

Griggs County Fair board – Minutes for August 9th, 2018 – 6pm @ Pizza Ranch – Cooperstown ND

Roll Call: Dave H, Steph, Chad, Grant, Brian, Jerry, Bonnie, Cody

Secretary Report: *Steph moved to approve minutes as presented, Jerry 2nd MSC*

Treasurer Report: *Dave reports we have roughly \$28,000 in checking. Around \$1,100 still to pay out for Mud Runs, \$1,200 for mowing. Sponsors checks were turned in for Mud runs (roughly \$1,000). Electric bill is going up to \$39/month. Brian moved to file report for Audit, Grant 2nd MSC*

New Business

1. Port-a-pots – *Brian presented the bids for the porta-pots. Barb Gilbertson offered \$83.50 for one, Tom Johnson offered \$75 for one, Glen and Deb Moen offered \$50 for as many as they could get. Cody moved to accept the bids, Jerry 2nd. Majority Aye, One Ney MSC*
2. Fair Discussion – Good/Bad/Ugly –
 - a. Breakfast was good, biggest turnout we've had in years.
 - b. Vendor show was good, have not heard any complaints.
 - c. Bingo reported it was very good turnout, wishing we had more room for tables.
 - d. Blow Up Games – Only question was if they should have had a water slide game. It was reported they have one but they brought the 6 most popular ones this time.
 - e. Kiddie Tractor – Lower participants because of the heat and location.
 - f. Open Class – About same amount of exhibitors but exhibits were up. Open class livestock were down in numbers.
 - g. Parade – Biggest we've had since the 125th. Some floats went through twice (class of 1998).
 - h. Derby – Fencing will have to be changed a little bit as we had some spectators watching from a distance. The heat kept the crowd down. One Ugly was cleanup, Dave K, Bonnie and Hannah did most of the garbage pickup. Cody and Dylan helped with fence and posts.
 - i. PA System – Over all we thought it was good, his equipment was over heating causing problems.
 - j. Tractor Pull – The participants had a good day.
3. Barn Celebration (100th) next year – *Ideas of setting up other events to go along with the celebration to make it an eventful day were discussed. Chad is going to look into lawn mower racing. Mark Urness had mentioned to Brian about kitten ball. Brian suggested we do a 4H supper to recognize all the past participants and leaders. Possibly do some kind of archery contest. Brian to talk to Mark Urness about museum plans for next fall (September time frame) as we feel it is too much to try and do during fair week.*
4. Horse Barn – *Brian asked for an update on the horse announcing barn situation as we either need to repair the current building or raze it and do something else. Steph presented some rough ideas of adding a 14 X 60 or 20 X 60 pole shed by the horse arena. This could be used for horse shows, over flow of animals for the fair and storage in the off season. The rough numbers she had from the Menards website had materials for a 14 X 60 with 12ft side walls at \$8,380. The 20 X 60 estimate was for \$9,968. Neither estimate included any windows or doors as the discussion leaned towards a bigger building that could have double the stalls for*

horses/animals since it was not that much more to go from 14ft wide to 20 ft wide. Brian will bring an electrician quote for next meeting if we are to raze the old horse barn what that cost will add to the project. Unless the new building encompasses the old footprint, at which point it would be even smaller to just have it unhooked. Jerry was going to bring estimates for putting in air conditioning in the commercial building if we are looking at improving the grounds as another project.

5. *Trinity Live Nativity – Trinity Lutheran Church has approached us about the ability of doing a live nativity in the barn this year to coincide with the fair barn's 100th. Grant moved to offer the north end of the barn plus sale ring for their use for this. Cody 2nd. MSC Trinity to get us a firm answer by October 15th, otherwise we can still use it for storage.*

Next Meeting: Originally set for September 6th, 2018 6pm at the Pizza Ranch in Cooperstown but Brian needs to move it a week if we can to September 13th, 2018.

Submitted by Brian Saxberg August 10th 2018