

## **Butte-Lawrence County Fair Board Minutes of August 27, 2018**

**Present:** Jodie Severson, Sheryl Pittman, Ida Marie Snorteland, Clair Donovan, Tristen Clements, Chad Mackaben, Jody Schenk, Karrol Herman, Richard Sleep

**Absent:** Tom Mackey

President Jodie Severson called the meeting to order.

**Minutes** of the July 2018 meeting were reviewed. *M/2nd to approve with the correct spelling of Amber Wallaces name; carried.*

**Treasurers** report presented. *M/2nd to pay Black Hills Energy bill of \$1,925.25; carried. M/2nd to pay Ron Miles \$300 for security during fair; carried.* Ida Marie Snorteland (acting treasurer) has had the paperwork done to change our accounts from Simply Service Federal Credit Union to Pioneer Bank. Jodie will check on the \$5,000 due from Farmers Union. *M/2nd to approve report as presented; carried.*

### **Old Business:**

Amber Wallace has been paid for all of her duties at the fair. Thanks to Amber for a lot of work well done!

Mowing of the fairgrounds should be done by Friday before the fair. A new plan and schedule will be looked and created before next mowing season. *M/2nd to pay \$250 to Carson Diedrich and \$250 to Nathan May for the final mowing; carried.*

Michelle May reported there was a problem with the recording of who received trophies for Open Class.

Fair recap: 1.) revisit camping before next year 2.) look at entertainment on Wed & Fri nights; poorly attended 3.) Idea of board members, superintendents & office staff having a quick update mtg each morning 4.) Have Jessica work on vendors earlier in the year 5.) revamp sound speakers location/positioning 6.) at least 2 proofreaders for the fairbook 7.) need a wool superintendent and training for wool exhibitors 8.) promote bike safety and have activities of the "little" kids who aren't involved in fair activities i.e. Strider. 9.) signs! in Nisland, parking, livestock enter, pavilion, open class building, dogs... 10.) Mastergardeners for short class on flower arranging on Tuesday evening

Holly Main reported the Fondue was a huge success! Thanked Chad and everyone involved. They sold out at 200 and could have fed more. Interested in utilizing the other food stand kitchen which would mean we would not have a food vendor there. Much easier for prep work and closer to the fondue site. Holly will talk to Tina Fish.

The Firefighters Auxillary could also use that kitchen (with refrigeration and picnic tables) for their Friday evening pie sale.

Kristi McCoy built some needed chicken cages before the fair. *M/2nd to reimburse her \$168.80 for the supplies; carried.*

Much discussion ensued regarding judges fees, mileage and who was responsible for contacting judges. This will be discussed further in September. It was decided the superintendents will meet with the fair board no later than May of each year.

### **New Business:**

The fair board worked out a deal with Loren Schmidt for the purchase of his sound system in its entirety including the trailer. We will make 3 payments and Loren will come next year in case we need his expertise!

There was an issue during the fair concerning a man bothering kids. He was confronted and asked to leave the fairgrounds. He was invited to attend the August meeting but failed to appear. *M/2nd to draft a letter in September, to inform him he is not welcome on the fairgrounds during the fair; carried.*

Make note of our new address! It is PO Box 1324 Spearfish, SD. This will make it much easier for our book keeper who lives in Spearfish.

Michell May talked about planting trees at the fairgrounds. Unsure of location at this time. Richard Sleep shared that Leon Miner will donate all the cottonwoods we would want and Dennis Forgey has a tree spade. Unsure of what Dennis would charge.

Barns need to be limed. Jodie will check with CBH about donating the needed supplies.

It was reported the swine shoots need to be addressed and the beef barn needs an open space for the cattle.

Tyler Ferris would like to see recognition for the local buyers from the sale.

The women's bathroom is in need of attention. Chad and Clair will check into price of a high rise toilet.

Sabrina Harmon and Cassie Wendt would like to head up a 'No Smoking' program with signs, flyers, etc. Everyone was in favor of them of them sharing their ideas at the next meeting.

M/2nd to adjourn; carried.

Next meeting to be at the First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche, Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Sheryl Pittman, Secretary