting 2016-05-11, 6pm @ Commercial Building

Members present: Tom Johnson, Ron Johnson, Dave Krenz, Dave Hoverson, Jerry Hohertz, Cody Johnson, Brian Saxberg and Dawson Hannesson

Members helping earlier but missed meeting: Matt Haugen, Megan Vig

Minutes from previous meeting on 4-26-2016 were discussed, corrected (Adding Cody to members present) MSC.

Treasurer reported no changes since last meeting.

Megan and Tom swept the commercial building.
Dave Hoverson hooked up the water, Matt helped finish.
Dave Hoverson cooked supper for this first working meeting.

We discussed possibly moving the derby spectator gate to inside the commercial building as we were trying to figure out a way to not have the pit entrance where it is now. In a perfect world we could bring in pit cars/crew on the east side along the mud drag pits. If the south east corner was drier we could use that area for loading and unloading of cars/pickups.

The reasons given were

- 1) Funnel people through the craft show/4H-Open Class Displays and food vendors.
- 2) Have one main entry on the north.

We then discussed adding some language to the derby rules about absolutely ZERO alcohol in the pits while the derby is in progress. I believe that is already in the rules it just needs better enforcement. ***Brian called Frank on May 12th to get a better idea. It mainly has to do with the pit area along the south east side of the stands by the museum building. We may have to come up with a better pit area there or a different fencing option. Frank mentioned maybe parking a fire truck pointing north in that location to help deter people from "sneaking" beer into the pits.***

After the meal the group walked the grounds doing a survey of what needed repairs.

Derby Pit: Poles on the west side will need reset and tied again. The top new pole on the south east will need reset. The rest of the ring looked in good shape other than tightening up some cables.

The fifteen foot bleachers will need some new planks, bolts and painted. The longer newer ones looked in good shape.

We talked about possibly doing something with the horse arena barn. Ideas of making it to match the barn or painted it red and white were thrown out. Nothing was decided yet on direction but that building will need some attention.

Meeting adjourned around 8pm.

Submitted by Brian Saxberg – Secretary, May 12th, 2016