

Minutes of a special meeting held at the fair office on September 25, 1979.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

FAIR BOARD

Jerry Boyer
Ralph Holland
Charles Colegrove
Agnes DeLashmutt
Jerry Pflug

DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Adeline Hesse
Lorrie Maki

RODEO DISCUSSION

DeLashmutt, Boyer and Hesse met with Gene Seibel, Rodeo Chairman September 21 to discuss Rodeo, 1980. The meeting was a positive exchange of ideas. Seibel stated the Rodeo Board would like to see the updating of the chutes and crowsnest. With Fair Board purchasing the materials needed, the Rodeo Board would make the necessary repairs.

They agreed the Rodeo is an integral part of the Fair and the shortcomings of facility improvements and much needed seating for ever increasing attendance can be effectively met with mutual understanding and cooperation.

Seibel and Clausen will attend the next Fair Board meeting and present the Rodeo Board evaluation and proposals.

Several ideas were brought forth. The Washington County Fair and Rodeo Queen could be chosen from a member of one of the riding clubs in Washington County. Each club may pay a contest fee of \$50.00 which would then pay for the travel expenses of the Queen. The Queen's club would then act as sponsor providing her with transportation around the community and State for publicity and goodwill. Her costume would also be paid for from the fee monies.

A one time admission fee (for Fair and Rodeo together) was also discussed because of the problem double charging as caused in the past.

The Rodeo Board has also asked that the Fair Board shall be in charge of the concessions for the Rodeo performances.

The meeting with Seibel was informative, helpful and important for a positive relationship development.

RECAP OF FAIR

---- Poor equipment continues to be a No. 1 problem.

MOTION: MOVED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT, SECONDED BY JERRY PFLUG TO REQUEST HESSE TO EXPLORE IDEA OF PURCHASING A NEW OR USED TRACTOR OF MEDIUM SIZE RANGE WITH REAR BLADE, TILLER, LOADER; THE LESS DESIRABLE OF TWO TRACTORS NOW BEING USED ON FAIRGROUNDS TO BE USED AS A TRADE-IN. MOTION CARRIED.

Hesse will present specifications obtained from several vendors to the Fair Board at the October 10 meeting.

1) OF FAIR
(continued)

Before proceeding with the recap, the Fair Board reviewed the 1979-80 capital outlay portion of the operating budget to gain insight of dollar availability for improvements (bldg. or equip.).

----- Electrical overloading during Fair is still an important problem. Present wiring is not adequate or improperly done.

MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE, SECONDED BY JERRY PFLUG TO OBTAIN PROPOSALS FROM SEVERAL ELECTRICAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS FOR RENOVATION OF THE FAIRGROUNDS SYSTEM WITH MAXIMUM JOB AND MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL JOB. MOTION CARRIED.

----- Hesse will have the architect's drawing for the proposed permanent covered entertainment area for the October 10 meeting.

----- With the ever increasing livestock exhibitors for Fair the livestock barns are inadequate. Split-shows are the rule; fairgrounds needs two to three barns to take care of the influx.

Hesse will seek suggestions during the Department Head meetings in February for ideas to solve the barn crowding problems.

----- Security during Fair will have to be improved upon next year. Perhaps better written instruction should be provided for the Washington County staff. The first year uncovered the problems to be improved upon the second year.

----- The middle section of the main exhibit building booth spaces have 8 foot walls separating each space. The height makes the area too confining. Each booth wall should be cut down to 4' high. Hesse will have one section completed for the Home Show in November.

----- 4-H Horse Show continues to be a very demanding event to prepare for - perhaps better equipment would help relieve the load.

----- Open Class Horse Show continues to be a problem. Technical system, premium payment and manpower will be studied. 1979 superintendent will also have suggestions for 1980.

----- Admission prices were discussed by the Fair Board. The Fair Board over the next several months will have to decide whether or not to make a major change in philosophy for 1980.

----- Entertainment format for 1980 shall be developed from the local populace. Many forms of entertainment are available, i.e., 4-H quadrill exhibition, draft horse show, pony driving, local band contest, etc. Pflug will also talk with talent agents at the OFA convention in December.

----- Positive thoughts: Free parking should continue for several more years. Additional telephone line was/is very helpful. Hand delivery of premium books increased exhibitor participation by 25%. CETA staff supervisor, Jeff Rodgers, was very capable. Milk Parlor is indeed an asset.

RECAP
Suggestion

Holland mentioned the 4-H Dog Show leaders requested they have an area with easier access to public viewing. In the past they requested a quieter area because of disturbance to dogs. They now believe it would be better for trainers and dogs to be accustomed to public view and noises. The present showrings are unacceptable because of livestock smells.

STAFF ING FOR
1980

Al Mohr is presently unassisted for maintenance of the fairgrounds. Looking to June 1, 1980 a second maintenance person should be hired to assist in the evergrowing amount of duties on the fairgrounds.

DeLashmutt suggested that perhaps a caretaker should be hired to live on the fairgrounds. This could provide the needed additional help as well as weekend supervision of events.

Hesse requested the Fair Board hire D. Joan Erwert to assist in the detailed development of the schedule of events for Fair, 1980 and the advertisement sales for the premium book.

MOTION: MOVED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT, SECONDED BY JERRY PFLUG TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF D. JOAN ERWERT TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ADVERTISEMENT SALES. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOVED BY JERRY PFLUG, SECONDED BY AGNES DELASHMUTT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Maki

