

# Association of Iowa Fairs

South Central District Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2009

The SC spring district meeting convened on Sunday, September 27, 2009 in Indianola, Iowa. Forty-four people attended representing 19 fairs.

Invocation for the Noon meal was given by LeRoy Perkins, Wayne County.

The Business meeting was called to Order by President Jo Reynolds at 2:40 PM. Seventeen SC district delegates answered roll call as well as guests from Wapello Expo and Benton County Fairs.

The Spring Meeting Secretary's Report was presented to the membership for review. Motion to approve the minutes made by Glen Hollister (Polk). Second by Reed Hiemstra (Jasper). Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. A balance of \$326.86 still stands. Discussion of how to use funds or if needed. Motion made by Danielle Atwell (Lucas) to pay for 3 meals at Spring meeting as prizes for the Fairman Contest. Second by Dan Palmer (Clarke). Motion carried.

Election of District Officers for 2010 was conducted and slate is as follows; Chairman - Jo Reynolds (Warren), Vice Chairman - Reed Hiemstra (Jasper), Sec/Treas. - Rhonda Guy (Jasper).

Curtis Sebolt (Appanoose) is retiring as AIF District Director from SC District after 12 years on the Board. We thank him for his years of service to the District on our behalf. He has committed a considerable amount and length of time representing the SC District over the years. We wish him well in his retirement from the Association of Iowa Fairs.

Election of new AID District Director was held. Nominees: Mark Drost (Marion), Mike Foster (Jasper). By paper ballot vote, Mark Drost (Marion) was elected to a two year term on the state AIF Board. Tom Barnes thanked both gentlemen for their intentions and commitment to the Association in the past and for the future.

The 2009 Blue Ribbon Fair from SC District is Monroe County.

State Fair Board Report was given by Randy Brown and Jerry Parkin. They discussed the need for the state funding and reminded all attendees to contact their legislators about funding for the coming year. They also reminded the group about the school start date issue and the need to revisit that during the next legislative session. Randy noted to the group that Feb. 26-27, 2010 the Region 5 Zone meeting will be held in Des Moines. The location has yet to be announced but should be made public during the state convention. Jerry reminded all that each county is to provide a quilt block design to the state fair to be placed on the exterior of the new show arena being constructed at the west end of the fairgrounds. These need to be turned in ASAP to Jen Cannon at the Iowa State Fair. If Fairs have not yet seen information they are to contact their Extension Office for details. Jerry also indicated that the state fair board is considering the need for a new Grandstand stage as the current facility is not large enough for today's performers and their equipment. A thank you was extended to the many volunteers and others that help to make the state fair happen each year.

Randy Brown will be up for re-election this year to the Iowa State Fair Board. He did ask for the support of the district fairs at the time of the election. No others have expressed interest in running for the position.

Curtis Sebolt reminded all in attendance that the reason we are providing fairs is for the youth of our state. As 4-H programs and local Extension Services struggle we have to keep that in the fore front of our planning and preparing for each fair.

The SW District expenditure report of state funding was given. A motion was made by LeRoy Parkin (Wayne) to accept all funding applications for the district as certified by AIF District Directors, Jo Reynolds and Curtis Sebolt. Second by Danielle Atwell (Lucas). Motion carried.

All fairs are encouraged to look into ICAP insurance programs. Those fairs all ready enrolled seem to be pleased with the savings they are seeing.

Tom Barnes presented the Association Report. He discussed the State funding with the group and how 2008 funds will be dispersed this year.

The State Association forms packet has been sent and includes the following

- Dues Form
- Officer Form
- Financial Review Form

All fairs are reminded to check dates and make sure that their paperwork is turned in on time.

He discussed the legislative issues including the School Start Date, and State Funding. Also the Quilt Block pattern program for the state fair and ICAP. The hotel/motel tax issue for fairs was brought up. This is not considered a tax but a user fee and fairs are not exempt from paying if they have a hotel/motel bill during fair for any reason.

ISU Extension Service re-organization has taken place and may mean that some fairs will have to step up and be more involved in parts of their fair they have not had to in the past.

The State AIF Conference will be held Dec 11-13 in Des Moines. Several topic and session announcements were made. All are encouraged to go to the AIF web-site for more details.

Chairman Reynolds thanked everyone for coming. Contest questions were discussed and winners announced. They are Wayne Saak (Jasper), LeRoy Parkin (Wayne) and Mike Foster (Jasper). These attendees will have their meal paid for at the spring 2010 meeting.

That meeting is to be March 21, 2010 in Indianola at the Sports Page. Social to be at 1 p.m. and meal served at 1:45 p.m. (Please note calendar change as we will not be meeting on the last Sunday of March as in the past).

Motion to adjourn by Mike Erdman (Madison). Second by Mark Drost (Marion).

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Guy  
SC District Sec./Treas.