

# Association of Iowa Fairs

## North Central District Meeting Minutes - Sunday, March 22, 2009

North Central District of the Association of Iowa Fairs Spring Meeting, March 22, 2009 was hosted by Tama County Fair Board in Traer. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Brown.

Roll call was taken with the following fairs present Boone, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock, Hardin, Humboldt, Kossuth, Marshall, Mitchell, Story, Tama, Webster, Winnebago, Worth and Wright. Each county introduced their members present and received the final payment of the 2008 State Funding.

Minutes of the NC District meeting minutes of September 21, 2008 were read. Following the reading of the minutes two changes to the minutes were made (North Central instead of Southeast and 2008 in place of 2009). Story County made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Hamilton County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The District has a balance of \$270.84 with 18 counties paying their 2009 dues of \$5. Grundy County made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mitchell County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Iowa State Fair Report:

Don Greiman thanked the AIF for a great Conference in December. Don spoke about the building projects & shows that are coming to use the facilities. They are asking for quilt patterns for use on the State Fair grounds. Each county is encouraged to design a pattern and submit it by Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2009. Winners will be announced at the AIF Conference in Des Moines. He spoke about swine show changes – they are still being worked out. He also announced the entertainment for the 2009 Iowa State Fair grandstand and indicated that tickets go on sale April 11<sup>th</sup>. County Fair Day will be August 14, the first Friday of the fair.

### Association report:

- Tom Barnes gave an over-view of the 2008 Conference. Attendance was high and the sessions were full. The Conference is booked at the Holiday Inn until 2012. The dates for (2010 are Dec. 10-12), (2011 Dec. 9-11), (2012 Dec. 7-9). The Extension task force seminar was well attended and most feel that it is a positive move to strengthen the relationship between Fairs and Extension. Fairs may have to help with youth programs. They are looking into blending rules & regulations from both Extension and FFA into one set.
- The AIF Board hosted a Legislative Day at the State Capitol on March 18. Tom reported the funding for county fairs was not in the 2010 State budget. The AID Directors spoke to many legislators who wanted the money for fairs in the 2010 budget but possibly with a 33% cut or \$15,000 down to \$10,000 per fair. Tom asked everyone to talk with their legislators to let them know you are interested in the funding and also "Thank" them for their support of the county fairs.
- Tom spoke about the State Pool of fair funds. 89 of the 106 eligible county fairs applied for the pool funds. The applications will be scored on their merit.
- Tom said that the application for 2009 state funding was sent via email to all fairs in late February. The completed application is due July 1<sup>st</sup>. The application must be signed by the proper officers and the original sent to AIF office, not e-mailed or faxed. Keep a copy for your fair's records.
- Be looking for a State Veterinarian around fair time to check your ducks & geese.
- Fairs must have a livestock premise I.D. number for their fairgrounds.
- School start date legislation is now an amendment to House File 732. Tom pointed out that not all education comes thru school. Fairs teach social skills, hands on experience, life skills, and animal husbandry. Alan Brown interjected that you as fair members need to find alliances on your school board, possibly someone who has an agriculture background or someone who understands that the State Fair is like the State Tournament for the FFA & 4-H youth to showcase their projects, just like a sport tournament.

- Tom reported that fairs are now able to apply for insurance through the ICAP program. ICAP is a self funded private insurance. There are many benefits that are included in this policy that fair's present policy may not cover. Fairs will be able to use a local agent. There will be more information coming and it may or may not be a savings to your fair.
- Tom encouraged those attending this meeting to take all this information back to their Fair Board.

**District Business: Franklin County made motion the fall district meeting will be Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2009 and Webster County Fair will be hosting the meeting. Wright County seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**Old Business: None**

**Franklin County Fair invited everyone to help them celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> fair, July 15-19.**

**Story County made motion to adjourn the meeting. Grundy County seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Alan Brown adjourned the meeting.**

**Minutes submitted by Deb McVicker, NC District Secretary**