

**PRICE COUNTY FAIR**  
**Regular Meeting May 19, 2019**  
**4 p.m. Price County UW-Extension Office**

**Members present:** Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Deb Urbanik, Amy Karpenske, Kristy Ann Carlson, Jan Hardginski, Doug Kirby, Wyatt Lebal, Christine McMillan, Virginia McMillan, Sue Nordall, Pat Vlach, Brooke Lebal, and Hannah Eibergen.

**Absent/Excused:** Sue Nordall (E), Virginia McMillan (A). Doug Kirby left @ 5:15 pm

**Others present:** Steve Janacek/One other person - Antique Association

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Dahlie at 4 pm.**

**Minutes:** Motion by Pat, seconded by Doug to approve the minutes of the May 10 meeting. Motion passed.

**Public Comments and Correspondence:** None

**Antique Association Expo:** Steve Janacek presented information and concerns. He said the county is going to turn over all antiques to the association. He expressed concerns regarding the fair use of the Antique II building for winter storage and moving the antiques to make room for pontoons. He stated there were oil leaks, foul smells and other issues on floor of building from winter storage. He also stated they would like to accept more donations which they would leave in the building and could not be moved out for winter storage. He talked about the county the current contract and the fair use to which Peter stated that the antique association agreement is with the fair board and not the county. Steve also expressed concerns over not very many board members being at fair and that they should be paid for their time at the fair. Peter stated this was not an option and other board members expressed that they all spend a significant amount of time at the fair. What Steve wants is for the fair not to use the Antique II building for ride and winter storage rental, they would like to use the open class building for the expo, they will pay to be at the Expo and will be at the fair in their buildings. Peter stated that we would lose a lot of revenue if not using the building. Peter stated if the agreement needs to be re-done, it requires a 30 day notice. Peter agreed to let the Antique Expo use the open class building. He stated they they will have to meet about winter storage to allow/not allow and said that the Antique Association should meet first and then get together again.

**Meeting Protocol:** Peter expressed concerns over the need for members/others to be allowed to speak when they have the floor and for others to wait their turn so that everyone can be heard.

**Financial Report:** Deb sent the report to the accountant. The current financial report was made available for board members to view. 1st National Bank is now Forward Bank a/o May 3rd and will continue to be the bank we use. We will re-sign up for on-line banking. Deposits are Paychecks are being held so Amy can train on these items. Training times will be set up between Deb and Amy to learn the treasurer position. Present 2018 Tax Return is completed. Murrin & Associates will go back to \$60 per month. The check payable to Sue was for the District Meeting April 2nd. Christine McMillan asked about paying mileage. Pat thinks we can drop Driver support and save \$10/month because we have a new printer. The phone company is potentially donating \$750.00 to the fair. Deb indicated this would be her last meeting due to her husbands health and that she has loved working for the fair. Michelle

motioned that season passes to the fair be given to Deb for as long as she wants them, and Kristy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Fairgrounds Sound System:** Paul indicated that Underground Sound was not an option because of the cost and recommended we table this year until next year so we can get more quotes. Peter reminded that we had passed a previous motion to pay \$9200 to Tower Sounds for upgrading the sound system this year. Christine stated we need to get something done to get us by this year. Kristy stated the problem last year was the wire out of fair office to 1st speaker is shot. Peter added that we could use the center stage system equipment and that some people would hear announcement. Paul asked if we could hire an electrician to fix the main wires but wasn't sure if cost would be less than \$9200. Doug wondered if we couldn't hire college students to help fix the electronics. Michelle sent an email to Tower Sounds during meeting to find out the least expensive option. Discussion was tabled to later in meeting. Michelle heard back from Tower Sounds. Package A is to buy \$8219 ground page system with 7 speakers or Package B is to purchase a house system for estimate of \$1950 which includes an office mixer and 2 speakers. Christine motioned that we spend \$2500 for Package B if we can build off of it for the future. Michelle seconded the motion. Michelle also motioned to repeal the previous motion to pay \$9200, Pat seconded the motion. 7 voted in favor and 2 opposed the new \$2500 budget.

**Saturday Band:** Kristy stated she had a lead on a country band and was still waiting on a couple of answers. Pop rocks was suggested as a Saturday band but they were too expensive.

## **Committees**

### **Advertising/Entertainment/Fundraising:**

Sponsor recognition was disussed. Peter stated the need to think about options for recognition.

Kristy received a proof this week of the street banner and sent to the committee. She showed options of white or green. It was agreed that green should be ordered.

Kristy also stated that Northwoods will come out and do a sawdust pile at their own schedule/time and that we should put on the entertainment schedule for Friday. Others proposed it could be all days of the fair. Peter gave an idea that money could also be put in the corn box for kids.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Peter stated the need to do a walk through of the grounds and make a list. Christine stated that the water needs to be turned on in the 4H building so there can be hot water.

**Commercial Vendors:** Jan stated that Bova Dough is the only contract sent in so far. The usual gyros and tacos are coming. Quilt group will be in open class. The Historical Society will have two spots. Peggy Haney from Red Apple was asked if they would like to sell something and that their space would be free. She said they should be able to sell something.

**Policy:** Peter stated that he spoke with Andrea from 4H about a 3 year v.s. 2 year contract in regards to the Dining Hall rental agreement.

**Exhibits/Livestock:** Michelle is working on the Premium Book Changes/Updates and that we were way over budget. She asked why the budget was so low/\$600. We currently pay judges \$75/day with approximately 15 judges + mileage/\$400 - so that already comes out to \$2000. Ribbons are more than \$500 which is probably only what the budget addressed.

**Old Business:** Jan suggested making Carl the Honorary Fair Person of the Year. Michelle motioned that Carl be the Fair Person of the Year and Pat seconded the motion. Peter stated he would like John Block

to be nominated, but was told he declined the nomination. Michelle stated that Bev Brayton would be a great person to nominate. It was agreed to table this issue until the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Appreciation Dinner:** Christine brought up that the appreciation dinner should be for all sponsors. Peter thought it could be done during the fair. Paul commented that it would be more personable to do after the fair and recap/show what goes on during the fair and plans for next year. Christine said she could make the food if it was all purchased for her and do in the 4H Hall for dinner. Discussion was table until next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday June 9th at 2 pm at the fairgrounds. Brooke will be excused.

**Meeting Adjourned** at approximately 6 p.m.