

Association of Iowa Fairs

Southeast District Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2008

President Keith Bothell called the meeting to order on March 15, 2008 in Washington, Iowa. Kevin Hora, Washington County, gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken with 16 fairs present. Lee County and Wapello County Expo were absent.

Minutes of the 2007 fall meeting were sent out to all fairs. Johnson County made motion to accept as sent. Van Buren County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report and dues of \$20 to be paid at the fall meeting. Louisa County made motion to accept report. Johnson County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Gary McConnell, State Fair Director, reported the 2008 Zone 5 meeting in Omaha, NE and distributed Iowa State Fair entertainment for 2008. Mr. McConnell enjoyed his first year as State Fair Director. August 8, 2008 will be County Fair Day.

State Fair Director Bob Schultz reported Phase I of the new tie-out barn has room for five-hundred ties with completion in time for the 2008 State Fair. A new show barn is being discussed. Cost of a new tourism building will be approximately \$1.7 million. Phase II rough drawing of the new horse arena will seat 2,000 to 3,000 people. Parking lots and streets are being paved. All improvements for the coming year are estimated to cost \$20 million.

Bill Reilly Jr. Talent Show is looking at county fairs for talent shows for 2008. The new Animal Learning Center is looking at adding more goats, ducks, Ostrich egg incubation and neutering animals for 2008. Winter Beef Expo lost \$15,000. I.A.F.E Convention will be December 14 through December 18, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV.

Association Report by Don Cain: Association Convention was December 5 through December 7, 2007 with 1,400 registering to attend. Consumer Protection Workshop will be held at a later date.

Association Report by Richard Smith: Richard distributed remaining state funding money to fairs in attendance. The Iowa Speedway will be holding County Fair Day on May 18, 2008. Handouts were distributed to fairs that regarding poultry shows, care and cautions.

The Washington County Fair was thanked for hosting the spring meeting. Iowa County at Marengo will host the fall meeting. Invitations will be mailed in August by the district secretary.

Johnson County made motion to adjourn meeting. Louisa County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Sloan, District Secretary