

# **Association of Iowa Fairs**

## **Southwest District Meeting Minutes – March 29, 2008**

The Southwest District Meeting of was held on March 29, 2008 at the Villager Inn Restaurant in Walnut, Iowa. Harrison County was the host in charge of registration. A buffet meal was served prior to the meeting. Thank you to Harrison County for hosting and supplying everyone with door prizes.

District Chairman Rich Goshorn called the meeting to order with 16 out of 18 counties present for roll call. Green County and Westfair were not present. There were a total of 47 people signed in.

Secretary report was read, stand approved. Treasurer's report was given with \$295.05. Kathy Bozwell submitted a bill for \$20.50 for stamps and supplies. Montgomery County made motion to pay the bill. Adams County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Iowa State Fair Board Directors C.W. Thomas and Gary Van Aernam spoke on the new additions and changes that took place at the Iowa State Fair. The addition of camping spots for electrical, horse arena and open stall barn at the SE edge of the grounds, parking area near the 4-H building and the moving of the electrical main power station and finalizing the show arena with air conditioning.

AIF Executive Director Tom Barnes gave a review of the Conference and Annual Meeting held the previous December. Tom also reported there was a great turnout for the Consumer Protection Workshops held in November. There will be another opportunity for Fairs to attend a Consumer Protection Workshop. It will be held during the 2008 Conference and Annual Meeting this year. The Conference and Annual Meeting will be December 5-7, 2008 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Conference forms will be passed out at the fall district meeting.

County Fair Day will be August 8, 2008 and information will be mailed to all Fairs from the Iowa State Fair office.

The Application and Certification for State Funding forms were passed out to attending Fairs with due date of July 1, 2008. Tom reminded all to submit the state funding reports on time with all the needed info. The \$10,000 per Fair is in the state budget but any extra funds are still up for discussion. Tom asked that all persons need to contact their legislators asking support for the state funding. Reminder to pick up the final payment check of state aid.

No old business brought forward.

New business: Next meeting will be September 27, 2008 and meeting host will be Mills County.

The election of AIF district director and district officers will be held at the fall district meeting.

Officers for the SW District are as follows:

District Chairman – Rich Goshorn

District Vice Chairman – Ann Crawford

District Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Bozwell

AIF Directors – John Straight & Jim Mohr

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

Minutes submitted Kathy Bozwell, Adams County, Secretary.