

**North Central District of the Association of Iowa Fairs
Fall Meeting Sept 19, 2010 – Worth County Fair Host**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Brown @ 2:15p.m. Alan thanked Worth County for hosting and the great meal. Roll call was answered by all our district's counties except Marshall (attended Indianola) & Webster Co. was unable to attend.

The minutes were read and a motion to approve was made by Wright and seconded by Hancock – carried. The NC District has \$342.74 in checking - a motion to accept was made by Wright and seconded by Franklin Co. Discussion to check into putting the money into a savings account with a debit card since we are doing most of the notices by e-mail and won't need to have many transactions. Deb will check into it.

Election of Officers –

Nominations for Chairman – Hancock nominated Alan Brown – motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot, by Mitchell – second by Cerro Gordo. Motion passed Alan Brown is the 2011 NC district chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman - Hancock nominated Jerry Hopperstad – motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot, by Cerro Gordo – second by Butler. Motion passed Jerry Hopperstad is the 2011 NC district vice chairman.

Nominations for Sec/Treasurer – Hamilton nominated Deb McVicker – motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot, by Mitchell – second by Boone. Motion passed Deb McVicker is the 2011 NC district sec/treasurer.

State Fair Report – James Romer & Alan Brown

James told the group that the 2010 Iowa State Fair was a fair of 1sts – 1st show in the new Jacobson Exhibition center (there is interest from several groups for the future) & 1st known cloned steer in the nation was Champion. James told the group that again the county fair day was a big success and thanked everyone for attending.

Alan spoke about the grounds just to the west of the Jacobson Center, he told the group that there are plans in the works for the best use of this area. The sheep barn is scheduled to have its electrical issues addressed before next year also.

Tom conducted election of Director for the NC District – Jerry Hopperstad was nominated and with no others being heard Hancock made the motion to have nominations cease and to cast a unanimous vote – Wright seconded – motion passed.

Alan asked the group if anyone had interest in running for the ISF position for the NC District. James Romer indicated he will be running for the position and thanked everyone for their support in the past and asked for their support again this year.

Association Report

Tricia challenged the group to attend other fairs to experience what they are doing and to get ideas for their own fair. She also encouraged fairs to get the proper signage for No Smoking, Livestock protection & hand washing. She told the group it is for their protection and can affect the cost of your liability insurance. Jerry also stressed you get ideas from other fairs. A member of the Worth Co beautification committee spoke about the 5 yr plan that they have done on the grounds.

Tom asked for a motion to certify the state funding use by each fair – Motion by Franklin – second by Tama – Carried

Tom again told the group that all forms are available on-line such as the Officers (Dec 15), year-end report (Nov 15), Conference registration, spouses activities and room reservations (Nov 15). The conference schedule will be out soon. If there is enough interest in the E-coli workshop we will have it available at conference, but there needs to be 25-30 to keep the cost down. He spoke about saveiowasummers.com, this site has to do with the school start date and you can show your support.

Tom announced that the Hardin County Fair is our Blue Ribbon fair this year.

Old business – none

New Business – none

The spring 2011 meeting will be March 27 – a motion by Boone & second by Franklin to have the spring meeting at Wright County. Motion passed – meeting location and cost will be finalized in March.

Motion to adjourn – Franklin, second Wright – motion passed. 3:26 p.m.

Deb McVicker Sec/Treasurer