

## South Central District AIF Spring Meeting -- March 21, 2010

The Spring meeting of the SC District AIF convened Sunday March 21, 2010 in Indianola Iowa. Thirty nine people attended representing 15 fairs. Special guests were AIF President John and Debbie Straight of Harrison County.

Invocation for the Noon meal was given by Leroy Perkins (Wayne).

The Business meeting was called to Order by President Jo Reynolds at 2:40 PM. Fourteen SC district delegates answered roll call.

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The Fall Meeting Secretary's Report was presented to the membership for review. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mike Erdman (Madison). Second by Tami Strait (Dallas). Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. A balance of \$326.86 still stands.

State Fair Board Report was given by Randy Brown and Jerry Parkin.

It was announced that Leona Ashman of Mahaska County- Southern Iowa Fair and former district and state member had passed away. Several livestock issues affecting the state fair were discussed.

Randy reported on the Zone meeting and positive response from attendees. 2011 will be held in St. Louis MO.

A reminder to all that County Fair Day at the Iowa State Fair will be Friday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Parkin presented handouts to each fair for the "Way We Live Award" for agriculture families in Iowa.

He also gave deadlines for multiple college scholarships for youth.

Other items announced included physical changes at the state fairgrounds, the list of possible future projects, and the availability of the new show building on the grounds by fair time.

They discussed the need for the state funding and reminded all attendees to contact their legislators about funding for the coming year.

Jo Reynolds (Warren) and Mark Drost (Marion) gave the district report reminding all in attendance that the reason we are providing fairs is for the youth of our state. As 4-H programs and extension struggle we have to keep that in the fore front of our planning and preparing for each fair. There was also a reminder about the convention and how important registration is for all attendees in order to cover convention costs.

Tom Barnes presented the Ex. Sec. Report. State has provided each fair with a copy of the revised format for the 2010 State Convention. The hope is to allow more time on Saturday for breakout sessions and interaction between fairs with these changes.

All fairs are encouraged to look into ICAP insurance programs. Those fairs already enrolled seem to be pleased with the savings they are seeing. All fairs are reminded to check dates and make sure that their paperwork is turned in on time.

Tom discussed the legislative issues including the State Funding.

Discussion of Fall Meeting location and date was final item on agenda. Motion made by Glen Hollister (Polk) to hold meeting in Indianola at the Sports Page. Second by Tami Strait (Dallas). Motion carried. Clarke County has offered their facility for a future meeting so they can showcase their new facility.

Chairman Reynolds thanked everyone for coming. Contest winners were announced. They are Reed Hiemstra (Jasper), Amanda Waske (Ringgold) and Aundi Smith (Poweshiek). These attendees will have their meal paid for at the Fall 2010 meeting.

The Fall Meeting is to be Sept. 26, 2010 in Indianola at the Sports Page. Social to be at 1 PM and Meal at 1:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Erdman (Madison). Second by Mark Drost (Marion)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Guy  
SC District Sec./Treas.

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