

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Deife, in the absence of R. M. Flotts (who is guiding a Grange Tour of Hawaii), on February 12, 1973, in the Extension Building in Davenport.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 1973, were read and approved.

Under discussion of business, John Wagner moved that the secretary write a letter to the County Commissioners requesting them to pass a resolution establishing that the Fair Board set "gate" admission beginning with this year's Fair. It was seconded and passed without dissent.

Discussion followed on the problems a gate admission would entail.

A letter received by President Flotts from The Davenport Lions was read by Vice-President Deife regarding the possible closure of Lincoln County Fair. John Wagner and Bill Bailey explained that it no doubt came about because of their conversations with various Davenport merchants with whom they were in contact on the business of the PA system and other Fair business.

A discussion followed on ways to build attendance at the Fair, what could be done to draw the crowds. The question of extending Bingo hours, keeping hamburger stand open later, especially on dance night, and possible changes and additions to the Grange talent show were mentioned.

Carol Freeman introduced Sue Edwards and asked her opinion of what might attract the youth. She seemed to feel that some types of skill games might be added and endorsed having the hamburger stand open on dance night. Also, she said youth preferred Ira Joe Fisher or Mr. Goodbar groups for live music instead of Waukon Boogie and Funk.

The Board by general consensus of opinion felt that the Davenport Grange Supply should be billed again for the ads and use of the dining facilities, especially as the Fair is to settle up with them on what is owed the Grange.

The secretary discussed the letter received from Mrs. Robertson in asking about non-payment of float premium, and brought out again the need for complete records.

Chuck Plumb discussed comments on publicity, and Donita Linstrum discussed the ads for the premium book.

Bill Bailey and John Wagner told of their contact with the phone company and the proposed PA system with 2 hook-ups, available on a rental basis.

Discussion held on the arrangements for the office and information building, and possibilities for using existing buildings was held.

Fred Springer reported on the Junior Livestock preview to be held at the Fairgrounds in April, and said it is to be County-wide and not just Reardan this year.

He said he has Ray Meenach's promise to be available for Thursday of Fair Days, and Gil Heggemaier the rest of the time in the Swine Department as judges.

Bill Bailey said he was to know the next day about horse judges.

Fred Springer suggested chuck wagon races as one of the attractions and suggested getting a sponsor for a trophy and prize money.

Chuck Plumb said that publicity is being sent out to all papers in the County, also to the Spokesman-Review.

Joeyn Taylor, 4-H leader of Caballeros, Davenport Horse Club, was given permission to have a key to the Fairgrounds so her group can practice there.

Les Seimer reported no more concessions are available as far as he knew. Mrs. Seimer has list and secretary can check with her.

Chuck Plumb said he would check out about getting posters printed to advertise the Fair. They would be placed in businesses in the towns and around the County.

Banners were also suggested and Les Seimer said some are stored in the building at the Fairgrounds.

Motion was made by Jim McKay that meeting adjourn. Seconded and carried.

Approved:

*Mar. 12, 1973, Diana Waseca*  
*as noted in minutes of that meeting.*  
 Diana Waseca, Secretary

*R. M. Plotts*  
 R. M. Plotts, President

Note: Before the meeting opened the secretary handed out copies of the 1972 report to each one present and inquired if all had received copies of the 1973 budget mailed out after receiving them from the auditors office. John Wagner commented that they were receiving more information about the Fair than at any time he could remember. The secretary said if anyone wishes copies of the report, for handing out to advertisers or others interested, she had printed 125 copies and saved the stencils so more could be printed. (See attached)

Present at the meeting were Board members Donita Linstrum, Bill Easley, John Wagner, Fred Springer, Jim McKay, John Deife, and the secretary. Also present were Carol Freeman, extension representative; Chuck Plumb, Public relations; and Sue Edwards, new Youth Representative on the Board.

Attached: Copy of 1972 Fair Report