

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS

2009 Spring SW District Meeting Minutes -- April 4th, 2009

The 2009 fall meeting of the Southwest District of Iowa Fairs was held on April 4th, 2009 at the Danish Inn in Elkhorn, Iowa, with Monona County in charge of registration and the Host County. A buffet meal was served with the meeting following. Thank you to Monona County for hosting and supplying everyone with door prizes.

Call to Order: President Ann Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:15 with 18 out of 18 counties present for roll call (71 people signing in).

Secretary's Report: 2008 Fall District Meeting minutes were read. Adams County made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Monona County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Bozwell reported account balance of \$244.35. Kathy submitted a bill of \$18.94 for stamps and supplies. Audubon County made motion to pay the bill and approve the report. Adams County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Iowa State Fair Report: Gary Van Aernam announced about the Barn Quilt Contest, flyers will be sent out at a later date. The Retinal ID is not working out as thought as there are a few problems to be worked out. County Fair Day will be held on August 14th, at the State Fair. Information will be sent out by the ISF office.

C.W Thomas spoke of the Blue Ribbon Kids Contest, the State Fair entertainment schedule and the Derby Hog Show for 2010.

Association of Iowa Fairs Report: John Straight spoke on the AIF's scholarship program. Two scholarships are awarded, one for a 4H member and one for FFA member. He reminded all who are qualified to apply. John also asked all to get their Conference ideas into Tom or Sue (AIF office) quickly.

Jim Mohr reported on the Extension Task Force session held during Conference. He stated there will be cutbacks at ISU Extension and they most likely will affect all Extension Offices. Every Fair Board will have to know what is happening in their Extension Office and to assist as needed.

Tom Barnes asked everyone to send a message to their Senator and Representatives to thank them for the state funding and also thank them for their great support of the Fairs. The school start issue (HF 732) to start no sooner than on the 4th Monday in August. Everyone needs to talk to their school boards and get them to back up the dates.

State Funding forms were sent to all Fairs in late February. Original application is due July 1st to the AIF office. Tom reported the State will be sampling poultry feces again this year at every Fair. Tom also reminded all Fairs the need to apply for a Premise ID number, as some packing plants are requiring this. Tom reminded all to have your E-Coli signage out and visible to all spectators.

Tom reported the AIF Board has endorsed ICAP (Iowa Communities Assurance Pool) for insurance coverage for all fairs. Eight fairs did a test application with ICAP and results showed a savings of 8-36%, (average of 26%), and increased coverage. Tom encouraged Fairs to look into this program this year.

Finally, Tom asked all Fairs to be a member of IAFE. Membership forms are available at the AIF office.

We all Thank Tom and Sue for all they do to inform us and help the county fairs out.

All were asked to pick up the final payment of the 2008 state aid and a 2009 Directory and a 2009 Newsletter. The Fall District Meeting will include election of AIF Director and election of District Officers.

The 2009 AIF Conference and Annual Meeting will be held December 11th – 13th.

Old business: No old business was presented.

Next Meeting: Fall District meeting will be September 26th, 2009 at Red Oak, Iowa the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (5:30 social time – 6pm Meal) and host will be Montgomery County Fair Board.

Adjournment: Shelby County made motion to adjourn the meeting, Taylor County seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Bozwell, Adams County.