



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: UW-Extension Conference Room, Lower Level, Airport Terminal
3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501

DATE: October 7, 2014

TIME: 5:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Jim Intrepidi, Nancy Gehrig, Leroy Eades, Tom Peterson, Jim Perlberg, Jean Platek, Terri Angell, Theresa Seabloom, Kathy Silbernagel

Excused: Eric Britton, Denise Rheaume-Brand,

Absent: Lisa Kuczumarski, Joe Berg

Others Present: Lynn Feldman, Bill Freudenberg-OC Board Mbr

MINUTES:

1. **Call to Order and President's Announcements:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Jim Intrepidi, Acting President. Due to Craig Mandli's resignation as President and committee member, we will need to elect someone to fill this open position. The meeting was properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible. There were no president's announcements.
2. **Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting:** The agenda was approved by Tom, seconded by Jean. Motion carried.
3. **Approve Minutes of August 19, 2014:** A motion was made by Jim Perlberg to approve the minutes of August 19, seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.
4. **Financial Update:** Terri pointed out the Fair Financial report has not been reconciled at this time to coincide with the way the County Board does their budget report. What Terri can report at this time, she figures the balance is roughly \$16,000 in the black. Lynn will meet with Margie Sorenson, County Finance Director, to straighten this matter out so Terri can present the exact total amount for the committee to approve. Decisions were made by the committee regarding money issues of the month:
 - There is \$2,000 left over from when Kim Swisher resigned from the 2014 Fair as co-coordinator. Terri made the motion to pay this money to Nancy as she proceeded to carry out the workload, seconded by Jim Perlberg. Motion carried.
 - Bills to Pay: Reimburse the \$315.00 vendor application fee to Justine's Fry Bread as they had to back out due to family health issues; pay the \$1,946.75 bill for exhibit premiums; pay \$222.76 to CTL for garbage bags; pay \$200.00 for Camp 10 security cost; pay \$45.00 meal cost to reimburse three committee members who attended the Fair District meeting in Eagle River on October 1st. Jim Perlberg made the motion that we pay these five bills, seconded by Jean. Motion carried.
 - There is a reminder to pay \$150 for another year of membership to the Minocqua Chamber of Commerce. After a brief discussion, it was felt the Fair really got no results from last year's membership. Terri made the motion to cancel and not pay the membership for 2015, seconded by Jim Perlberg. Motion carried.
 - The Fair got a statement from the NRG media group showing a credit of \$900 regarding pre-sale wristband tickets they sold. It was decided to ask for a \$900 check rather than leaving the credit with NRG to be used in 2015, if this is possible.
5. **Coordinator's Report:**
 - Kathy Silbernagel's application for Fair board membership has been approved. Welcome on board, Kathy!
 - Nancy presented written notes from Sue Glentz (vice-pres) and Craig Mandli (president) expressing their resignations from the Fair board. We will need to vote to replace these now-vacant positions.

- There is a need for someone to oversee the Fair website, Facebook and Gmail. Nancy approached Tim Brown to perhaps do this for the Fair. He could not fit this into his busy schedule but agreed to train a willing person to do this. Kathy agreed to take on this position.
 - Nancy, Theresa and LeRoy reported on the District 1 Meeting held in Eagle River on October 1 that they attended. They agreed it was beneficial due to the ideas and give and take by various area fair committees. Their cost of \$15 each for the meal will be reimbursed. It was made clear that we must make our donation boxes larger, more noticeable and perhaps manned at the gates.
 - We were reminded of the Fair Convention in Wisconsin Dells that will be coming up on January 4-7, 2015 that will need reservations made early to attend.
6. **Discuss Purchase of 40x80 Big Top Tent:** Jim Intrepedi stated that, because of insurance issues, the Oneida County Board declined sharing ownership with other non-profit organizations and agreed the Fair alone purchase the 40'x80' tent that Cross Country Bar has for sale at a cost to us, now, of \$3,500. After discussion, it was felt that if the Fair Committee purchased the tent, it would pay for itself in the long run by not having to pay rental costs in the future. The UW-Ext would use our current older, smaller tent and not have to replace the four that got ruined in a wind storm after the 2014 Fair. Terri made a motion that the Fair purchase the 40'x80' tent for \$3,500 contingent on, by October 17, 2014, there being enough surplus money and that Terri's surplus matches what the county has on its record as a surplus. LeRoy seconded the motion. Motion carried. LeRoy will get back to the Lions Club to see if they agree to donating \$1,000 to us as they have stated previously.
7. **Area and Team Leader Reports:**
- The only topic discussed was Entertainment. Theresa announced that The Jimmy's is a band that has gotten the attention of her and Nancy and Tom Swearingen. The band is a very high-energy entertaining Blues/Reggae type which they are interested in booking for the 2015 Fair. The band has eight members and is somewhat costly, beginning a discussion with thoughts and concerns over the cost and choice of bands compared with the number of people in the audience. Bill Freudenberg stated he thought we should seek out bands who are willing to play for free just for the chance to play at the Fair. It was decided to continue this discussion at next month's meeting.
8. **Correspondence** (specifically addressed to Committee): None.
9. **Public Comment** (3-minute limit): None.
10. **Items of Discussion to be Included on Next Agenda:** Election of Officers, Fair Convention in January, Report on Purchase of Big Top Tent, continued Discussion on Entertainment, Team Leader Reports and other items to be provided at the next meeting.
11. **Date of Future Meeting:** The next fair meeting will be at 5:30 pm on Monday, November 3, 2014 at the UW-Extension conference room in the airport lower level. The usual Tuesday meeting date will fall on election day so it was moved to the Monday before instead.
12. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Jim Perlberg, seconded by LeRoy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Theresa Seabloom, Secretary