

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS
2010 FALL District Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2010

The meeting was called to order by District Chairman Ann Crawford at 6:50pm. Roll call was answered by 53 people at the Oakland Community Center in Oakland Iowa with 17 out of 18 counties present. **Adair County Not Present.** (Tom and Sue Barnes and Geri Huser also present). An attendance sheet was past around the room for each county to sign.

A thank you to the Pottawattamie County for hosting the evening and recognized Geri Huser and Tom and Sue Barnes as guest for the evening. No other Iowa counties showed.

Minutes of the Spring 2009 meeting was read and correction made. Taylor County moved to approve the minutes and Greene County seconded the motion. Motion Carried with the correction given.

Treasurer's report given with \$195.04 in the bank and a bill of \$18.66 bill for stamps and supplies, Guthrie County moved to approve the report and Montgomery County seconded the motion, Motion Carried. Guthrie County moved to pay the bill and Fremont County seconded the motion, Motion Carried.

Election of District officers at Greene County moved **Ann Crawford** for **District Chairmen**, Montgomery County seconded the motion, motion carried. Guthrie County moved that nominations cease and cast anomalous ballot, Shelby seconded the motion, motion carried.

Audubon County motion **Paul Quom** for **District Vice Chairman** with cease of nomination and cast a anomalous ballot, Greene County seconded the motion, motion carried.

Shelby County moved **Kathy Bozwell** for the **District Secretary/Treasurer** with the nomination cease and cast anomalous ballot and Taylor County seconded, motion carried.

Shelby County moved the **Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Director** nominated **Gary Van Aernam** and nomination ceased, Taylor County seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Iowa State Fair report by C.W. Thomas was given and stated it was a good State Fair (hot & wet) it still had 30,000 attendance and near the amount of dollars as last year spent. The Jacobson Building was used this year.

Gary Van Aernam reported the the theme for next year State Fair will be "Nothing Compares" and that only four kids signed up for the \$1000 Scholarships of those that qualified. Just note to make aware of next year to encourage the kids to sign up. Next year State Fair will start August 11-21, 2011.

The Big Screen T.V.s were rented and the cost is high.

Schools starting date is still an issue, this messes up football schedules. C.W. handed out forms to get out to the parents and friend to make copies if needed to contact your legislative to confront the school boards to back off the date of starting times until after the State Fair.

The Legislative needs to the wavier off the books. Contact you local Tourism groups and Supervisors, chamber members also. This has cost a loss for many counties when schools start early.

Geri Huser stated to have the change say not able to start school during the State Fair. Again contact your Local Legislators.

Hy Vee will not be selling advance ticket any more.

Tom Barnes handed out papers and asked to hand in the judges forms as soon as possible. This was hoped to consolidate the information for our use and be ready in December. A reminder of the Financial Year end forms and Published in the local paper and send that in also.

At the Convention there will be a class on signage on the Fair Ground. Protect yourself and use the Animals will be animals and the E-Coli and also the NO Smoking in any building.

The financial report forms are due and need to be sent in with no copies. The officer forms handed out for each county to make necessary changes and return it before December 1st. Fremont County moved to approve the State Funding and resolution for disbursement by the District Association of Iowa Fairs members for just for certification, Shelby County seconded the motion, motion carried.

ICAP reporting there are only 48 fairs that are members and that all are happy with the results. I.A.F.E. membership is encouraged to join. A positive report of having Credit cards used at the county fairs, might be a great idea to look into it and get something arranged.

The Blue Ribbon Fair award for our District is Greene County Congratulations.

The 2010 Conference coming up and all are asked to bring their excess fair premium book and program books and flyers or what ever would be good to share with other counties for an example.

The Conference will start with Association of Iowa Fairs Meeting at 10am., on Friday along with Showcasing. Other subjects for the weekend were brought up.

Sue Barnes brought up about the spouse activities and had forms if any needed.

Send in names of deceased fair persons so we may Honor them at Sunday service.

Ideas and volunteers for sessions and round tables are needed and are asked to notify Tom Barnes.

John Straight Invites all to the President Reception in the suite.

There was no unfinished business.

John Straight moved to have the Spring SWAIF District Meeting at Harlan for the next meeting, Guthrie County seconded the motion, motion carried.

Shelby County will be the next host county for the spring meeting.

Pottawattamie County had door prizes, and Ann Thanked them for hosting the evening.

Guthrie County moved to adjourn the meeting, 8:20pm, Taylor County seconded the motion, motion carried – meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Kathy Bozwell – Adams County