

**COMMITTEE:** Oneida County Fair Planning Team

**PLACE:** Curran Professional Park Basement Conference Room  
315 S. Oneida Avenue, Rhinelander

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 8, 2010 **TIME:** 5:15 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Craig Mandli, Tina Werres, Cindy Eckardt, Jenny Zier, Nancy Gehrig, Freda Waalkens, Bill Bell, and Melanie Ostermann

Excused: Patricia Broukal, Lisa Kuczarski, Denise Rheaume-Brand, and Theresa Seabloom

**Others Present:** Jim Lillis representing media.

**Call to order and President's announcements:** The meeting was called to order by President Craig Mandli at 6:15 p.m. The meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

No announcements were made.

**Approve agenda for today's meeting.** Jenny Zier made the motion to approve the agenda, with the order of agenda items at the discretion of the President. It was seconded by Freda Waalkens. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Approve minutes of Aug 25,, 2010:** Freda Waalkens made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.. It was seconded by Jenny Zier.. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Contracts to approve.** None.

**Financial reports.** Tina Werres advised the committee the current balance in the fair budget is \$23,594.64. She explained Dan Kuzlik's intention to ask the county for \$5,000 less than he requested in the previous year as everyone has been asked to reduce their budgets by 5%.

The committee reviewed the report dated September 8, 2010 for \$13,705.36. Discussion was held regarding the invoice submitted by Gaber Electric in the amount of \$6,192.90. Concern was expressed by several committee members over the Gaber bill. It was requested that clarification be given as to policy changes and responsibilities of all parties concerned. It is noted further discussion is scheduled between Dan Kuzlik, Tina Werres, Bill Bell, and Gaber Electric. Bill Bell made the motion to approve those submitted for payment as indicated on the current sheet except for Gaber's invoice. It was seconded by Freda Waalkens. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Correspondence.** Tina Werres read a request from the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce to be considered regarding the Vendor fees. It was suggested by the Chamber that the Chamber of Commerce has the ability to work with the Fair by coordinating the vendors. The Chamber would be willing to coordinate the vendors selling at the Fair, collecting vending fees, and donating 15% of vending fees collected to the Fair. Kim believes this would be a great opportunity for our organizations to work together, and for the Chamber to become a partner with the Oneida County Fair.

Discussion was held regarding this correspondence. It was pointed out that if this arrangement were negotiated, the funding for invoices such as Gaber's invoice would not be available. While it might simplify some of the fair planning, it was mutually decided that this will require more thought and discussion.

Tina shared a preliminary report submitted by Ginger Terzinski. The report indicates total exhibitors of 107 participants providing a total of 750 exhibits. The total premiums to be paid out this year are \$1,546.00, with the state reimbursement to be approximately half of what is paid out. This showed an increase from previous years and is another indicator of the success of the fair.

**District Fair Meeting Oct. 6, 2010.** Tina Werres confirmed that Bill Bell would be available to greet the Wisconsin Fair Association members for the district meeting to be held at Northwoods Golf Course. After a brief discussion among participants Tina will investigate providing mums for table decorations. These same mums will then be used as door prizes as our contribution to the event. The committee is hesitant to request providers to contribute to the event, and prefer to utilize our local providers for the actual fair.

**Position on Pioneer Park water feature.** The fair committee requested to Bill Bell that Tina Werres could represent fair concerns during the planning process. This is because the placement of the main stage entertainment tent might be affected by the placement of the wading pool. Bill agreed to include Tina in the planning process.

**Notice of intent to serve on the 2011 Fair Committee.** A sheet was passed around and members of the fair committee indicated their intent to serve on the fair committee for the 2011 fair. Several kits for potential members were given out and will be distributed among those who express an interest on being added to the committee. There was a brief discussion regarding various fairs members of the committee had attended and the general consensus was positive toward the choice of A & P for next years fair. Negotiations have not begun for A & P and until it is firmed up, we do not want to advise K & M of our intent to switch vendors.

**Public comment.** None

**Next meeting date.** The UW Extension office is meeting Monday, August 23, to evaluate the fair. Anyone is welcome to attend and is encouraged to do so. The Fair Planning Committee will meet **Wednesday, Oct.13** to further evaluate the direction of

the 2010 fair. The meeting will be held at the Curran Professional Building at 5:15 pm in the basement conference room. The committee will meet briefly to discuss business, and then open the meeting to the public at 6:00 p.m. Members are to plan to discuss and evaluate the fair in an open discussion with the public as led by Dan Kuzlik.

**Items to be included on the next agenda.**

Brief report of the hosting of Wisconsin Fair Association meeting Oct 6  
Gaber Invoice Update  
Approve expenses for payment  
Negotiations with A & P for 2011 fair.  
Fair evaluation

**Adjournment.** Jenny Zier motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Freda Waalkens. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Ostermann, Fair Secretary