

Association of Iowa Fairs

South Central District Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2008

Forty four persons attended the AIF South Central District meeting. The meeting was held on September 28, 2008 at the Sports Page Bar & Grill in Indianola. Leroy Perkins gave the blessing before the buffet meal.

Chairperson Jo Reynolds called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Erlene Leonard with eighteen fairs in attendance which included Hamilton County Fair, visiting from the NC District. Each fair representative introduced fellow members in attendance and explained how their state funding had been used. Glen Hollister, Polk County, made motion to accept minutes as sent Larry McConnell, Warren County, seconded motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was acknowledged as presented. Since March, two dues had been paid, and 120 Forever stamps purchased leaving a balance of \$326.86.

District officer and AIF District Director elections were held with AIF SC Director Curtis Sebolt presiding.

- Chairperson: Rhonda Guy, Jasper County, nominated Jo Reynolds for Chairperson, with second by Mike Erdman, Madison County. Mike Erdman, made motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jo Reynolds as Chairperson. Leroy Perkins, Wayne County, seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Vice Chairperson: Wayne Saak, Jasper County, nominated Reed Hiemstra, Jasper County for Vice Chair. Mike Erdman, Madison County seconded nomination. Leroy Perkins, Wayne County, made motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Reed Hiemstra as Vice Chairperson. Mose Bear, Lucas County, seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Curtis announced that Erlene Leonard was not seeking reelection. Mike Foster, Jasper County, nominated Rhonda Guy for Secretary/Treasurer. Nomination seconded by Larry McConnell, Warren County. Leroy Perkins, Wayne County, made motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rhonda Guy as District Secretary/Treasurer. Mose Bear, Lucas County seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Association of Iowa Fairs SC District Board Director: Curtis reported Erlene Leonard was not seeking reelection to her last term as Director to the AIF Board. Mike Erdman, Madison County, nominated Jo Reynolds, Warren County. Danielle Van Ryswyk-Atwell, Lucas County, seconded nomination. Leroy Perkins, Wayne County, made motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jo Reynolds as AIF SC District Director. Wayne Saak, Jasper County seconded motion. Motion carried. The group expressed their sincere appreciation to Erlene for her years of service to the SC District and the AIF Board.

Iowa State Fair reports were given by ISF Directors Randy Brown and Jerry Parkin. Some topics covered included: the Board is looking into the exhibitor camping issue, thanking Leroy and his 25 volunteers that help with the Sr. Citizens Day, Elwell Center renovations will be completed by 2009 fair. They also touched on the new arena, Grandfather's barn changes, and August 13-23 as the dates for next years fair.

Iowa State Fair SC Director position: Kathie Swift former marketing director for the Iowa State Fair seeks election to the State Fair Board as well as current director Jerry Parkin. Each gave short speeches and asked for support at the December Conference elections.

Director Curtis Sebolt announced that Dallas County Fair will receive the Blue Ribbon Fair Award for 2008, representing the SC District. Congratulations were given to the Dallas County Fair.

After hearing the capital improvements that all the fairs in the SC District had made with the state funding, the district needed to ratify the use of such funds. Glen Hollister, Polk County, made the motion to accept state funding applications as submittals by member fairs in the SC District. Reed Hiemstra, Jasper County, seconded motion. Motion carried.

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Association of Iowa Fairs report was given by AIF Executive Director Tom Barnes.

- **Tom 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. Tom encouraged all Fairs to turn in an application for funds.**
- **The State Legislature has passed a bill that will allow the AIF to form an insurance pool for the benefit of its members. The AIF will be meeting with insurance industry members in the next month or so to begin the process. Tom reported this process will take some time.**
- **Discussion of the new smoking laws was held.**
- **The AIF Conference and Annual Meeting will be held December 5, 6 and 7 in Des Moines. Tom reviewed the preliminary schedule, with observation that some workshops have yet to be determined.**

SC District business: Date and location for the 2009 spring meeting was held. Rhonda Guy, Jasper County, made motion to hold meeting on March 29' 2009. Tony Arnold seconded motion. Motion carried. Mike Foster, Jasper County, made motion to hold meeting at the Sport's Page in Indianola. Mose Bear, Lucas County, seconded motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Danielle Atwell, Lucas County, made motion to adjourn. Terry Bundt, Decatur County seconded motion. Motion carried. Chairperson Jo Reynolds adjourned meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erlene Leonard, SC District Secretary

My heartfelt gratitude for the privilege to serve the county fairs in the South Central District. It has been an honor to get to know each and every one of you and the unique workings of each fair as you go about serving your communities to the best of your abilities under some of the harshest conditions Iowa can dish out in mid-July. Thank you, Erlene L.