

LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H CLUB ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11,2016

Meeting was called to order by Ken Martin with twenty-five directors, one extension agent, five guests, and one caretaker present.

After allowing time to read the minutes Tracy made a motion to accept the August minutes. Travis seconded the motion and it passed.

Ken passed out copies of the following treasurer's report:

September income	\$14,872.57
September expense	10,303.34
General fund	74,531.35
Capital fund	1,646.30
Campground fund	28,766.19
Memorial fund	6,819.63

Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Brian seconded the motion and it passed.

John reported that 4-H enrollment is underway. Statewide enrollment is available electronically or by paper. He passed out statistical information about county 4-H enrollment and we discussed some of the challenges and benefits in increasing enrollment in both the traditional 4-H program as well as after school or enrichment programming which have historically been the best ways for 4-H to reach minority youth. He also brought yard signs promoting 4-H that he would like us to put up.

The County Council has approved our budget request.

Brian presented a livestock committee report. The Started Calf barn repairs have been made. These included replacing rotting posts and more for a total cost of around \$8000.00. The cost has been absorbed by the Started Calf treasury but this has depleted their funds and this barn is used by goat club and dairy club also. They would like to request some reimbursement possibly from the livestock committee fund and the Association. It was noted that more barns are going to be needing repairs in the near future with the hog barn being first on the list. A discussion was held on what the clubs that have generated revenue are doing with the money. Mike made a motion that the Long Range Planning Committee and the Executive Committee, and livestock reps meet and come up with a proposal for future capital improvements. Travis seconded the motion. Ben then made a motion to amend Mike's motion that the livestock reps not be included. Amy seconded the amendment and it passed. We then voted on the amended motion and it passed. The request for reimbursement to the Started Calf fund was tabled until the above parties meet.

The following recommendations for 2017 fair were discussed: Large All Around Showmanship should be held later in the day, Beef show should be Wednesday afternoon or evening, clean up times are confusing to the club members, and a possible new rabbit show location.

Kessler Klopfenstein presented his proposal for an Open Lamb Show and showmanship camp. This would be his senior project for school. He proposed five stations with the possibility of a mock show. He would need to use the beef and lamb barns and the Pavilion. His proposed date is May 6, 2016 with a rain date of May 13th. The dates are available at this time. Beth made a motion we allow him to use the grounds for this project. Lydia seconded the motion and it passed.

The IAFE National Convention will be held November 27th thru December 1, 2016 in Las Vegas. Last year the board agreed to pay expenses which are around \$1450 for convention fees, air fare, and hotel per person for up to three Executive members to attend. Tracy made a motion we do the same this year. Amy seconded the motion and it passed. Anyone wishing to attend the convention should contact Ken.

The INAF State Convention will be held January 6-7, 8, 2017 in Indianapolis. Last year the board paid convention fees and hotel cost for up to three Executive members to attend. Lydia made a motion that we do the same this time. Brian seconded the motion and it passed.

We do have a carnival willing to come to our fair in 2017. It is Maple Leaf Amusements based in Michigan. They have around 17 rides plus game and concession trailers including a new 90ft tall ferris

wheel. Ken and Travis visited one of their events and were impressed with the cleanliness and how things were operated. We would need to adjust the date of our fair as they would be leaving Jay County before us so could not be ready to run until Monday possibly Sunday. They do need a guarantee of \$20,000.00 to set up. It was proposed that we eliminate one of our side shows to allow a cushion should we need to make up some of the \$20,000.00. We so get a lot of phone calls and requests in suggestion about a carnival. After a lengthy discussion Beth made a motion that we try it for a year. Tracy seconded the motion and it passed.

With the above motion in place the fair dates for 2017 are July 15th thru the 22'd.

Ken passed out a committee signup sheet for everyone to fill out. Please return these to Tammy.

Clayton representing the nominating committee passed out the ballots for President. Ken Martin was on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Ben made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Tracy seconded the motion and it passed. President is Ken Martin. The ballots were passed out for Vice President. Tammy Kauffman was on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Tracy made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Ben seconded the motion and it passed. Tammy Kauffman is Vice President. The ballots for Secretary were passed out. Diane Mackey was on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Tracy made a motion to close nominations. Kyle seconded the motion and it passed. Secretary is Diane Mackey. The ballots for Treasurer were passed out. Yvonne Eash was on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Curtis made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Ben seconded the motion and it passed. Treasurer is Yvonne Eash. The ballots for Assistant Treasurer were passed out. Marilyn Grossman and Lydia Wolheter were on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Tammy made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed. Everyone was instructed to vote for one. The Assistant Treasurer is Lydia Wolheter. The ballot for Assistant Secretary were passed out. Alexis Grossman and Travis Hostetler were on the ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor. Mike nominated Marilyn Grossman. Tammy seconded the nomination. Marilyn's name was added to the ballot. Amy made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Beth seconded the motion and it passed. Everyone was instructed to vote for one. Assistant Secretary is Alexis Grossman. Tracy made a motion to destroy all ballots. Ben seconded the motion and it passed.

REMC will be doing a community work day cleaning up and helping repair on the grounds. If you see an employee be sure to thank them! John also reminded everyone that REMC is again offering credit to any customer that has children enrolling in 4-H to help offset the enrollment fee.

Our annual sponsor drive will be kicking off next month.

The November meeting will be on the third Tuesday, which is the 15th due to the election since they will be voting in the Community Building on the 15th.

The Long Range Planning Committee will have a short meeting at our conclusion tonight.

John talked about Volunteer Recognition Day at the State Fair. The volunteers not attending have their awards sent to the county agent. John presented Marilyn with a 35-year award. A round of applause was given.

Beth announced that a fundraiser scheduled for January 28th will be held in the Community Building with food and music available. It will be for adults only!

The status of the shelterhouse is it's still standing.

Mike welcomed the new board members and suggested they attend the State Convention to see how things happen.

Meeting was adjourned.