

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 7, 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 approved. A motion was made by Rob Kitchen and supported by Gary Witt to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Rob Tibbits and supported by Gerry Spriet to accept the October 3, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

a. Kathy Jamieson & Livestock Sale Committee: A meeting with the Executive Board was requested by Kathy Jamieson and the Livestock Sale Committee. This meeting would be to clarify issues, roles and responsibilities of the 4-H Superintendents and Fair Superintendents for the Livestock sale. The Fair Board has voiced concern over the high fees that are being charged to the 4-H exhibitors, the damage to personal property that occurred, the failure to clean barn #15 after the show and other 4-H supervision issues. The Livestock Sale Committee are charging each of the 4-H children that participate in the sale, a 5% percent fee on their animals sale price, an additional fees for transportation insurance and their sale photos. A meeting will be set up with the 4-H Superintendents, Fair Superintendents, the Executive Board, Kathy Jamieson and the Livestock Sale Committee to resolve these issues.

b. Lynn & Steve Marcath: The fan cage that was damaged in the incident in Barn #15 has been repaired. Since the cost of the repairs was less than expected, a check for \$300 was given to the Fair Board. The Marcath family has also donated embroidered chairs for the Showmanship winners from Barn #15 for the 2012 Fair.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report for October 2011 was presented by Treasurer Rob Kitchen. A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Jim Brohl to approve the report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read a Thank-you note from Jane Brohl.

Read a donation request letter from the Richmond High School Graduation Class asking for a donation for their graduation party fund raiser. A motion was made by Jim Eckhout and supported by Jim Hanvey to send a donation basket to them for their event. Motion carried.

Read a letter from the Watson Limousin Farm.

Read a letter for membership for the Washington-Romeo area Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Dennis Marcath to buy a membership in their organization. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ace Hardward	\$31.24
Armada Autoparts	\$19.95
Korte's	\$115.50
Petty Cash – Misc.	\$48.92
PNC – Visa	\$413.49
Semco Energy	\$54.90
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Additional Bills:

Eugene DeHondt (Electrical Supplies)	\$28.63
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A motion was made by Dennis Marcath, support by Bill Schapman to pay the bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pat Fons support by Paul Marcath to pay next month's utility bills and pay roll. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING/ SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a. Pat Fons: Horse Department: At the meeting of the 4-H Horse Council, the new show schedule for the horse shows was presented. The final details of the changes are still to be worked out.
- b. Jim Harvey: Sound Department: The 700 MHz microphones can no longer be used per new governmental regulations. The microphones were used in Barn #3 and the Rabbit Barn.
- c. Dennis Marcath: Swine Department: The gilt and boar classes for the 4-H kids will replace the market pen. The entries will now be one of each or both. Changes will need to be made in the 4-H Fair book.
- d. Bill Schapman: Parking Lot & Sponsorships: A sponsorship meeting has been held and Mary Straubel is working on the newly proposed format for the letters and sponsorship packets. The parking lot committee is still working on who will be manning the lots for 2012.
- e. Gerry Spriet: Refreshment Tent: A final report was presented to the Board for the income and expenses for the 2011 Refreshment Tent. Income was up by approximately \$10,000 for 2011.
- f. Nancy Bliss: Entertainment Committee: Variety Attractions gave a presentation on the availability of singers and entertainment selections for the 2012 Fair. A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Phil Ballard to pursue the acts that were selected by the committee in that order. Motion carried.
- g. Phil Ballard: Arena Committee: A discussion of having the Monster Truck show on Monday.
- h. Gary Witt: Winter Storage: The barns will be full this year as there are still a few more vehicles to come in over the next few weeks.
- i. Dean Reinhardt: Grounds & Maintenance: A new 1" gas main to be brought into the Fair grounds for the cost of \$5000, and then service lines run to the main bathrooms and the power house. A motion by Dennis Marcath supported by Jim Harvey to fund the gas line and a new meter was made. Motion carried. Other building and maintenance projects were discussed. These include roof repair for the barns, increasing the bleacher seating for the main arena, and a new roof for the Fair Office. No decision has been made on which projects will be done.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Power Sport Weekend: Bill Schapman presented the findings of the committee. A vote was taken to continue or cancel the event by paper ballot. The event has been canceled. A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Phil Ballard and supported by Phil Kent. Motion carried.
- b. Budgets for 2011-2012: The budgets for the Fiscal year 2011 to 2012 were amended. A motion to approve the Budget for 2011-2012 was made by Phil Kent and supported by Paul Marcath. Motion carried. A motion was made by Pat Fons and supported by Jim Eckhout that any money that is donated for Scholarships should be maintained in a separate bank account. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Paul Marcath that the Scholarship amount to be given for 2012 will be a total of \$2000 (\$1000 per recipient). Motion carried.
- c. Garbage Cans: Bobby Raska will be picking up the large 40 yard dumpster. During the fair he will bring in more garbage cans for our use.
- d. 501-C-3: Mary Ebert presented the findings on adding a 501-C-3 organization to the Armada Agricultural Society. This is being studied to increase donations from private individuals and companies and the ability to apply for grants. (Most grants require the applicant organization to be a 501-c-3.) There are some legal issues that need to be clarified by an attorney. A motion by Pat Fons and supported by Dean Reinhardt was to obtain legal clarification and the costs that would be incurred in forming a 501-c-3 organization. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Winter Storage: All "freebies" are to have paper work filled out with two superintendent signatures on the back of the form and a reason why this is to be done.
- b. There will be a meeting of the Executive Board and the Barn #15 Superintendents on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2 p.m. to discuss the issues surrounding the Livestock Sales and Committee issues. A second meeting with the 4-H and Livestock Sale Committee will be held at a later date (TBD).
- c. A list of the resumes that have been submitted to the Armada Agricultural Society are: Jim Eckhout, Phil Ballard, Dennis Marcath, Rob Tibbits III, Bill Schapman, Dave Kent, Steve Marcath, Fran Reygaert, Daryn Schluentz, Phil Smith, Amanda Folske, and Eugene DeHondt.

- d. There will be a change in venue for the Annual Meeting. A motion that the annual meeting for the Armada Agricultural Society be held at the Armada High School auditorium was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Jim Hanvey. Motion carried.
- e. MAFE Convention in January 2012: A list was passed around for any Board members that would be attending the convention on January 12-14 in Grand Rapids.
- f. The Volunteer of the Year was selected by the Board. A motion was made by Jim Hanvey and supported by Dean Reinhardt for this volunteer. Motion passed.
- g. The Committee Wish Lists were passed out to all attending Board members. The lists were turned in for preliminary assignments.
- h. A motion was made by Phil Ballard and supported by Rob Tibbits that a Promotional Merchandise Budget of \$8300 be set. Motion carried.
- i. Board Members are to turn in any changes for the 4-H and Fair books for 2012.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Goike: A motion was made by Jim Hanvey and supported by Ted Dalia that a Memorial brick be purchased for Chuck Theut for his many years of volunteering at the Fair and other events. Motion passed. A request to please turn in all inventory lists and pictures for insurance purposes. The steel barn that is under that main grandstand should be removed and transported to its owner's farm. The lawn maintenance contracts and bids will be postponed until next spring

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mark Sweeney and supported by Paul Marcath to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:20 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Mary Ebert