

Crawford County Fair Board
Crawford County Administration Building
225 N Beaumont Rd
September 2, 2021 Minutes

Chairman Wade Dull called the meeting to order at 9:02

Members present: Wade Dull, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett, excused: David Olson; Others present: Samantha Morovits, Amanda Smiley, Amy Mitchell, Charley Coleman

Posting verified by Fair Coordinator, Samantha Morovits

Minutes: Motion by Mary, seconded by Don to approve August minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of 2021 fair –

- Mary reported complaint about the demo derby – too large of heats, spectators wish that less cars were packed in a heat to allow for a better show. Sam will communicate this request to Hard Hit Promotions.
- Beef barn – Due to increased animal numbers, suggestion for addition to the barn was presented. Discussion had as to a potential 8 ft lean-to between beef barn and rabbit building, to allow chute space outside. Meat Animal Auction committee to research and develop a construction proposal, along with speak to Compeer Financial about funding. Judging related request, to emphasize the bred and owned animals in beef dept. Electrical outlets requested in the ceiling of the hog and sheep barn, Sam will speak to McCormick Electric.
- Carnival settle-up discussed, copy of document to be filed. Wenzell Carnival is available on the following dates: 4th weekend of July and 2nd weekend of August is possibly open. Wenzell requests records of the previous 5 years of carnival sales. Sam to provide documentation and work with surrounding fairs to explore options for negotiating the contract; ex – payment of insurance, percentage of sales received, types of sales received, etc.
- Grandstand entertainment – Discussion had as to a potential concert for 2022. Potential Headliner High Mileage, Wayne will contact Spanky; with possible opener Abbey Emler. Suggestion made to have the concert a free will donation admission.
- Smoking in the grandstand – no smoking and no vaping signage to be added, request will be made to have Sheriff's Dept to patrol grandstand.
- Grandstand and tent only for alcohol consumption – Discussed having an officer focus on the areas immediately outside of the tent and grandstand to deter individuals from carrying contents to other locations of the grounds.
- Commercial building – floor repair is a trip hazard, highway dept will discuss location of storage and repairing the floor.

Entertainment – Tractor pull and derbies were a huge hit and put on a good show. Carnivals will be contacted to explore a different carnival provider for 2022. Sam to follow up with Sperry of Wausau about the carnivals they have worked with in the past and to contact Elroy county fair about percentage of ticket sales they receive.

Fairgrounds rental – October 10th requested by Amy for 4H awards night. Requesting use of the grounds, grandstand and bathroom; possibly building 4 in the event of rain. Motion by Mary to approve, seconded by Wayne. Motion carried unanimously. Amy further request that in the event of future fairs the 4H popcorn stand remain unobstructed.

Emergency Management – Jim Hackett presented, stating that weather event monitoring and communications went well. Canceled events were handled by the entertainers with aid from the weather service and continual monitoring by his staff and the fair office. Discussion had as to minor conflicts pertaining to the carnival, missing child incident resolved quickly and review had as to protocol if future incident; heat stroke, ems and officer handled and transported; 1 argument happened in the grandstand, removed individuals from the scene to remedy the incident.

Maintenance- Discussion had as to building 3, 4 and 5 leaks. Winter storage will begin on October 15, 2021.

Date of Next Meeting- October 7th, 2021

Payment of Bills – Motion made by Mary to not reimburse Kindschi Pedal Pulls for \$25.00, the cost to add Crawford County as additionally insured to their Liability Policy, seconded by Wayne. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Don to pay bills as listed on vouchers. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn- Motion by Wayne, seconded by Don to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM

Samantha Morovits, Crawford County Fair Coordinator