

NOTES ONLY. MEETING NOT PROPERLY NOTICED.

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: Curran Professional Park – Room 104
315 South Oneida Avenue, Rhineland

DATE: Wednesday, July 7, 2010 **TIME:** 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Bill Bell, Patricia Broukal, Cindi Eckardt, Nancy Gehrig, Lisa Kuczmariski, Craig Mandli, Denise Rehaume-Brand, Theresa Seabloom, Jenny Talley, Tina Werres, Melanie Ostermann. Excused absence Freda Waalkins was noted.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Swearingen, Jan Juedes, Marilyn Riggs, Nellie Wich, Amanda Lawniczak, and Jim Lillis (representing Media concerns).

Call to order and President's announcements. The meeting was called to order by President Craig Mandli at 5:15 p.m. The meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda. Motion made by Cindi Eckardt to approve the agenda with the order of the agenda at the discretion of the president. Motion seconded by Jenny Talley. Motion carried with all ayes.

Approve minutes of July 1, 2010. Motion by Denise Rheume-Brand to accept the minutes as written with 3 corrections on page 5. The first correction was to more clearly define Vendors as EXHIBITOR VENDORS following the EXHIBITORS indent. The second was to more clearly define (in Exhibitors) that it was Tina Werres who was pleased to report the entries were more than the amount they were the previous year. Seconded by Cindi Eckardt. Motion carried with all ayes.

Tina Werres introduced Amanda Lawaniczak who has been coordinating the Fairest of the Fair, and Nellie Wich, who was the newly crowned recipient. Nellie was officially crowned today, and seems to be already well received by the community. Nellie will be mentored by several businesses involved with the program, as well be a guest speaker on "Alive at Five" later this week. Nellie is currently a business major and works at Timber Producers. Amanda has been working on the fair committee as the 2010 Coordinator for this years Fairest of the Fair Event. After a brief introduction they excused themselves from the meeting.

Tina reintroduced Marilyn Rigg to the committee. Marilyn is summer resident in the area who has also been a volunteer who has helped during previous events. She will contribute to the fair efforts this year as well. Jan Juedes was introduced as a new team volunteer. Both were welcomed to the meeting.

Contracts: On the agenda and going before the Ag Committee on the July 20th meeting are two previously suggested contracts made by the fair committee.

- 1) Timber Show Agreement for 4 - 30 minute shows. Tina said they have generously donated an additional show on Thursday night.
- 2) William Jamerson for 3 – 1 hour performances Friday, and 3 – 1 hour performances on Saturday. He will be paid \$750.00 (or \$250.00 per show).

Financial Reports:

- **Budget changes.** None
- **Itemized categories report.** None
- **Expenses.** None
- **Requests.** None
- **Purchases.** None
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Review correspondence. Jim Lillis has submitted two open record records requests, both regarding the downloading of items from the computer owned by deceased President Pat Dineen. The first request was submitted to Dan Kuzlik and Tina Werres. Mike Michalak has received a request as well. All downloads will be referred to Corporate Council Tom Wiensch, who will then comply with the application. It was noted that all e-mails need to be preserved and not to be deleted, and are being considered as government records. Per Mike Michalak he has had some success in downloading the fair information.

Approve committee member applications/resignations/resignations. None.

Team leader reports on the 2010 fair planning:

Marketing: Tina held up a placemat that John Bailey and Pat Dineen had been working on. It was Pat Dineen's final project that he worked on for the fair. The placemats advertise the upcoming fair and it is hoped they will be distributed in the near future.

Jenny Talley suggested we pursue a martial arts demonstration at the fair.

4th of July Parade: All of the participants encountered the extreme heat and rain as they walked in three locations where parades were held. "Hot" and "wet" seemed to be the key description of the July 4, 2010 parades. The cities they marched in the local parade were Three Lakes, Lake, Tomahawk, and Rhinelander. They were unable to march in the Minocqua parade; however they were able to hand out fliers announcing the fair.

All of us expressed our gratitude to the participants who deserve mention. Tina Werres wore a tent made by Carol Jorgensen. Barry and Cindi Eckardt wore cow costumes while distributing their handouts. Nancy Gehrig and Rose handed out volunteer requests as well. Nellie Wich rode her horse. Travis and Keesha Winkler carried a banner that represented our organization. Dan Kuzlik wore a Statue of Liberty costume. Unfortunately the dragon costume participants did not participate as hoped.

Suggestion was made that instead of 1 team handling all 3 parades next year that there are teams for each parade. Also suggested was finding a person who was better able to fit the tent costume. This will be discussed at a later time.

Animal Alley & 4H items: Cindy Eckadt reported Sherrie and Brian Holmes are working on the Pat Dineen Memorial Doxie Race.

Cindy also reported a request made by one of arena exhibitors to do a "faith based presentation" during their Sunday performance. It was briefly discussed, however it has been the policy of previous years that there be no sermon or testimonies offered at the fair. The only exception is an opening prayer at the begging of the ceremony. To do otherwise may present problems and it was unanimously agreed by those present that we continue to follow the example we have been given.

The trout hatchery will be unavailable this year, however if someone desires to lease the display they are negotiable.

Barry and Cindi have been cutting tickets in preparation for the fair event.

Sky Land: Tina Werres reported for Joe Brauer who communicated several items to her. There were several areas he seems to be working on.

When the trolley was parked after it was cleaned, someone forgot to take the canvass off the top of the trolley. With the rain, the canvas filled with water and ripped. It is being repaired at no cost to the fair organization.

The clear "kiox cubicles" that are on display at the airport will be utilized during the fair.

The pigeon races need to be finalized, but there are plans to use the pigeons at the opening ceremony. They will be released after the civil war cannon is fired.

Gazebo: Jenny Talley reported that 4 bulletin boards will be utilized.

Volunteers for fair: Nancy Gehrig passed out many fliers looking for volunteer support during the parades. She is compiling a list of those people who have responded.

Al Mancl is willing to do the garbage pickup and is utilizing the Boy Scouts to assist him.

Wristbands: Due to the rain and the cancellation of the July 4 fire works, Lisa was unable to sell wristbands. She will continue to assist in this project. There have been a few sales made, and reported that Barry sold several at the Cassian picnic as well as at the Mash Blood Drive.

Tina was uncertain if there was a wristband booth available to the organization for the August 3 event in Three Lakes. Pat Dineen had begun negotiations for this, and she will follow up on this.

Bill Bell announced there will be man providing a batting cage at the fair. He said that there has been correspondence regarding the pie-eating contest and there will be compliance with Health Department concerns. The pies for consumption will be made by Wal-mart as all products must be produced in a commercial bakery. Leah van Zile is going to be in charge of the event.

Tina stated the cake walk probably cannot be done because the cakes were supposed to be used as prizes. Normally the cakes are donated by individuals who bake the cakes, but since they are not done in a commercially licensed kitchen it seems this event needs to be discussed at next years event planning.

Back Porch Stage: Tom Swearingen says things are just about ready. He found some little things to do to improve the area and he is working on it now. He still needs verbal confirmation for the Community Band and the Polka band that are supposed to perform.

Tom also announced that he collected funds for a flower basket to be hung in honor of Pat Dineen in the downtown area. RIPCO Credit Union has also purchased a flower basket.

Main Stage: Theresa Seabloom has working on a schedule and has most of the confirmations done for the bands that are going to participate. Michael Perry and the Longbeds have scheduled a phone interview and she will utilize this as part of the advertising for the fair.

Media: Mike Michalak has taken over the media negotiations for Pat Dineen. Tina Werres reported what Mike has communicated to her. Tina said Mike is currently on track for what needs to be arranged. Mike has expressed an opinion that the budget has not allotted enough funds toward this need, but he is remaining within the guidelines he has been given. Funding for future media needs can be brought up at a later date.

Exhibitor Vendors: Denise Rehume-Brand advised the committee that many schools are participating in the fair this year. Many of the items will be going into competition, and mentioned the "dragon" is one of the submissions. It is hopeful that the dragon will be able to wander around during the fair as well as be exhibited in the exhibit hall.

Patricia Broukal and Tina Werres had a vendors meeting Tuesday, July 6, 2010. They are continuing to work together to match areas with the vendor needs. There are currently 15 vendors confirmed, other than food vendors. About half of the vendors this year are nonprofit vendors.

The Oneida County Tourism council has sponsored \$500 towards the fair.

Vehicleville: Tina Werres reported for Milt Aus. GM has made \$1,000.00 donation to the fair. Currently he is making arrangements for "anything that transports" to be part of a display in the park. There will be new, used, and antique vehicles on display in several locations around the park.

Garden and Floral: No report.

Farmer's Market: All but 3 vendors will participate in the Farmer's Market as usual. One of the vendors is currently finishing a planter for the fair committee.

Linda Houghton-Bowen is paying for the memorial tribute to her late husband by placing an American Flag on the fair grounds. It is hoped that she will also contribute a solar light for the flag display

There is another flag location on the fair grounds that needs repair. There is a vendor of telescoping flag poles who is scheduled to be at the fair. He has offered to repair it.

Family Land: Craig said things are moving along and seems to be coming together.

River Rendezvous: Tina is meeting with the Personal Property Protection Committee regarding the civil war cannon and the black powder muskets. Depending on the load of the powder, it is determined whether the black powder muskets are a firework or a weapon. She will report on her meeting. There will need to be a walk around the neighborhood prior to the cannon being fired. People will need to be prepared to know about the cannon ahead of the actual firing event.

Date of future meeting: Next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 14**, at the old Curran School building. It will begin at **5:15 p.m.**

The remaining planning meetings before the fair will be held on **Wednesday**. Jenny Talley will not be able to attend the July 14 meeting and was excused prior to this meeting.

Public Comments/Communications: None.

Items to be included on next agenda:

Team Updates

Adjournment: Motion by Jenny Talley to adjourn. Theresa Seabloom seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Ostermann, Fair Secretary