

November 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm by Champer. Roll call completed, all present except Amy Nichols, James Cress, and Les Geyman.

Secretary Report: Jodi moved to approve secretarys report, Tony 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: We currently have a balance of around \$25,000 in our accounts. Total income of \$5985 the past month. Kyle moved to approve, Tony 2nd, motion passed.

Jodi discussed the audit for 2015-2016. They just finished the audit. We received a clean opinion from the auditors.

Roll call was taken from the old board. The old board has expired. 5 members were elected for this year. Darrell Champer, Duane Powell, Joe Henry, Quinton Keeran, and Brian Stonerock. Tim Beathard administered the oath to the new members and all 5 were sworn in.

Officer Elections -

President: Duane nominated Darrell Champer for president, Tony 2nd. George moved to close president, Duane 2nd, motion passed. Darrell Champer elected President.

Vice President: Duane nominated Tony Xenikis for Vice President, Kyle 2nd. Duane moved to close, Kyle 2nd, motion passed. Tony Xenikis elected Vice President.

Secretary: Quinton nominated Dave Monnin, Brad 2nd. Dave nominated Kyle Seaburn, Duane 2nd. Duane moved to close, Jodi 2nd, motion passed. Tim Beathard and Bob Richardson collected the ballots. Kyle was voted by secret ballot to be secretary.

Treasurer: Duane nominated Jodi Garrison for Treasurer, Brock 2nd. Tony moved to close nominations, Duane 2nd. Motion passed. Jodi elected Treasurer.

Guests:

Horseman: Duane discussed that the horse group has met twice to discuss the wish list of what they would like done to the harness barn. They also discussed moving the harness race to the Thursday and Friday before the fair. Duane has called for estimates on the repairs that are desired. They had a second meeting that was asked for by the horsemen to explore options regarding building a barn for the horseman. Duane spoke to John Sweeney about putting this barn in the back of the impound lot of the sheriffs lot. It may be an option if we would like to discuss it further.

It was also discussed that we should consider changing harness racing organizations.

JFB

They will be discussing a policy to discuss any animals that are left behind at the fair. There were a couple animals that were left at the fair last year.

They are discussing moving the creative baking sale to the Friday of the fair during the Showman of Showman contest.

They are discussing adding Club Banners to be hung in the Della. Instead of the booth each club can make a banner to hang to represent their club.

Duane moved to extend the deadline of Fairbook changes to the December meeting, Kyle 2nd. Motion passed.

JFB also discussed having a parade to coincide with the opening ceremonies of the fair. This is something that needs further discussion so we can make the changes necessary. Darrell discussed that Saturday is available so the parade or opening ceremony could be moved to Saturday if it worked better.

JFB voted to keep the hay bale contest one more year.

JFB also changed the release times for the breeding projects of all species.

Sales Committee:

They would like that SFB reimburse the sales committee for the mulch that was used.

Beef check in will be December 30, 2017.

Entertainment Committee: George discussed that the NTPA would like to make their schedule and we need to decide if we are going to have a pull. Darrell asked for a cost breakdown so we can review. Last year the pull was cancelled due to inclement weather. George said that they are considering different options to eliminate some cost of the pull this year. Joe asked what our gate intake is for nights of the tractor pull compared to nights we do not have the pull. George noted that it was an expensive event and it costs us roughly \$20-22,000 but there aren't many other options for entertainment.

Darrell asked that the entertainment committee put together a proposal for the pull that we can distribute and take a vote on. On November 7th Darrell sent out an email saying that the entertainment committee had met the night before and due to time constraints, we needed to vote yes or no on this motion to have the NTPA pulls or not have them. He let everyone know the approximate cost of having the pulls. The vote was done over email and the motion to have the pulls was passed 7 yes and 4 no.

Grounds – Everything has been winterized. The new Val 6 heater has been delivered. Bob also reported that him and Tim Barker met with the utilities board to have the sewage bill adjusted. Saturday is camper move in for storage for the winter. It is first come first served.

Old Business – Tony moved to pay Hirth, Norris, and Garrison for their work on the 1099's, payroll taxes, etc for 2017 at a cost of \$827.50, Kyle 2nd. Motion passed with Jodi abstaining.

New Business –

Darrell discussed that November 2, 2017 is the district 6 meeting at Hartford Fairgrounds at 6:30pm. There are still 2 open tickets for anyone interested. Darrell and Tony are going for sure.

Senate Bill 72 & House Bill 163 – Darrell requested that we email our government official to request information. This is a bill that will allow agricultural societies and schools an exemption to not pay prevailing wage on building projects.

George moved to adjourn, Tony 2nd, motion passed.