

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
April 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 6, 2009 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by President Ken Goike Jr. 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., Phillip Kent, Rob Kitchen, Dennis Marcath, Dean Reinhardt, Fran Reygaert, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Mark Sweeney, Robert Tibbits, Gary Witt.

Absent: Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey

AGENDA:

Add to Agenda under Guests: Scott Fox. Motion was made by Gary Witt and supported by Dean Reinhardt to accept agenda with addition. **Motion Carried.**

GUESTS:

Chief Steve from the Armada Fire Department and Chief Howard from the Armada Police Department were present to participate in the unveiling of the Armada Fair Emergency Management Plan by President Goike.

Scott Fox would like to hold a 4-H Pig Jackpot Show at the Armada Fair Grounds on May 23, 2009. A motion was made by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Bill Schapman to charge a \$500.00 deposit for use of the Armada Fairgrounds for the 4-H Pig Jackpot Show. The deposit will be returned providing the grounds are left in satisfactory condition after the show. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2009

Motion was made by Jerry Spriet and supported by Robert Tibbits to accept March 2, 2009 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read Thank You letter from Nancy Bliss for the flowers during her recent illness.

Read Thank You letter from the Armada Wrestling Club for the donation.

Read letter from Alarro 4-H Club asking for permission to hang a banner in Barn #15 thanking donors who donated funds to purchase animals during the 4-H auction to be

donated to local food banks. A motion was made by Mark Sweeney and supported by Phil Ballard to allow Alarro 4-H Club to hang the banner mentioned in their letter.

Motion Carried.

Read Thank You letter from the family of Arlene Hill the 2008 Armada Fair Senior Citizen of the Year. The letter informed the Fair Board that Arlene had passed away.

Read letter from E.J. Brown informing the Board that Keith Brown a past board member of the Hillsdale County Fair and other fair related organizations had passed away.

Read letter from Armada Community Enrichment Program asking for donations to help support their annual firework's show on June 26, 2009. A motion was made by Fran Reygart and supported by Mary Ebert to donate \$250.00 to ACEP. **Motion Carried.**

Read letter from Dr. Kummerow from the Armada Area Schools thanking the Armada Fair Board for the donation of rulers and pencils to the elementary school children.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER:

Ace Hardware	26.76
Armada Florist	123.00
Bayshore Signs (Arena)	82.00
Blumz by JR Design (Queens)	100.00
Carnago & Carnago (W-2, Quarterly, Payroll)	885.00
DTE	296.61
Korte's (Queens)	270.82
Korte's (Queens)	36.49
Ray Kuschel (Picnic Tables)	1450.00
National City (Visa Payment)	1568.43
Petty Cash (Queens, Postage, Office)	36.47
Pitney Bowes (Rental)	178.08
Sandblasting (Bleacher Work)	1000.00
U.S. Post Office (Bulk Mailing Permit)	180.00
Wahl Tent (Deposit Refreshment Tent)	2000.00

Additional Bills:

Home Depot (Totes for gates)	77.78
Flower Depot (Poultry Dept)	69.75
Flower Depot (Poultry Dept)	133.75
National Band and Tag (Poultry Dept)	71.75
Malibu Entertainment (Deposit for DJ for Entertainment)	100.00
Little John Inflatable (Deposit for Mechanical Bull)	500.00
Krause Elementary School (Garbage Bags)	780.00

PAY BILLS

Jerry Spriet made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Phil Kent.

Motion Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nancy Bliss-Would like to hold a Media Day on Tuesday of the Armada Fair from 11-2.

The board agreed that this was a good idea.

Would like to introduce "Veterans Day" to the Armada Fair. A motion was made by Rob Kitchen and supported by Gary Witt to introduce "Veteran's Day" on Tuesday of the Armada Fair. Any Military person possessing an active military I.D. will receive "FREE ADMISSION" for one to the Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**

Nancy presented information on behalf of Jim Hanvey in regards to the Wii competition.

Jerry Spriet-Everything is in order for the Refreshment Tent

Bill Schapman-informed the board that the refurbishing of the old bleachers was running close to the budget limits. Bill presented information supporting installation of concrete under the bleachers before replacing them. A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Phil Ballard to increase the bleacher budget by \$5000.00 for concrete. **Motion Carried.**

Bill updated the Fair Board on the progress of the June Event. Sponsorships were coming in, however, more are needed. It was also decided that the budget for the June event needed to be increased to \$20,000. A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Jim Eckhout to increase the June event budget. **Motion Carried.**

Bill recommended retaining Cardinal Mooney High School for parking control.

Maintenance committee is waiting for winter storage removal and then they will provide the Fair Board with a prioritized list of needed repairs.

Jim Brohl-informed the board that he will make signs for the parking lot and install them around June.

Dennis Marcath-informed the board that the Figure 8 is full for the Armada Fair.

Phil Kent-informed the board that unauthorized people have been entering the Fair office through the unlocked back door. It was agreed that the back door would be locked at all times.

Mary Ebert-asked about installing a cooking stove in the Grange Hall. The Board decided to install the stove outside temporarily for use during the fair.

Mary Powers-informed the Dairy Committee that L.C. Scramlin from the Oakland County Fair would be willing to judge dairy at the Armada Fair. Mike Bohm asked Mary Powers to forward the judging information unto L.C.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bill Schapman and Dean Reinhardt will provide a list of repairs for the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The June Event Committee asked if there could be a clean-up day prior to the event. May 16 was chosen as the day for the clean-up, Mike Bohm was going to contact the 4-H office.

Jim Brohl made a motion that was supported by Dean Reinhardt to purchase 30 boxes of 100 count garbage bags at \$26.00 per box from Armada Schools. **Motion Carried.**

VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT

Commended Nancy Bliss and the Pageant Committee on a job well done.

PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT

Commended the board on working together. Also discussed making the fair 7 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dean Reinhardt supported by Bill Schapman to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm