

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 1, 2011 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by Ken Goike, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. at the Armada Fair Office with Mary Ebert as Recording Secretary.

AGENDA:

The agenda was amended by adding (e) Mrs. Colombo, leader of 4-H horse group under guests. A motion was made by Rob Tibbits and supported by Bill Schapman to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Nancy Bliss, Phil Ballard, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Echout, Pat Fons, Ken Goike Jr., Jim Hanvey, Phil Kent, Rob Kitchen, Dennis Marcath, Paul Marcath, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Mark Sweeney, Robert Tibbits, Gary Witt

Absent: Ted Corey

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Phil Kent to accept the June 6, 2011 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Guests present were: Livestock Committee, Josh Domineck, Kathi Jamieson, Andy Ventimiglia, Mrs Colombo, Livestock Exhibitors and 4-H parents and families.

There was much discussion and displeasure about the printed brochures for the Fair that had omitted the times for the animal shows and the 4-H scheduled livestock shows. The solution was to have printed schedules at all gates during the Fair and correct the flyers for the 2012 Fair to include the animal shows and events.

Andy Ventimiglia from the Livestock Committee asked if Market Heifers could show in the same class as steers since classes are based on weight for the 2012 Fair.

Mrs. Colombo, the Allaro 4-H Horse leader asked if her 4-H group could still show on Wednesday, Aug 17 for the Open Horse Show, even though they did not enter the Open Classes, but had checked 'both' on her entry form. This issue was sent to Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report for June 2011 was presented by Treasurer Rob Kitchen. A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Bill Schapman to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read a Thank-you note from Nicholas Guzick, scholarship recipient.

Read a Thank-you note from Nancy Bliss for flowers after her car accident

Read a Thank-you note from Haley Waterstraat, scholarship recipient.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

ACE Hardware	Waiting for bill
Armada Florist	\$75.60
Auto Value – Farm All M	\$66.15

Korte's	\$201.29
North Center-Manure Tank	\$44.00
Petty Cash – Misc.	\$140.67
PNC – Visa	\$4004.21
Russel Heldt – Benches	\$440.00
Schneider Water Supplies	\$484.12

A motion was made by Bill Schapman, support by Gerry Spriet to pay the bills. Motion carried.

No motion was made to pay next month's utility bills and pay roll.

REPORT OF STANDING/ SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Ken Goike – A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Phil Kent to give George Nelson a mega ride pass and pay for the parts for the office PC (estimated cost of \$20) that he repaired. Motion carried.

Phil Kent – Computer Committee: The office is doing a daily back-up of the files each day by CD. Office Committee report is that there will be overtime paid for the Office staff this time of year.

Gerry Spriet – Refreshment Committee: Ice will be available during the Fair and Gerry Spriet will track the sales of ice. Golf carts will be available on Friday.

Bill Schapman – Requested that we have a list of values of all our equipment for insurance purposes.

Mark Sweeney – A motion was made by Mark Sweeney supported by Bill Schapman, to allow Market Heifers in the Market Beef class on a trial basis for the 2012 Fair for 4-H only. If there are over 15 in the class, the class will be split. Motion carried.

Dean Reinhardt – A motion was made by Dean Reinhardt, supported by Dennis Marcath to add steps to the handicap ramp on the north side of the Grange Hall. The current railing is to be cut and a gate installed next to the building at a cost of \$200. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Kent supported by Gerry Spriet to have Dean Reinhardt pick up water and pop at Sams Club for the Fair at a cost of \$2000. Motion carried. These items will be available in the Refreshment Tent area during Fair.

The asphalt millings were too coarse to use. The limestone has been delivered and graded. Chloride will be done on August 1.

Dennis Marcath – Arena Committee: Sixteen cars need to be brought in for the Monster Truck event. Armada Auto Recycling donated \$1000 but increased the amount to a \$2000 sponsorship.

Bump & Run premiums will be a 100% payback.

A motion was made that the donation of \$1000 from the St. Clair Agricultural Society be earmarked for new arena radios, shirts, flags etc, was made by Jim Hanvey and supported by Dean Reinhardt. Motion failed.

Jim Brohl – Rosseel's to provide equipment. A motion was made by Pat Fons, supported by Phil Kent, that Dean Reinhardt receives \$300 for fuel costs incurred during the construction of the Power House and delivery of sand for the horse arena. Motion carried.

Gary Witt – Ground Maintenance: The Power House is to be completed on August 2. The 'hatch' manhole by the grandstand needs to be reinforced. Mr. Delecke is to repair the aluminum bleachers. Tractor rim needs new bolts. Paul Marcath to handle repairs and make them after Fair week.

Mary Ebert – Horse Department: The bleachers at the horse arena are in need of repair. New pine boards will be installed as a temporary fix until the fir boards can be ordered.

Pat Fons reported that there is still need of a mailbox and gate for the trail classes. Nancy Bliss to donate gate and Eugene De Hondt to build bridge for the trail class.

A motion by Phil Ballard and supported by Rob Kitchen, that the Allero Horse Club can show on Wednesday, since the entry forms are very misleading, but there will be no premiums paid for the classes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

Bill Schapman – Russel Heldt is working on the benches. Sponsorships need one person in the office dedicated to this issue. The wood mulch for the grounds was donated by Kevin's Lawn care. A banner is requested for the arena. Campgrounds are full at this time. A clean up of all equipment and supplies needs to be done in the East field and under the grandstands.

Ted Dalia – Tents will be delivered on Thursday, August 11th.

Rob Kitchen – Treasurer: A motion by Jim Hanvey, supported by Phil Kent that no checks will be written the week of Fair. Motion carried.

Mark Sweeney/Phil Ballard: Livestock Department: The issue of the Fair brochures not having times of the livestock shows is a great concern. A request was made that next years brochures be reviewed by all departments prior to the printing to insure that everyone is in agreement with what is printed. The new brochure is to be ready for presentation at the Annual Meeting in December.

Dennis Marcath – Livestock Sale: A motion was made by Mark Sweeney, supported by Rob Tibbits to give 2 entry passes and a parking pass to the buyers for Friday's Livestock Sale. Approximately 250 tickets will be needed. Motion carried.

Phil Kent: At this time Esther English contract has not been signed. (The cost of the property rental in the past has been: 2006-\$2500, 2007-2010-\$3000. The Board members that have done work for her estimate their costs at over \$1800 for the ditch and barn work.) A motion by Pat Fons, supported by Rob Tibbits, to go as high as \$4000 for the rental of Esther English's property during the year with all work and equipment expenses incurred by Board members itemized. Motion carried.

Deneweth's to receive 40 tickets and parking passes for the use of their driveway during Fair week.

Jim Hanvey: Sound Issues: More equipment and parts for the sound equipment has been ordered. Concerns about the locks on the Grange Hall and Power House not always being locked with all of the equipment that is stored in these buildings.

Rob Tibbits: A thank you to all of those who helped with the sawdust loading on Sunday. A motion was made by Mark Sweeney, supported by Phil Ballard that the Armada Grain be given a sponsorship and receive a banner in the arena for their

assistance in the moving of the sawdust from the Elevator to the Fair grounds. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Phil Kent– Gate Committee: ID Badges will be made at the Grange Hall by Phil Kent and Carol Fons. A schedule will be posted. All superintendents to submit a list of personnel that will get badges. This list must be signed.

Daryn Schluentz is leaving the office staff as he has a new job. A motion was made by Pat Fons, supported by Phil Kent that Brett Zebelian be hired as Daryn's replacement; at the hourly rate of \$8 for a 30 day trial period from August 2 to August 30. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appreciation Dinner: A motion by Bill Schapman, supported by Dean Reinhardt, was made to purchase 2 pigs at the Livestock sale. One pig to be used for the Appreciation Dinner and the other to be donated to the Salvation Army and Turning Point Mission. Motion carried.

John Paterak is going to cook for the Appreciation Dinner.

Gary Witt made a request that during certain months have more than one meeting to resolve issues before the Fair.

Fair Grounds Keys: A motion was made by Jim Brohl, supported by Gary Witt, that the Executive Board be the only ones to be able to sign to get keys made at the Locksmiths and must sign off each time. Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Goike - The Board needs to have more open discussions during the Board Meetings and resolve all issues at that time. Everyone's opinions must be respected.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Jim Eckhout – Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Rob Kitchen and supported by Ted Dalia to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:35 pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Mary Ebert