

Dakota County Agriculture Society
Board of Director Meeting
December 4th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7p.m. by President Jeff Wright, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Henry, Pete Storlie, Sara Dingels, Mary Hendricks, Cathy Busho, Scott Steffen, Greg Casura, Marge Snyder, Roger Janak, Neil Deplazes, Ed Barrett. Members absent: Dan Muller. Others present: Staff- Kristine Smith. Guests: Lenard Storlie, Mike Busho.

It was asked to add the Convention and committee assignments to the agenda under New Business. Motion by Busho and seconded by Barrett to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion carried.

There was an introduction of all the Members of the Board. Welcome to all the New Board Members.

Motion by Busho and seconded by Barrett to approve the November 6th, 2017 minutes. Motion approved.

Motion by Storlie and seconded by Janak to approve the organizational meeting minutes of November 28th, 2017. Motion carried with Busho abstaining as she was not in attendance.

Dakota City Report: See report attached. Some discussion was held on the Safety Corrections for the Tractor Shop.

Office Manager Report: Audit has been finished in house and will have a report soon. Discussed the Holiday Party, it will be Thursday the 7th. Also, a report on the Convention. Discussed a bill from Crown Rental, the office manager is to call sound man John and find out about the bill and report back in January. Henry reported that the CPL Grant has been finalized.

Treasurers Report: See report attached. Motion by Busho and seconded by Janak to approve the check list. Motion carried.

Sales and Marketing Report: See report attached. Motion by Casura and seconded by Henry to approve the ad for the flyer (save on everything) to save our spot of zones 4, 5 and 6. Discussion held on the process of committee reports. We don't need to vote on everything, just on the whole package. Motion and second was rescinded.

Facilities Report: See report attached. Wright gave us a report on a PA system. Need to get a plan from Sales and Marketing, John will come to the next Finance meeting and to Sales and Marketing meeting. Total cost of the system is approximately \$24,000.

Motion by Barrett and seconded by Storlie to upgrade electrical in cattle barn. Jared Sachs is going to donate the labor. Cost is \$3500.00. Motion carried.

The light pole was knocked down and needs to be repaired. Motion by Barrett and seconded by Janak to go ahead with this. The cost is \$1700. Motion carried.

Motion by Barrett and seconded by Janak to purchase a used cooler case from Mark Bigelow and repurpose our existing coolers. The cost is \$1600. Motion carried.

Barrett reported a sub-committee was formed to work on a historical Grant for the Exhibit hall west and the old red barn. The committee is Mark Bigelow, Roger Janak, Jeff Wright, Mark Henry, Kris Smith and Pete Elvestad.

Discussion held on the camera's which were put in.

Old Business:

Office manager reported on Dakota City putting money under the office door.

Storlie brought up Dakota City moving their curator. This would be added to the agenda for January.

New Business:

Busho suggested we invite volunteers to the upcoming convention for the meetings, but not pay for their motels. The fair could pay for their convention fee.

Motion by Busho and seconded by Storlie to allow and invite our committee members to attend the convention if they so choose. If they don't attend after the fair has paid their fees, they must pay the fair back. Motion carried. The dates of the convention are January 13th and 14th, 2018.

Discussion held on Committee assignments. Mark Henry was asked to sit on the Executive Committee. Motion by Janak and seconded by Storlie to approve the committee assignments. Motion carried.

Lenard Storlie brought up our strategic planning. Need a committee to start this and Friends of Fair, need to appoint the members. This would be the President and two other directors and two members at large. Busho suggested the members of the Friends of Fair be the President and the Treasurer and the chair of Facilities. We also need to send out a letter to all members to see who is interested in being a member at large. Report at next meeting if we have any volunteers for committee.

Motion by Barrett and seconded by Janak to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Marge Snyder
Secretary of DCAS