

# Association of Iowa Fairs

South Central District Meeting Minutes -- March 29, 2009

The SC spring district meeting convened on Sunday, March 29, 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 2:35 p.m. Seventeen SC district members answered roll call as well as guests from Floyd County and Wapello County Expo.

The Secretary's report from the 2008 fall meeting was presented to the group for review. Glen Hollister, Polk County, made motion to approve the minutes. Keith Miller, Ringgold County, seconded motion. Motion carried.

Iowa State Fair Report was presented jointly by Randy Brown and Jerry Parkin of the State Fair Board. They passed out flyers introducing a new award program at the fair titled "The Way We Live". This is a promotion for agricultural education and will be presented in the Animal Learning Center during the fair. They also presented the Quilt Block program for the New Exhibit Hall at the west end of the fairgrounds. Each county is to have a quilt block on display at the building. There was some discussion about the 4-H Derby Swine Show and the changes coming for that. Currently those changes are slated for the 2010 fair. There was some discussion about Premise ID. Randy Brown has been re-elected Vice President of the State Fair Board. He will become President in 2010. Tom and Sue Barnes AIF were recognized for all their work during the year and extra efforts for Conference and the legislative session.

## Association of Iowa Fairs report:

- ⇒ Curtis Sebolt, Appanoose County, announced that his term as SC District Director on the AIF Board ends this year. Those interested in running for the AIF Board are to contact Tom Barnes, AIF Executive Director.
- ⇒ Tom Barnes, AIF Executive Director, reported that ISU Extension may see some changes in the way does business since there will be some budget cuts in their program.
- ⇒ Conference dates have been set for the next three years at the same hotel in Des Moines.
- ⇒ Current funding issues from the state were discussed. The 2009 state funding money in the special 'pool' have yet to be dispersed.
- ⇒ Also reviewed was Premise ID and poultry testing at the fairs in 2009.
- ⇒ Tom reviewed the new insurance program the AIF Board has endorsed, and is now available for member fairs. Information on this new insurance program will be sent to member fairs soon.
- ⇒ 2009 membership directories are available after the meeting.

District Business brought up by President Reynolds included contact with legislators for the district and their responses. Information was handed out in regards to the SC District's checking account. Several members offered assistance for follow up and all are to bring suggestions and thoughts to the fall meeting for change if necessary.

Leroy Perkins, Wayne County, provided information about the electrical wiring bill that is current in the Legislature.

All fairs are asked to wear fairboard shirts to the fall district meeting. Fairs were asked to bring a fair ribbon from their fair for each person attending the fall meeting. These will be used to make name badges.

Glen Hollister, Polk County, made motion to hold the fall SC District Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009 in Indianola. Tami Strait, Dallas County, seconded motion. Motion carried.

Door Prizes from the Fairman Contest were handed out. Winners were Mike Erdman, Madison County; Amanda Waske, Ringgold County and Keith Miller, Ringgold County.

Mike Erdman, Madison County, made motion to adjourn the meeting. Danielle Atwell, Lucas County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Guy, District Secretary/Treasurer, Jasper County