

Griggs County Fair board meeting 2016-07-06, 6pm @ Commercial Building

Members present: Tom Johnson, Ron Johnson, Cody Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Dave Krenz, Bonnie Krenz, Jerry Hohertz, Brian Saxberg, Megan Vig, Matt Haugen, Hannah Krenz, Dave Hoverson and Chad Johnson

Secretary Report: Minutes from 7-6-2016, 6-22-2016, 6-29-2016 were all approved.

Treasurers Report: No official report but we did make some money over the fair.

Minutes are re-arranged from when they were discussed to a more chronological order.

1) Fair Dates: Will be July 5 – 9th 2017.

a. Returning Events:

- i. Schedule blow up games: fair board is to try and make them free again next year. Matt to call.
- ii. Demolition Derby
- iii. Vendor Show

1. Food Vendors:

- a. Chuckwagon from Jamestown (David Weller) is confirmed for July 8th 2017. Dave said he would plan on going to the dance after the derby.
- b. The Scoop from Larimore confirmed at the derby this year but need to be called to let them know the date.
- c. Italian Ice (Joel Hamry) will need to be called to confirm his return also.

- iv. Parade
- v. Pancake Breakfast
- vi. 4H Events
- vii. Kiddie Tractor timed event

b. New events:

- i. Antique Tractor Pull – Thursday 6th (pending tractor club approval)
- ii. Dunk Tank: Megan was going to look into finding someone to be willing to do it.
- iii. Kiddie Games: Try to find an organization to sponsor ring toss, needle in haystack, etc..
- iv. Rubber Duck races: Ron J was going to look into cost of materials.
- v. Stunt Dogs: Matt was going to look into this traveling show for costs. Much like the animal show at the winter show.
- vi. Kiddie Derby: Battery powered cars for children could pop balloons on front and back. Last one with balloons left would get a prize (Cooper bucks/Trophies?).

2) Discussed reaction to fair.

- a. Blow up games are a hit, need to advertise they were free.

- b. Bingo was good, would have been able to have 4 tables going if they had the room.
 - c. Move dumpster to a different location. It was right at the hockey entrance where the kids went in for the games.
 - d. Depending on vendor count we may move Ag Equipment onto the gravel, blocking both streets off caused traffic problems and confused people when trying to get into the fairgrounds.
 - e. There were 15 vendors inside and 12 outside.
 - f. Time of vendor show possibly move to 9 to 4.
 - g. Extend breakfast time out to 9:30 or 10am.
 - i. *This makes it a time crunch to tear down breakfast and setup for vendor show.*
 - h. Try to make it more festive with halyards or flags. Come up with ideas where people could see it from the bypass.
 - i. Shuttle up was good, need more consistent times next year.
 - j. Need to hang fair schedule posters around the grounds.
 - k. Vendor booths were too big, will be shrinking for next year.
 - l. Newspaper ads advertising for the vendor show produced one vendor, will not do next year.
 - m. Need a designated lost and found area.
 - n. Bring back face painting vendor.
- 3) Ideas for Next year
- a. Advertise Animals in Barn for viewing.
 - b. Clown/Balloon vendor
 - c. Bubble Dance
- 4) Windows in Barn
- a. MSC that the 4 non crank-out windows are to be installed but have tint applied prior to keep heat down.
- 5) 4H Report
- a. Barn was full
 - b. Matt to discuss with 4H council about leaving animals until after the derby. He had people come through after the derby not realizing there were animals.
 - c. Reported that all the comments on the new Lean to were positive.
 - d. Maybe add a wheel barrow ramp for the manure spreader.
 - e. Need to finish the fence at the north end of the barn by the wash bay.
- 6) Streets blocked for Vendor Show
- a. Won't know for sure what to do until we know what vendors will be there. Vendors would like them blocked earlier on Friday for setup.
- 7) Bobcats that helped cleanup:
- a. MSC to give \$50 gift cards @ COOP to the owners of the skid steers.
- 8) Digger
- a. Digger is back for good, Dave H to settle with Zeke.
- 9) Purchase of our own tents

- a. There was quite a bit of discussion. Tents were found like the one we rented for \$1500. The main problem with tents is you have to have man power to set them up and take them down. The board eventually moved to try and work towards setting up a 40 x 100 open pole barn north of the commercial building. Tom was to get a materials list for a cost. Bonnie was going to help apply for some grants to help offset this cost. This would be a multi use building. Vendor show, farmers market, winter storage for bleachers. It could then be finished off in the future if we determine that need. We are looking at a basic structure for now with no power and grass floor.
- 10) Youth group volunteers:
- a. MSC to give \$200 to the youth group for all the volunteer help during the fair.
- 11) Future events:
- a. Brian is researching a Ranch Rodeo or more uses for the horse arena.
- 12) Derby:
- a. No changes at this time. Need to make sure we advertise the powder puffs correctly and get enough trophies.
- 13) Gutters:
- a. Tabled, we did not have time to do it Saturday of the mud runs.

Submitted by Brian Saxberg – 2016-07-25