

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The September 8, 2008 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:** Nancy Bliss, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Corey, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Jr., Phillip Kent, Robert Lotan, Dennis Marcath, Fran Reygaert, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Dave Sutton, Mark Sweeney, Gary Witt.

**Absent:** Ted Dalia, Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey, Mark Rayman

**AGENDA:**

Motion made by Dennis Marcath supported by Dean Reinhardt to accept agenda.

**Motion Carried.**

**GUESTS:**

Rudy and Sandy Mengele: Rudy and Sandy came to the board meeting to express their feelings in regards to their travel trailer being moved and to address other items that have upset them.

Kathy Kuschel: Kathy recommended that ribbons and awards need to be better organized for the Beef Show. She also recommended that certain Beef classes are repetitive and can be eliminated or combined.

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2008**

Motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Jim Brohl to accept August minutes. **Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion by Dave Sutton and supported by Jerry Spriet to table Treasurer's Report until September. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jim and Nancy Snyder wrote a letter to the board expressing their concerns over the check out procedure in Barn #1.

Received a Thank You note from Mathew Fahr from the Armada Times thanking the Armada Fair Board for all of their help.

Read letter from Janice Marsack suggesting that any changes to deadlines be communicated to past participants through e-mail.

Read letter from Maria Marriott regarding seating issues during the demolition derby.

Read letter from Artell Watson thanking the Fair Board for allowing them to stay at the fair until they were able to move into the State Fair. Also she made suggestion regarding changes to Beef classes.

Read letter from Bob Beaudette a vendor at the fair who runs the Kettle Korn booth. Bob wanted to inform the board that he had received a letter from a customer who had chipped a tooth while eating his popcorn. The customer insisted that Bob pay for the repair to her tooth. Bob informed the customer that he would not pay the bill. Kettle Korn had purchased insurance through the Armada Fair so he wanted the Fair Board to be aware of the situation. The board agreed to forward the information unto Dan Duncan our insurance agent.

Read letter from FJF Doors indicating repair of doors at no charge.

Read letter from Fraza equipment showing a donation of forklift to be used during the Armada Fair.

Read letter from AIS for donation of tractor to be used during the Armada Fair.

Read Accident report and letter from Dorothy Chida. Dorothy was injured when a wood bleacher was broken by youths jumping on the bleachers.

Read letter from Gail Spinella and neighbors. Gail lives across from the Ridge Road entrance to the fairgrounds. The letter addressed the dust issues that are created by traffic. Gail suggested that perhaps some type of natural barrier could be installed. Also Gail expressed a concern about the smell of manure that was piled in the holding bin. Our neighbor Ester was going to talk with the neighbors and explained what was happening.

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MAY:**

All bills were approved to be paid during the Armada Fair at the August Board Meeting.

Additional bills to be paid:

Southeastern Heatmor	\$328.61	For ticket booths
Mark Sweeney	\$45.00	For hay used at the Rodeo
Reinhardt Trucking	\$200.00	For trucking of road grindings

#### **PAY BILLS**

Jerry Spriet made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Dave Sutton.

**Motion Carried.**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Dave Sutton** presented a breakdown of cost for having the Budweiser Horses. Dave also presented the Carnival Report.

**Nancy Bliss** informed the board that this year's entertainers were impressed with the fair grounds and the helpfulness of the staff. Mike Bohm agreed to donate a portable grill to the Armada Fair to be used in the MFEA silent auction.

A motion was made by Mike Bohm to pay registration fees, room fees, and provide \$135.00 toward meals for anyone wanting to attend the MFEA Convention. Board members will only be reimbursed for the MFEA or the MFDA not both. Motion was supported by Jim Eckhout. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Dean Reinhardt to allow Nancy Bliss and Mary Ebert to spend up to \$700.00 for a gift, hall rental, and refreshments for a retirement party for Jan. Motion was supported by Phil Kent. **Motion Carried.**

**Bob Lotan** expressed concerns to the rest of the fair board regarding the requirements for future dog shows during the Armada Fair.

**Bill Schapman** expressed concerns over the number of personal golf cars that were allowed on the fairgrounds during the Armada Fair. Everyone agreed that additional signage is needed at all gates addressing items not allowed on the fairgrounds.

**Mark Sweeney** made a motion to eliminate certain Beef classes. The motion was supported by Bill Schapman. **Motion Carried.**

**Mary Ebert** submitted her tentative expense report for meals provided during the fair. **Bill Schapman** made a motion to pay Tom Crump \$599.99 for work preparing meals during the fair and free winter storage for his camper for one year. The motion was supported by Dean Reinhardt. **Motion Carried.**

**Phil Kent** made a motion to set a budget not to exceed \$1250.00 for topsoil and grass seed to repair damaged areas around the fair grounds. The motion was supported by Dave Sutton. **Motion Carried.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Dean Reinhardt** made a motion to donate \$3000.00 to the Armada Township Fire Department. The motion was supported by Mark Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

**Fran Reygaert** made a motion to not exercise the option on the contract between the Armada Agricultural Society and the Cohoon's, for the home and property located next door to the fair office. The motion was supported by Dave Sutton. **Motion Carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Changes to the 2008-2009 Armada Fair Books must be completed by December 31, 2008.

**Dave Sutton** informed the board that a membership had been purchased by an individual that was not of the correct age at the time of the purchase. The general consensus was that a refund would be sent back to the individual along with notification of membership termination for the above stated reason.

**Fran Reygaert** made mention of a donation to the Police Auxiliary (The item was tabled until the October meeting).

**Fran Reygaert** presented the Fair Board with color choices for next year's Armada Fair items. The colors chosen were green and tan.

**FAIR DATES FOR THE 2009 ARMADA FAIR ARE AUGUST 18-23.**

**WINTER STORAGE DATES ARE OCTOBER 18 &19 AND OCTOBER 25 & 26.**

**Dean Reinhardt** made the motion to spend \$11,000.00 to repair the John Deere loader tractor. The motion was supported by Phil Kent. **Motion Carried.**

**VICE PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT**

Jim informed the board that he had picked up the pig purchased by Fair Board President Ken Goike Jr. and distributed the meat to The Turning Point and Samaritan House.

**PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT**

Ken congratulated all fair board members on a successful fair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Mark Sweeney supported by Bill Schapman to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm