



NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2016 –10:00 a.m.

Board Room in Nebraska Building located at Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE

A regular monthly meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Friday, October 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Public notice of this meeting was published in the October 3 & 4, 2016, issues of the Grand Island Independent newspaper and posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website from September 29 – October 14, 2016.

Roll call was read with the following members present: Bob Haag; Harry Hoch; Chris Kircher, joined via phone at 10:10 a.m.; Jeff Kliment; Doug Lukassen; Chuck Rolf, Vice-Chairperson; Marvin Rousey, Secretary; Kirk Shane; Steve Wehrbein and Kent Zeller. Others in attendance were: Joseph McDermott, Executive Director; Kelly O'Brien, Administrative Assistant; Shaun Schleif, Marketing & Sponsorship Director; Jace Robinson, Marketing & Sponsorship Assistant; Jaime Parr, Facility Director; Janna Kuklis, Facility Assistant; Chelsey Jungck, Events & Entertainment Director; Kelsey Brozek, Events & Entertainment Assistant; Grace Childress, Special Events Assistant; Sandy Spiehs, Assistant Livestock Superintendent; Scott Yound, Maintenance Director; Jason Fry, Maintenance Assistant; Blake Baney, Maintenance Assistant; Lindsey Koepke, 1868 Foundation Executive Director; Robert Pore, the Independent and Ryan Hassebrook.

Rolf announced the meeting had been properly advertised as an open meeting and informed those in attendance of the posting location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes of August 13 & 27, 2016

There being no corrections:

Motion made by Lukassen to approve the minutes of August 13 & 27, 2016 as printed. Shane seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Memorial on behalf of Lowell Minert

McDermott has had conversation with the Executive Committee regarding a Memorial on behalf of Board Member Lowell Minert whom recently passed away on September 29, 2016. McDermott and the Executive Committee thought it would be best if Angell were involved as they felt it should be something within the Livestock area or even the High School Rodeo.

Discussion was had.

McDermott said all the suggestions are great ideas. The Executive Committee, McDermott and Angell will have discussion regarding the ideas presented and will put the final suggested idea for a Memorial on the Agenda for approval.

September Financial Report

McDermott reported total current assets of \$3,204,547; payables at \$526,395; total direct revenue at \$4,648,940 and direct expenses at \$6,146,013.

**Motion made by Rousey to approve the September Financial Report.
Wehrbein seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.**

IAFE Annual Convention – November 27 – December 1, 2016

McDermott reminded the Board members it is time to get signed up for the IAFE Convention. The policy allows for 2-Executive Committee Members and 2-Non-Executive Committee Members to attend the convention paid for by the Fair. Any board member is welcome to go, but, at your own expense. The Board members attending the 2016 IAFE Convention are: Rolf and Rouse from the Executive Committee as well as Hoch and Wehrbein from the Non-Executive Committee.

Kliment asked if the numbers need to be changed to allow more staff to attend. McDermott replied he has been thinking about adding Yound. Several Board members agreed Yound should be allowed to attend the convention. Yound stated he would like to attend.

Rousey commented on the Policy – when he first was on the board there really wasn't a policy. There were times when six Board members were at the convention. Rousey encouraged the PR Committee to review the current policy and consider allowing more board members to attend the IAFE convention paid for by the Fair.

2016 Fair Review

Discussion was had.

Committee Reports

a. Facility Planning

Rolf reported at their committee meeting Thursday night, they met with a couple local business people who want to build a building in the tie-out area as an indoor warm up arena for horses. GILCA is looking to purchase 400 horse stalls, in which they will need to be stored. It was suggested they could be stored in this building. The individuals they met with asked for our blessing to allow them to do this. They are hoping to have this constructed in the spring of 2017.

b. Finance

Nothing to report

c. Public Affairs and Outreach

Nothing to report

d. Livestock Committee

Nothing to report

e. Events

Nothing to report

f. Executive

Nothing to report

Future Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting Dates, Locations and Other Events

- a. November 11 – Board Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, North Platte NE
- b. December 8 – NSF Board of Directors and Staff Christmas Dinner
- c. December 9 – Board Meeting, Nebraska State Fair Board room
- d. January 20 – Board Meeting, Ramada Inn, Kearney NE
- e. January 20-22 – NAFM Convention, Ramada Inn, Kearney NE
- f. February 24 – Board Meeting & Lunch with Senators, Lincoln NE
- g. March 16 – Board Meeting, Nebraska State Fair Board room
- h. April 14 – Board Meeting, Nebraska State Fair Board room
- i. May 12 – Board Meeting, Nebraska State Fair Board room
- j. June -TBD
- k. July 14 – Board Meeting, Nebraska State Fair Board room

Other Business

McDermott made Board members aware that the February board meeting will be late in the month. It will be on February 24 in Lincoln as Walt Radcliffe has scheduled us to have lunch with the Senator's this day also. The March board meeting will be on Thursday, March 16.

Adjourn

Motion made by Rolf to adjourn.

Haag seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passes unanimously.

Time adjourned: 2:18 p.m.