

Association of Iowa Fairs

Southeast District Meeting Minutes - Saturday, September 29, 2008

The Southwest District fall meeting was held on September 29, 2008 at the Villager Inn Restaurant at Walnut, Iowa. Mills County Fair severed as the host county for this meeting. Thank you to Mills County for hosting and supplying everyone with door prizes.

District Chairman Rich Goshorn called the meeting to order with 18 out of 18 counties present for roll call (51 people signing in).

Secretary report was read and approved with correction as noted. The Treasurers report was given with \$274.55 in checking account. Kathy Bozwell, District Secretary/Treasurer, submitted a bill of \$25.20 for stamps and supplies. Carroll County made motion to pay the bill. Mills County seconded motion. Motion carried.

District officer elections took place.

- ⇒ District Chairperson: Shelby County nominated Ann Crawford of Monona County for District Chairperson. Guthrie County motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Ann Crawford for District Chairperson. Guthrie County seconded motion. Motion carried.
- ⇒ District Vice Chairperson: Shelby County nominated Paul Quam of Greene County for Vice Chairman. Audubon County made motion nominations cease and to cast unanimous ballot for Paul Quam as District Vice Chairperson. Guthrie County seconded motion. Motion carried.
- ⇒ District Secretary/Treasurer: Guthrie County nominated Kathy Bozwell of Adams County for Secretary/Treasurer. Shelby County made motion to cast unanimous ballot for Kathy Bozwell as District Secretary/Treasurer. Guthrie County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Association of Iowa Fairs District Director election: Monona County nominated Jim Mohr of Carroll County as District Director for Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors. Shelby County made motion to cast unanimous ballot for Jim Mohr as District Director to the Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors, Guthrie County seconded motion. Motion carried. Chairman Rich Goshorn thanked John Straight and Jim Mohr for all the time they put in representing the SW District on the A.I.F. Board.

Iowa State Fair Report:

- ⇒ Gary Van Aernam and C.W. Thomas spoke of the improvements to the state fairgrounds and the 4.5 million dollar donation given during the state fair.
- ⇒ Many records were broke this year including attendance. It was guessed that more people stayed near home instead of traveling out of state.
- ⇒ There were personal changes in the State Fair office.
- ⇒ On opening day there were 8,200 corn dogs handed out in 45 minutes and ran out due to the 43,000 people that showed up before 8am for breaking another record.
- ⇒ The new arena complex should be completed by 2010.
- ⇒ County Fair Day attendance was another breaking record.
- ⇒ The 2009 Iowa State Fair will be held August 13-23 and the logo "State Fair Time".

Association of Iowa Fairs report: Executive Director Tom Barnes gave the Association report.

- District approval of expenditure of state funding by its member fairs: Tom reported on each fairs' state funding report. He reported each fair has meet requirements of state funding. He asked for a motion to ratify the state funding expenses in the Southwest District as per applications submitted to the Association of Iowa Fairs by July 1, 2008. Green County made that motion to accept state funding applications as submittals by member fairs in the SW District. Taylor County seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Tom Barnes talked about the new officer forms and conference registration forms which must be submitted by November 15. He also reviewed the fiscal year financial summary and encouraged the fairs that had not already attended the Consumer Protection Workshop to do so at the upcoming Conference.
- The new pooled money forms were explained and clarification of how that program will work was discussed.
- The State Legislature has passed a bill that will allow the AIF to form an insurance pool for the benefit of its members. Tom Barnes reported this process will take some time. The AIF will be meeting with insurance industry members in the next month or so to begin the process.

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- Discussion of the new smoking laws was held. There could probably be some changes in the laws regarding this in the next legislative session.
- The topic of City Ordinances which all County Fairs over ride the late nights with lights on and noise. We have the last say of what time the evening is over.
- The AIF Conference and Annual Meeting will be held December 5, 6 and 7 in Des Moines. Tom spoke of the workshops at the Conference and reminded all fairs to submit names of any deceased fair board members to the AIF.

Tom Barnes spoke on benefits of fairs being a member of I.A.F.E. (International Association of Fairs and Expositions). The IAFE Zone 5 meeting will be the 1st weekend of March in 2009. It will be hosted by Nebraska and be located in the Omaha area. In 2010 the Zone meeting will be in Des Moines.

The spring meeting of the SW District was discussed. Monona County will be the host for the meeting. It will be held on Saturday evening, April 4th, 2009 at the Danish Inn at Elkhorn with \$14.95 Buffet meal.

Jim Mohr shared a "recipe" for a chemically free fly retardant; fill a small zip lock bag half full of plain water. Zip shut, poke a hole in and string Mint Flavor Dental Floss through the hole and hang it up. This can be used inside of food stands during the fairs. It seemed to work for them this past year.

No old business was brought forward.

Chairman reminded the group of the 2008 AIF Conference will be December 5th, 6th and 7th at the Holiday Inn Airport and to be sure to get the reservation taken care of and meet the deadlines. Rich again thanked Mills County for hosting this meeting.

Guthrie County made motion to adjourn the meeting, Monona County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Kathy Bozwell, Adams County