

**Dakota County Agricultural Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 24, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mark Henry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Present: Mark Henry, Pete Storlie, Cathy Busho, Greg Casura, Jeff Wright, Mike Slavik, Marge Snyder, Ed Barrett (arrived 7:22pm), Roger Janak, David Franzen

Board Absent: Mark Malecha, Dan Muller

Staff Present: Kristine Smith

Motion to approve agenda by David Franzen, second by Cathy Busho

Motion by Cathy Busho, second by Marge Snyder to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

**Dakota City Report**

- More discussion on the tractor display and the letter that was sent to the tractor owners.
- Discussion on moving the curator's desk from main office to break room and add half walls. Motion by Cathy Busho, second by Pete Storlie to table until the September meeting.
- The St. Paul Dog Training Club would like to rent the village grounds and Ahlberg Hall for training. Motion by Busho, second by Barrett to approve use of grounds and Ahlberg Hall and coordinating with staff not to interrupt storage.

**Fair week Updates**

**Parking:** Fully staffed and ready. If still possible, consensus was to do 5 lanes of gravel between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Grandstand:** on schedule. Thursday night will be a change for the limo heat (2 limos, 4 other cars)

**Finance:** All good, everything is status quo

**Livestock:** Henry doing bedding, pens in transit and fans are wired, but still not here. Corn pit coming back.

**Open Class:** Entry office here and will be up and running on Wednesday.

**Courtesy Carts:** ready.

**Media:** Still working to fill spot on COWZ.

**Sponsorships:** Numbers are low. Need to figure out a better plan for the future.

**Beer Gardens:** Still finalizing the Craft Beer and Wine Garden. Everything else on track.

**Admission:** Campground passes are complete and there will be a list at the front gates. Discussion to improve Sunday attendance. Motion to give 2 free Sunday admission tickets for every paid car on Monday. Motion by Slavik, second by Wright. Motion carried. No – Franzen, Busho and Casura

**Commercial Space:** Indoor space is full. A couple vendors have canceled and have been replaced.

**Other Business**

- Utility poles were recently inspected – many need to be replaced.
- Reviewed fire contract with City of Farmington. Motion by Franzen, second by Busho to approve one year contract. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Slavik -Secretary*