

The meeting of the Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association held August 14, 1972, in the County Extension Office in Davenport was opened by President R. M. Plotts at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting on July 10 were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Discussion was held concerning the parade ribbons. Float ribbons are on hand.

Larry Lindbloom, representing the VFW Post of Davenport, asked permission for his organization to use the front office of the fairgrounds during the coming VFW-sponsored rodeo. Permission was granted by general consent of the Board. Lindbloom also asked the Board to consider incorporating repairs and maintenance of the chutes into the annual Fair budget.

He presented a bill from the REA which had been sent to the VFW by the county for the replacement of a light costing \$47.70. The fixture is located at the Fairgrounds. Before leaving the meeting he brought the question as to how entry is made for the Fair Parade, and instructed the secretary-treasurer that the books and records are to be turned in to the County Auditor's office at the Court House by November 15.

Following discussion about securing award banners for FFA livestock team-judging, Donna Christianson moved that they be purchased; seconded by Carol Freeman and carried.

Fred Springer inquired about floral entries in the Fair from high school horticulture students, and was told there would be only two divisions, one for men and one for women. High schoolers are to enter as adults.

Les Seimer was asked about anticipated income from Fairgrounds facilities-rental, and he said it should amount to "about the same" as the past year.

Parade formation was discussed, and it was announced that parade ^(horses) judging will be by Carol McLean. Also asked about locations where units are to form, and it was ruled that information in the premium books must stand for this year. Changes can be considered before the book is published next year. Float ribbons, badges and all other awards are on hand. Bands get \$25.00 each, no ribbons.

President Plotts explained the previous discussion on retaining Chuck Plumb's public relations services this year and next, or \$25.00 for the balance of this year, and \$400.00 for all of next. Plumb explained what had been done on the Fair Queen publicity, and had held off since to get the "wrap-up". He said he proposes to be at the Fair the whole time, and afterwards to get list of ribbon winners to send out to other newspapers.

President Plotts said he had gone up to the Fairgrounds and checked the recent paving; he thought it "looked fine", and that it should handle the run-off.

Discussion held on the proposed Initiatives 260 and 258 pertaining to legalization of dog racing and redistribution of pari-mutuel funds. Motion was made by Donna Christianson that the Fair Association Board go on record as opposing both; seconded by John Wagner and carried.

The proposed 1973 Budget, prepared by President Plotts and the secretary, was read.

It totaled \$32,284.00, against the 1972 budget of \$29,664.00, for an increase of \$2,620.00. It was approved for submission to the County Commissioners' consideration as proposed.

John Wagner reported \$315.00 had been received from the dance held the night of the Fair Queen Contest on July 29, with 60%, or \$189.00, going to the band, and the balance of \$126.10 going to the Fair Fund.

Discussion was held on the new rest room and shower facility at the Fairgrounds, and President Plotts said it would not be built for this year's use. He said the Board would likely need to contract with Chick Sales again. John Wagner said he had been told a gas water heater for shower use would insure a continuous supply of hot water more reliably than an electric heater. It was also stated that a new electrical pole and light was to be installed before the rodeo.

Question was raised as to unexpended funds, and Jim McKay said the rule had been changed so that unexpended budgeted funds do not revert to general funds.

President Plotts explained how the competition for Davenport's representative in the Queen Contest was organized, and asked the secretary to read a letter of thanks he had asked her to draft for Board approval. The letter was addressed to Carla Boleneus who undertook organization of the Davenport competition with the support of the Community Grange. Plotts also said Carla and the Community Grange had volunteered to conduct the contest next year. The letter of thanks was approved and the secretary instructed to mail it.

Reading of Bills - bills presented from REA, Washington Water Power, and the Davenport Grange Supply. The Grange bill is for the amount of \$410.82, and it is to be checked out before paying. It was thought to be an old bill for fuel oil delivered to the Fairgrounds.

It was asked whether the livestock scales had been checked last year, and Larry Brown said the representative from the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Agriculture had tested them after they had been moved from their previous location. Fred Springer volunteered to make sure they are o.k.

John Wagner asked what the Grange theme is this year, and President Plotts said booths are to carry the theme "The Farmer Feeds Them All".

The President said Jean Bannon of the Soroptomist Club of Davenport had inquired whether the club could hold a raffle during the Fair. It was explained that this is a service organization, and the Board gave permission by general consent.

Carol Freeman was introduced. She is the new Area Extension Representative working out of the Lincoln County Extension Office.

Chairmen reported that judges have been cared for and secured. Harold Jenkins reported on the parade judges.

Bill Bailey asked who is to be Open Horse Department Superintendent. The secretary said previous minutes showed Mary Coleman is to serve if available.

Further inquiries about ribbons were discussed. It was decided to hold a short recess and check what is on hand. Several volunteered to bring in the "ribbon stock" from the storeroom.

Meeting was reconvened and Les Seimer discussed the fair booth rental. He also asked about what to do with the dry grass on the grounds, whether to burn or mow it. The Board recommended mowing, also that rodeo horses be kept off the new oil.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day) for a final planning session with superintendents and any others who will be working during the fair and might have questions.

Approved: As read, Sept. 4, 1972

Diana Waseca
Diana Waseca, Secretary

R. M. Plotts
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Present at the above meeting were Lawrence Brown and Carol Freeman of the Extension Office; Don Wamstad, FFA Advisor, Davenport; Fred Springer, FFA Advisor, Reardan; Charles E. Plumb, Publick Relations; Larry Lindbloom, VFW representative and deputy county auditor; Harold Jenkins of the Parade Committee; Les Seimer, Building and Grounds Manager; Board Members Roberta Archer, R. M. Plotts, Donna Christianson, John Wagner, Jim McKay and Bill Bailey; and the secretary.