

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: Curran Professional Park – Basement Meeting Room
315 South Oneida Avenue, Rhinelander

DATE: Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Committee Members Present: Craig Mandli, Tina Werres, Cindy Eckardt, Nancy Gehrig, Jenny Zier, Theresa Seabloom, Melanie Ostermann

Excused: Bill Bell, Pat Broukal, Denise Rheaume-Brand, Freda Waalkens,

Others Present: Sue Glentz, Jim Lillis (representing media).

Call to order and President's Announcements. The meeting was called to order by President Craig Mandli at 5:23 p.m. The meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

No announcements were made.

Approve agenda for today's meeting. Cindy Eckardt made the motion to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at the discretion of the President. It was seconded by Jenny Zier. All ayes. Motion passed.

Approve minutes of October 13, 2010: Cindy Eckardt made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. It was seconded by Nancy Gehrig. All ayes, Motion passed.

Introduction of prospective committee members. Tina Werres welcomes Susan Glentz to the meeting. She announced paperwork submission to join the fair planning team were submitted by Susan Glentz, and Tom Peterson. She said Linda Covell is also interested and will be applying. After a brief discussion Tina said she would recommend all potential members to the Ag Committee pending approval of background checks.

Correspondence.

- a. Letter of resignation from Pat Broukal was read to the committee. Her recent employment with the Chamber of Commerce will make it difficult for her to continue. She will be missed.
- b. A letter of decline was read to the committee, regarding our request for the A & P Enterprise Shows to be our fair carnival next year. They stated to only date they had available was June 23, thru June 26, 201. Tina said she contacted Chris, our carnival representative for the 2010 season. He will allow us to book the fair for the same weekend, and wondered if the same contract would apply. Fair negotiations will be further discussed at the next meeting, but various options were discussed. There is concern over the percentage rate and the issue of wristbands that will also need further discussion. The committee also wants to further discuss event insurance in case of bad weather or an event canceling.
- c. An amended proposal from the Chamber of Commerce for consideration of securing vendors for the next fair is scheduled for further discussion on Friday. Any interested parties are invited to attend.

Financial report. and approval of expenses. A quick review of the finances indicated that there is a \$12,000.00 balance remaining after the Gaber electric bill was approved for payment. A motion to approve expenses was made by Cindy Eckardt. It was seconded by Theresa Seabloom.

Wisconsin Association of Fairs Annual Convention. Registration for the January convention must be submitted. Two rooms will be reserved for members attending. Currently those attending will be Theresa Seabloom, Tina Werres, Melanie Ostermann, Michelle Wich, and Tom Swearingen. The Wich family is attending as well, however they will cover their own room expenses. Tina read a request from the association that we contribute to the hospitality ice cream fund. Cindy Eckardt made a motion to donate \$25. It was seconded by Jenny Zier. All ayes, Motion passed.

Fairest of the Fair auction and allotment of funds. A brief discussion was held regarding the Fairest of the Fair basket. Craig Mandli made the motion to bid up to \$500 on her basket if necessary. This was seconded by Nancy Gehrig. All ayes. Motion passed.

Amended financial report. Jenny Zier made the motion to rescind the original expense report as submitted earlier this meeting. Craig Mandli seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed. Jenny then made the motion to approve the amended financial report to include the approval of the \$25 donation and approval of funds up to \$500 on the Fairest of the Fair basket. It was seconded by Craig Mandli. All ayes. Motion passed.

Reconfirmation of committee membership. Nancy Gehrig, Theresa Seabloom, Cindy Eckardt, Jennifer Zier, and Craig Mandli signed a sheet stating their intent to serve on the Oneida County Fair Planning Committee for the 2011 season. Tina Werres will remain as fair coordinator. Melanie Ostermann will remain as fair secretary.

Dates of future meetings. The Fair Planning Committee will meet Wednesday, December 6, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Curran Professional Building at 5:15 pm in the basement conference room. (It has been suggested that our meeting dates be moved to the Wednesday before the Ag Committee meeting. It will not be possible to meet before the Ag committee meeting January 10, 2011, because of the convention. The next fair planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19, to report on the convention. This will need to be confirmed.)

Public comment/Communications.

- a. Jenny Zier has completed 4H requirements and is now certified. Jim Winkler has asked her to represent the 4H interests at the Oneida County Fair.
- b. Theresa Seabloom asked that it be put on record that she disagreed with a response on the survey regarding a Christian music provider who was unfavorably portrayed in someone's response. She said she was present and the provider was not dirty, nor hung over, and she felt the person in question was totally misrepresented on the survey. She and several others enjoyed the presentation and said it was excellent.

Items to be included on the next agenda.

- Negotiations with Chris
- Chamber of Commerce Vendor Proposal
- Ponies at fair next year.
- Gas card (Ref. June 10, 2010 meeting)

Adjournment. Jenny Zier made the motion for adjournment. Craig Mandli seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Ostermann, Fair Secretary.