



NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

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

A regular monthly meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Public notice of this meeting was published in the August 3rd & 4th, 2017, issues of the Grand Island Independent newspaper and posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website from August 2nd – 12th, 2017.

Roll call was read with the following members present: Stan Brodine; Bob Haag; Harry Hoch, Treasurer; Denny Hoffman; Chris Kircher, Chairperson; Jeff Klimont; Kathleen Lodl; Doug Lukassen; Chuck Rolf, Secretary; Kirk Shane, Vice Chairperson; Beth Smith-arrived at 3:03 p.m. and Kent Zeller. Others in attendance were: Joseph McDermott, Executive Director; Kelly O'Brien, Administrative Assistant; Bill Angell, Livestock Superintendent; Sandy Spiehs, Assistant Livestock Superintendent; Shaun Schleif, Marketing & Sponsorship Director; Jace Robinson, Marketing Assistant; Chelsey Jungck, Events & Entertainment Director; Selena Aguilar, Entertainment Assistant; Kayla Crowder, Events Assistant; Gabby Christensen, Events Assistant; Jaime Parr, Facility Director; Janna Kuklis, Facility Assistant; Scott Yound, Maintenance Director.

Kircher 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 July 14, 2017

There being no corrections:

Motion made by Lukassen to approve the minutes of July 14, 2017 as printed.

Hoch seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

July Financial Report

McDermott reported total current assets of \$4,488,702; total current liabilities at \$285,934; total direct revenue at \$1,086,536 and total direct expenses \$1,283,536.

Motion made by Shane to approve the July Financial Report.

Rolf seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

McDermott mentioned that Haag & Brodine will be going to San Antonio TX, Monday, August 14, to pick up the new parade float.

Jungck shared the new float for 2017 is a "Nebraska" themed float. Perfect for the Sesquicentennial. Some of the features are an Ox and Covered Wagon; the State Capitol; State Bird – Meadowlark; State insect – Honeybee and cornstalks. Up to six people can stand on the float. Both of our floats will be included in the daily parade.

Year-round Employee Fair Benefits – policy

McDermott recently visited with the PR committee about providing some perks to Year-round employees during the Fair. A copy of the Year-round Employee Fair Benefits policy is in the board packet for review.

Lukassen stated the PR committee looked at what four other state fairs offered their employees during their Fairs. Some offer a lot and some don't offer anything. Lukassen continued the PR committee feels this is a fair amount of benefits to offer our employees.

Motion made by Lukassen to approve the Year-round Employee Fair Benefits policy, as presented.

Hoch seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Board Schedules/Responsibilities for the 2017 Fair

McDermott mentioned in their packet is a list of events that we feel are important for board members to attend.

Jungck commented she needed to know who was willing to attend the Line Worker's Rodeo banquet. Kircher and Shane both replied that they would attend.

IAFE Convention – discussion on attendance

McDermott shared the dates for the IAFE Annual Convention are November 26th thru 29th in Las Vegas. McDermott mentioned he would like to add to the eligible employees in the IAFE Convention policy, "Maintenance Director".

Motion made by Rolf to approve adding "Maintenance Director" to the list of eligible employees in the IAFE Convention policy.

Brodine seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Review of Opening Ceremony

McDermott stated the Opening Ceremony is at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 25. McDermott continued he would like full attendance of Board members if possible.

Jungck shared briefly with Board members what goes on at the Opening Ceremony.

Committee Reports

- a. Facility Planning**
-Rolf - nothing to report.
- b. Finance**
-Hoch – nothing to report.
- c. Public Affairs**
-Lukassen – nothing to report.
- d. Livestock**
-Shane – nothing to report.
- e. Events**
-Jungck – nothing to report.
- f. Executive**
-Shane – nothing to report.

Future Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting Dates and Locations

McDermott mentioned board members had talked about going to Thedford, NE, in October for the board meeting. Wanted to see if that is what everyone still wanted to do. McDermott also asked Hoffman if the offer was still good. Hoffman replied, the offer still stands.

October meeting location changed to Thedford, NE.

Foundation updates

Koepke – not available for report.

Other Business

Kircher asked McDermott to explain to the new board members how the board meeting opens and how it is continuous throughout the Fair.

McDermott stated the first board meeting during the Fair will be on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board room of the Nebraska Building.

Adjourn

Motion made by Shane to adjourn.

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

Time: 2:40 p.m.