

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
November 25, 2019

President Amy Staudt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present were: Troy Jaeger, Jen Schmitt, Mike Quade, Dennis Sonberg, Kurt Thorson, Jeff Harris, Amy Staudt, Kerry Crooks, Kelsey Utez, Bruce Koebrick.

Secretary report was given: Troy Jaeger made a motion to approve, seconded by Bruce Koebrick, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: No official treasurer's report was given.

Committee Reports:

1. FFA Instructor's: Charles City FFA advisors spoke about Chili supper that was held. Greenhand and Chapter Degrees were given out and there are 57 freshman this year. The Iowa State Fair has decided not to go palien free in their swine which means that an alternate buyer will be buying State Fair swine. Floyd County will not be making any changes to our practices with swine this year, but may need to consider it in the future as Tyson's will not purchase pigs that are not palien free.
2. Extension/4-H Committee: no report
3. Rentals: Lisa has made deposits, there are 3 more rentals to come in and we should be around \$5,500 for rentals. The hope is that when buildings are rebuilt we can get some of our previous renters back for boats, cars, etc.
4. Auction: Rod is looking into options for swine since Tyson's will not buy hogs that are not palien free.
5. Building & Grounds: Poles will be set for the cold storage building by the grandstand. It was decided that another overhead door would be added to this building to ease the congestion/traffic flow on that side of the building.
6. Entertainment: no new information
7. Endowment: no new information
8. Fund-Raising: Amy is waiting to hear back from a couple of grants that have been submitted.
9. Publicity: no new information
10. Refreshments and Vendors: no new information
11. Security: no new information
12. Off Fair Events: no new information
13. YEC: Committee will be meeting on Dec. 2nd to determine what needs to be in the YEC manager contract. Matt is willing to continue handling the bar and treasurer duties if needed, but does not want to manage anymore.
14. Crisis Management Team: Team will need to meet in the spring.
15. Superintendents: Discussion was held regarding needing to drop the weight to sell at fair for goats. Curt will communicate rule changes for the fair book.
16. Volunteer Coordinator: no new information
17. Parking: no new information

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. The playground has arrived and will be installed in the Spring. Big thanks to Charles City FFA for unloading the materials. The playground was no cost to us as Betty Jo Staudt has donated the money to purchase the playground.
2. Kerry and Amy will be going to the Fair Conference on Dec. 13 to seek entertainment options. Mike is going to the required meeting on the 15th.
3. Discussion was held in regards to allowing Showdown animals to sell in the auction. Technically when the animal sells in the auction it is no longer owned by the exhibitor. This has raised some concerns. A motion was made by Bruce to treat showdown animals just as state fair animals are treated and not to allow them to sell in the auction. The motion did not receive a second. It will be tabled until the next meeting when exact wording in regards to the seller's options can be presented to the board.

New Business:

1. A bid was presented by Country Side Construction for a lean to option that would take the place of the hoop building and dairy barn. Discussion was held and it was decided that Mike would contact Countryside Construction to get a bid for putting up a stand alone building instead of the lean to, this is to provide the board with some comparison and options while considering rebuilding.
2. An estimate was presented from Morton Buildings on the Little Hands building that will be constructed on the cement pad where the horticulture building stood. Discussion was held and it was decided that 2 windows should be added to the plan to allow more light in the building. This building will include showers and bathrooms in addition to the Little Hands exhibit and could be used for cold storage during off fair season. A motion was made by Bruce to accept this bid and ask that they add the two windows that were discussed. Motion was seconded by Mike, motion passed.
3. Amy has not received any estimates for the outdoor/patio shelter yet.
4. Discussion was held in regards to our long term plan for rebuilding. It was determined that our end goal would be to construct one building to replace the food stand and brick building, but that the board would need to receive an estimate for a stand alone barn before making any further decisions. For the 2020 fair season the food stand will need to be run out of the YEC building again.
5. Wine pairing was very successful and generated a \$6500 profit, thank you to the Lundberg's and Nettleton's for their help with this event. The Fallapalooza event generated \$1000.

Other Business:

1. Waterway was again brought up as a concern. Amy will contact Ron about reshaping the waterway and what needs to be done to fix that area of the grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM Motion made by Jeff Harris to adjourn. Seconded by Kerry Crooks, motion passed.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2019 6:00 PM at the Floyd County Fairgrounds.

Minutes taken by Jen Schmitt