

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 PM, Conference Room

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center

227 1st Street W

Altoona, WI 54720

MINUTES

Members Present: Scot Zimmerman, Debbie Kitchen, Allison Olson, Miranda Nelson, Kevin Kitchen, Leslie Strey, Lisa Vetsch, Darren Schlewitz, Dakota Roettger, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Letecia Papke, Tami Schraufnagel

Members Absent:

Others: Kathy Gehrke

Call to Order

Chair Kitchen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / April 18, 2018

Minutes were reviewed. Dakota made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Review Bills / April 2018

No payments were made this month.

Public Input

Kathy shared her concerns relating to the schedule and limited menu of the food stands. A meeting with the leaders of the food stand will be set.

2018 Fair / Discussion – Action

The committee discussed the Dairy Shack and Jodi made a motion to respectfully maintain the hours of the food stand from previous years and conduct a time study of the food stand this year to make collaborative, statistic-based decision of hours for future years. Scot seconded. Motion carried.

Miranda and Debbie received information from Eau Claire Exposition Center staff regarding incomplete updates at this year's fair.

Friends of the Fair created a form for the food stands and other profiting events at the fair to fill out by October 1st outlined their total revenue, and well as outlined the expected amount that Friends of the Fair receives from these profiting sectors of the fair. Jodi made a motion to approve the form as outlined. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

Letecia moved that April 1st is established as the deadline for fair schedule changes in future years. Scot seconded. Motion carried. The schedule for this year will be finalized within the next week.

The youth exhibitor dog agility show was moved to Sunday with the obedience show because of scheduling conflicts, and an Open Class Dog Agility Show has been added on Friday at 3 P.M.

Premium Lawn Service will continue their service for the fair and suggested a few changes for efficiency.

Jodi shared the new system of ordering and details regarding apparel for the fair this year.

Debbie proposed to have another night watch men hired in order to maintain security for the grounds and the other night watch men. The committee agreed that it would be appropriate to give the individuals a few tasks to complete throughout the night. Scot made a motion to hire an additional night watch men and to place additional responsibilities to them. Leticia seconded. Motion carried. Miranda will also contact the county sheriff and request that they go through the fairgrounds multiple times per night.

Livestock has decided on a new process to get the swine out of the barn. Dakota and Kevin will work on the details.

Lisa registered Eau Claire County for the Fairest of the Fair to visit, and we will hear confirmation of that visit in the upcoming weeks.

Committee openings of three youth and two adult positions were posted. Applications are due July 31st.

Leslie will contact Rassbach Communication to see if they would have a PA System that the fair could use for the livestock shows and the auction.

Tami and Allison will work on exploring the options for a cell service booster and Miranda will work with the IT department to set up the printer at the fair.

The grant from Compeer Financial has been approved, allowing cage replacements.

Sub-Committee Reports / Discussion – Action

Biosecurity- No discussion.

Sign-Up Genius- Changes will be made to the description of the swine clean up portion of the sign up. The sign-ups will go live on July 1st to give all exhibitors a fair chance.

Set Up/ Tear Down- No discussion.

Contracts- No discussion.

Grounds Keeping- John Norby may be bringing more golf carts to be used for the livestock. He will sure to provide the appropriate paperwork for it to be allowed on the fairgrounds.

Sponsorship- STEM Day Tent will be sponsored by American Family Insurance. It was noted to notify Legacy donors to provide own banner for next year.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The next meeting was scheduled for June 20th. All future meetings will take place at the Eau Claire County Agriculture and Resource Center and begin at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Adjourn

Chair Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Olson
Committee Clerk