

Griggs County Fair board meeting 2017-04-20, 6pm @ Pizza Ranch

Members present: Tom Johnson, Ron Johnson, Matt Haugen, Bonnie Krenz, Dave Krenz, Jerry Hohertz, Brian Saxberg and Chad Johnson

Secretary Report:

- Matt moved to accept 3-8-17 minutes as presented. Jerry Second MSC

Treasurers Report: Dave was not present but he submitted the checkbook balance of \$9,762.58

Agenda Items (typically old business is done first but due to the need to go over bids we did that first.)

New Business

1. Open and Select mowing Bid

The Bids presented were from three individuals: LeRoy Manke of McVille, Roger Hanson of Cooperstown, and Jeff Kenninger of Cooperstown. LeRoy's bid was for \$160 per mowing, Roger's bid was for \$215 per mowing and Jeff's bid was for \$320 per mowing.

Ron J moves to accept the bids for review. Matt H 2nd.

Discussion involved the use of Round up around fences, horse arena and derby pit. Matt mentioned he would donate the chemical. Discussion about inquiring with park board about a little cost sharing of the mowing inside the hockey arena.

MSC

Dave K moves to award the bid to LeRoy Manke. Jerry 2nd. MSC Unanimous Roll Call vote.

Old Business

1. Finalize Event Schedule for Fair 2017

Fair schedule was discussed and modified. Bonnie has updated events schedule. Octoball and 3 on 3 basketball tournament (18yo and under) were added as events on Sunday to go along with Antique Tractor Pull and the Museum offerings. Vendor show will both days Noon to 4pm. Tom was to inquire about the bible camp providing a shuttle bus between the fairgrounds and downtown. Praise in the Park will be added to the bill as an event between fair and the 2nd mud run. July 16th music and food served.

Brian moved to send the down payment of \$400 for the blow up games. Ron J 2nd.

Discussion: Matt was going to approach the thrift store for a donation to help cover the \$2200 cost of the games for kids. Last year the community foundation donated \$1000.

MSC with a unanimous roll call vote.

Bonnie will mail the check and signed contract.

Jerry was contacted by an Eagle Scout from Class of 1965. Of the 15 or so that made Eagle Scout in USA that year there were 5 from the tri-state area. They (Eagle Scout's) would like to present colors in the parade. Jerry was going to work on logistics with them as Legion typically presents colors.

Ron presented the Vendor Show Agreement.

Brian moved to accept the agreement for review. Matt 2nd. MSC

Discussion: Wording turned out to be ok as Ron explained it. He wants to send them out to vendors ASAP. This agreement does not cover the 2 food vendors for the fair. The tent will be assembled in the area currently designated where the new building will hopefully go.

Brian moved to approve the agreement. Dave 2nd. MSC

Ron has been in contact with a face painter for the vendor show. She will come to both days but has a retainer fee of \$75 plus cost of paints. Once she covers the \$75 there is no cost to the fair board.

Brian moved to budget \$125 for the face painter. Dave 2nd. MSC by unanimous roll call vote.

Ron talked about the Antique Tractor Pull. He mentioned that the club typically receives \$600 from Aneta to put on this show. We had never been approached with a cost before and were adding the event per requests from their club members. Ron was going to inquire with Peder Mickelson more on that. Matt said he could ask for sponsors if the need arises. We will have to work with the local grain elevator to provide scale services. It was decided to have it on the grass on the west side of the horse arena typically where the derby pits. They asked if the grass could be bladed off and made to be black dirt. That area sees's the least amount of traffic and would grow back after the event.

June 11th Mud Run:

Matt moved to waive the fee for Chad's Close Up fund raiser. Jerry 2nd. MSC by unanimous roll call vote.

Bonnie moved to waive the 10% gate free for Chad's Close Up fund raiser. Matt 2nd. MSC by unanimous roll call vote.

Bonnie moved that the fair board pays for half of the cost of trophies for the event (no more than \$250). Chad's donor's to cover the rest of that cost. Dave 2nd. MSC by unanimous roll call vote.

2. By-Laws - Tabled
3. Contracts

Bonnie moved to make the fee language to say non-refundable. Brian 2nd. MSC

Brian moved to add the line "Fair board reserves the right to waive the usage fee." Bonnie 2nd.

Discussion: This was added to give the fair board leverage in cases to allow for fee refunds. Strictly a case by case basis voted on by the board.

MSC

Ron moved to make the cost of chair rental \$2/chair for 3 days usage. Jerry 2nd. MSC

Bonnie moved to make the cost of table rental \$10/table for 3 days usage. Jerry 2nd.

Discussion: The tables will still have to remain in the city limits.

MSC

4. Building Project

Brian reported no change. He will work on making a poster board for the fair to ask for donations. We will proceed with the next phase once we have raised the funds.

5. Gutters

Brian moved to have Adam Larson proceed with the project so long as his bid amount hasn't changed since last fall. Chad 2nd. MSC by unanimous roll call vote.

6. State Fair Association – Tabled with discussion

a. Do we join it again?

b. Dues?

Discussion: It was determined we need more research. Matt was going to contact Kelly Hanson to get more information on dues and responsibilities.

7. 4-H Council Cleanup Night

Matt wants to have 4-H do some fence painting. Fair board has the supplies for them to use.

Ron moved to allow them to do it. Dave 2nd. MSC

8. Tom's Event on May 28th.

Dave moves to accept Tom's event request for a May 28th fun night like he did last year. Bonnie 2nd. MSC

Next Meeting and fair grounds clean up party. May 3rd @ 6pm. Jerry will cook the potatoes and veggies. Tom will bring pork loin and youth group kids to help clean the grounds for mowing.