

Association of Iowa Fairs

Northwest District Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2008

The 2008 spring Northwest District Meeting was on March 15, 2008 at the Community Center in Alta Iowa, hosted by the Buena Vista County Fair.

District Chairman Dave Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with 16 fairs answering roll call. Also present were Iowa State Fair Board Director Bill Neubrand, AIF District Directors Darwin Gaudian and Dave Hoffman, AIF Executive Director Tom Barnes and AIF Executive Secretary/Treasurer Sue Barnes. During roll call a member of each fair gave a short report on their upcoming 2008 fair.

Minutes of the fall meeting were read by Darwin Gaudian. Plymouth County moved to accept the minutes. Ida County seconded motion. Motion carried. Darwin Gaudian gave the Treasurer's report.

Bill Neubrand reported on behalf of the Iowa State Fair. A lot of remodeling has been going on, progress was a little behind schedule. After the current construction the plan is to start on the horse arena which will be heated and air conditioned. The Pavilion will also be air conditioned. The entertainment had all been arranged except for two nights.

Dave Hoffman reported that the Consumer Protection Workshops were well attended. There were many good comments about the workshops. Tom Barnes noted there would be Consumer Protection Workshops available at the 2008 AIF Conference for those that had not attended yet.

AIF Executive Director Tom Barnes reported on legislative issues for county fairs. The appropriations bill concerning the funding will be released soon. Other bills before the legislature were the Iowa Smoke Free act and one to make it easier for fairs to have bingo at their fairs.

The 2008 Application and Certification for State Funding were passed out to member fairs. Tom explained the forms and application procedure. Deadline to submit application is July 1, 2008. An outline of the infrastructure fund was reviewed.

Tom also handed out information concerning County Fair Day at the Iowa Speedway, which will be held on May 18, 2008. The race on that day will be the Camping World NASCAR East-West Challenge. Tom encouraged all to attend.

Premise ID registration forms were handed out. Poultry handouts and DVD were distributed also. The importance of being an I.A.F.E member was stressed to all fairs.

There was no old business to report.

Several locations were discussed for the fall meeting. Ida County will host the fall meeting. The date will be Saturday, September 20. The meeting will be held at the Ida County Fairgrounds in Ida Grove.

Plymouth County made a motion to adjourn meeting. Marcus Community Fair seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Lynnette Soden, District Secretary, Pro Tem.