

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
February 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 2, 2009 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by President Ken Goike at 7:00 p.m. at the Armada Fair Office with Mike Bohm as Recording Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Phil Ballard, Nancy Bliss, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Corey, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Jr., Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey, Phillip Kent, Rob Kitchen, Dennis Marcath, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Mark Sweeney, Gary Witt.

Absent: Fran Reygaert, Robert Tibbits III

AGENDA:

Add to Agenda under New Business, Wii Tournament. Motion made by Jim Brohl supported by Jim Eckhout to accept agenda with changes. **Motion Carried.**

GUESTS:

Warren Schwark presented the fair board with a plan to change traffic flow and signage in the parking lot during the fair. The Board thanked Warren for his great ideas and input.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2009

Motion was made by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Gerald Spriet to accept January 5, 2009 minutes with the following change under heading of COMMUNICATIONS, replace the name "Mary" with "Office." **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Mark Sweeney to accept the Treasurers report. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read a letter from Lupus Alliance, requesting the use of the Armada Fairgrounds as a stopping point for their annual Biking Fundraiser. Motion was made by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Bill Schapman to allow the Lupus Alliance to use the Armada Fairgrounds on June 14, 2009. **Motion Carried.**

Read a letter from Holy Cross High School in Marine City asking for a package of tickets and passes to the Armada Fair to be auctioned during their annual fund raiser. A motion was made by Mark Sweeney and supported by Dean Reinhardt to provide Holy Cross with 6 daily admission passes and 1 parking pass. **Motion Carried.**

Read thank you letter from Jan in regards to the Christmas bonus she received.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER:

Ace Hardware	\$110.00
Holmstead Printing	178.70
Korte's	34.01
National City (Visa-Payment)	Statement Not Available
Petty Cash	18.58
Ray Kuschel (Picnic Table Repair)	120.00
West Bend Mutual Insurance (Audit/Premium)	200.00

Additional Bills:

Kent Lawn Care (Salt used at K of C Hall for annual mtg.) 60.00

PAY BILLS

Dean Reinhardt made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Nancy Bliss.
Motion Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Phil Kent-D.M.G. Movie productions would like to use the Armada Fairgrounds for 3 to 4 days at no charge while shooting local film footage. The motion was made by Jim Hanvey and supported by Bill Schapman to allow D.M.G. to use the fairgrounds at no cost providing a signed contract is received covering any damages to the fairgrounds and Armada Fair would be named on D.M.G.'s insurance policy. **Motion Carried.**

Nancy Bliss-Informed the board that there had been a meeting of the Entertainment, Sponsorship and Advertising committees.

Nancy asked who had been chosen as the Rodeo Company for the 2009 Armada Fair?

Nancy mentioned that there was a Sponsorship Seminar being held in Waterford.

Nancy asked the board to consider a Sponsorship dinner perhaps combined with the Appreciation dinner.

Nancy would like to reintroduce Media Day at the Armada Fair.

Queen's Pageant will be held on March 20, 2009 between 5:30 and 6:00.

Nancy asked the board to think of sponsorship opportunities for the Power Sport Weekend and the Armada Fair.

Nancy presented 3 quotes for merchandise for the Armada Fair. A motion was made by Mary Ebert and supported by Rob Kitchen to purchase merchandise from Stitches and Styles for the 2009 Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**

Gerry Spriet-Discussed the Mechanical Bull and possibility of inflatable rides at the Power Sports Weekend. Dean Reinhardt made a motion supported by Phil Kent; to offer Little John Inflatables 65% of tickets sales. Out of that 65% Little John would cover his costs and provide 3 supervisors one for each of the rides. Note: Ted Corey will be selling the ride arm bands from the information booth. **Motion Carried.**

Dennis Marcath-Armada Fair will no longer purchase ribbons for the 4-H Livestock sale. Dennis asked that guards be posted at the north gates of the arena to help with crowd

control and safety during arena events. Dennis also made a suggestion that any changes to the fair book should be signed by the appropriate committee members.

Rob Kitchen-Informed the fair board that there was a Dog meeting Thursday 2-5-2009 at the 4-H Extension office. Rob had been approached by dairy goat owners, in regards to selling a gallon of goat milk at the 4-H auction. The suggestion was referred back to the 4-H sale committee. Phil Ballard made a motion that was supported by Phil Kent to refer the selling of a gallon of dairy goat milk back to the 4-H sale committee. **Motion Carried.**

Ted Dalia-Received a quote from Wahl Tent of \$9300.00 for a 100' x 175' tent to be used as the refreshment tent. Mark Sweeney made the motion that was supported by Phil Kent to sign a contract with Wahl tent for \$9300.00. **Motion Carried.**

Jim Hanvey-Asked the maintenance committee to check the Grove Stage for safety. Jim also outlined the "Guitar Hero" Wii Tournament for the fair board. The cost to put on the competition was estimated at \$3000.00. Jim felt that some or all of the costs could be recovered through sponsorships and nominal entry fees. Phil Kent made a motion that was supported by Dennis Marcath to hold the Wii Tournament during the Armada Fair and Power Sports Weekend. **Motion Carried.**

Ken Goike Sr.-Master Plans should be copied for any board member that does not have one.

Mark Sweeney-Would like to add additional poultry classes for the 2009 Armada Fair. Mark Sweeney made a motion that was supported by Dennis Marcath to add 15 Poultry classes to Section 1 Group and Breeding. **Motion Carried.**

Mark also suggested that rabbit and poultry cage fees change from \$3.00 to \$1.00 for a 1 year probation period. Ted Corey made a motion that was supported by Rob Kitchen to lower cage fees for a 1 year period. **Motion Carried.**

Mark indicated that the fair book reads \$3.00 per head of sheep not \$3.00 per pen, this needs to be changed. No motion was required because this was a typing error and would be changed.

Gary Witt-Informed the board that he was waiting for additional quotes on off-season garbage removal.

Mary Ebert-The hospitality team needs a cooking stove and cooking accessories.

Dean Reinhardt-Informed the board that 3 quotes were received from rodeo companies for the 2009 Armada Fair. The quotes were Flying Star \$8,300.00, Excalibur \$9,500.00, and Super Kicker \$11,200.00. Bill Schapman made a motion that was supported by Gerry Spriet to hire Flying Star Rodeo for the 2009 Armada Fair at the cost of \$8,300.00 for 6 events. **Motion Carried.**

Dean had talked to the Armada Fire Chief about the 3 day Power Sports Weekend and the 2009 Armada Fair. Everything was in order.

Dean also spoke with AIS and Roseel's about a tractor for the Armada Fair to replace the old Hi-Los, he was still waiting for a quotes.

Dean was in the process of getting quotes to repair or replace the roof on the office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A donation was given to Armada Project Graduation for working 1 night in the refreshment tent.

NEW BUSINESS:

4-H is to be contacted about the March 1st deadline for the 2009 Fair Book changes.

It was mentioned that perhaps 3 year contracts should be negotiated for services and products for the Armada Fair-tabled till next meeting.

Need quotes for trophies

Emergency Plan will be reviewed and finalized by the Security Committee.

The Armada Fair will need photo releases for any adults 18 and over.

VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT

Ken Goike Jr. informed the board that the MAFE convention was very beneficial and well attended.

Ken also thanked different board members for their help in establishing the various committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ted Dalia supported by Gary Witt to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm

