

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING

August 23rd, 2022

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1901 and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 25 board members present 1 absent.

Guests: Marla Reynolds, Janie and Dave Barnhard, Trish Lane, Katy Paxton, Luke Grauer, Travis Robinson, Diane Kelly, Lynn Caudill, Amy Messersmith, Cathy Mills, Caroline Tilton, Matt Janisch, and Judy Villard-Overrocker.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Scott Smith to approve July 26th meeting minutes, Zac Tuttle seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Treasure's Report: Shirley Swihart send out treasures report via email. Motion made by Zac Tuttle to approve treasures report for later audit, motion was seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed.

Events Coordinator Report: Kim Moore sent out Ink Incarceration damage invoice.

Committee Reports:

-Budget: Nothing to report.

-Grounds: Dave Grauer thanked everyone for their help. Discussed Winter projects.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported LS auction was approx. \$900K. All JF rule recommendations need to be turned in. Would prefer JFB barn supers be knowledgeable to barn/species there in. QR code worked well this year.

-Nature Park: Gene Esbshade reported that bands/events were well attended this year.

-Campgrounds: Krista Dull reported that returned camp contracts went well only few need returned yet.

-Racetrack: Nothing to report.

-Fair book: Nothing to report.

-By-Laws: David Dick went over attendance, have several directors that are at 3 absences.

-Golf Carts: Scott Smith said all went well, record number of golf cart passes purchased. Need to change color of passes each year.

-Jr. Fair: Judy Villard Overocker needs all potential rule adjustments turned into the JF. Great fair, and thanked SFB for the support and good communication.

-Sponsorship: Christy Keith reported we need to start looking for 2023 sponsorship. Had a lot of new sponsors this year, approx. 58k in total sponsorship.

-Admissions: Nothing to report.

-Nominating/Elections: Christy Keith reported that elections went well.

-Grandstands: Tom Craft thanked everyone who helped during events. Sept. 1st will winterize grandstands. Will clean out electric room.

-Parking: Dave Grauer reported that designated parking areas went well.

-Antique Barn: Eddie Cotter reported all went well fair week. Had good turn out in barn. Need new man door. Need to disperse Red Barn Antiques will work with Iron Will Club to decide what to with pieces and who to contact.

-Concessions: Gene Esbenshade reported that vendors had a good year and were happy with crowd turn out. Kids zone was a hit.

-Horse Relations: Cory Myers said it was a good fair week. Thanked SFB for their help.

- Raffle: Christy Keith reported Mule ticket sales were approx. \$30K. Zac Tuttle made a motion to have Sportsman's Raffle on March 4th, motion was seconded by Gene

-Social Media: Nothing to report.

-Safety: Nothing to report.

-Infield Grandstand Entertainment: Nothing to report.

-Winter Storage: Steve Lantz scheduled Winter storage drop off for Oct. 22nd and Nov. 5th 8am-2pm. Spots are filling up fast. Discussed new contract, to be sent out to directors for vote next week. (Contract sent out 8-29-22 via email, 17 yes votes, new Winter Storage contract passes).

-Show Arena: David Dick reported paid/pledged funds.

Old Business:

-Nick Fairchild will schedule time to get tank out of firetruck so we can sell.

New Business:

-Discussion on scissor lift whether to sell or fix. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to sell scissor lift, motion was seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed.

-Application for open class Superintendents (still and non-market livestock) Sept. 1st-Dec. 31st.

-David Dick passed out Discrimination Statement, went over and suggests we obtain. Motion made by Kim Moore for RC Ag. Society to have a Discrimination Statement, motion was seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed.

-Open Twsp. positions are Sharon and Worthington. Applications are due by Sept. 5th @ 4pm. Will introduce applicants @ September meeting and vote on them @ October annual meeting.

-Sam McKown discussed developing an Equine Committee. Discussion on function, Horse relations/David/Judy to work up a proposal of said committee and report back next meeting.

-Lynn Caudill thanked SFB for all the improvements in horse barns and arena.

-Kim Moore was approached about renting arenas for a Horse Jackpot show. Discussion on rental prices, input from guests on what we should charge; \$1000. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to have Kim Moore work with horse relations committee to come up with rental price, motion was seconded by Krista Dull, motion carried and passed.

-Diane Kelly thanked Sam for all the arena work. Explained open class horse show. Had a great show this year. 2 injuries reported.

-Amy Messersmith presented the SFB with a check for \$1470, from the horse fundraiser 50/50 raffle at the fair.

-Jamie Schaub opened the floor for input on 2022 fair outcomes

-Positive feedback on parking, kids zone, strolling acts, landscaping, mowing, less underage drivers.

-Suggestions on map of where golfcarts can go, better infield lighting, loud system in campgrounds, no dogs, location of beer tent (not seen well, needs to be better signage or different location). Would like better signage with prices for admissions/events.

-Christy Keith reported that Mr. Puppet quoted us \$2850 for 2023 fair.

-Nick Fairchild brought up fair admission prices and would like to increase admission price which includes grandstand events. 2022 admission prices were discussed and potential 2023 prices including grandstand events. Motion made by Tom Craft to increase gate admission to \$8 which includes grandstand events, but excludes pit admission, motion was seconded by Dave Fackler, motion carried and passed.

-Need to look at membership passes due to changing fair admission. Discussion. Motion made by Nick Fairchild for membership/season pass to be \$40, with daily punch hole (no ticket stubs), motion seconded by Sam McKown. More discussion. Nick Fairchild rescinded his motion. Motion made by David Dick to charge \$40 for membership/season passes with 7 day passes, motion was seconded by Cory Myers, motion carried and passed.

Adjournment: Cory Myers moved to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Dave Fackler, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 2140.