

March 19, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betty Jessup. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Lois gave a treasurer's report. There was no accurate breakdown because of computer problems. For now at least, there shows \$31,032 in the account. Disbursements were: Salaries \$76, Social Security 5.43, misc. 13.00 WWP 103.97, telephone 195.20, City of Davenport 43.23, and H. Soromo \$28. It was moved and seconded to pay these bills.

A discussion on unemployment insurance followed and it was noted that a former employee (secretary) had drawn 2158.00 which due to circumstances maybe should not have been drawn at all. Lois will send in an inquiry on this matter asking why she is getting benefits.

Committee reports: Sandy reported on entertainment and we discussed the need for a trailer to use as an outdoor grandstand. We would like to have entertainment on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. The premium book committee reported and noted changes that had been suggested.

Mr. Puls was present and it was decided to have a junior rodeo again with him setting it up for ~~Thursday~~ Thursday night.

The ads are due April 16 at the next meeting and changes must be finalized by then.

Renee reported on royalty and it was moved and seconded to lower the suggested age limit to 15. Sandy will judge at the Harrington pageant.

The state matching monies were approved.

It was suggested the room above the main building be used for storage. There will be a superintendent meeting or school at Vancouver and we decided to cover expenses for people going.

The open sheep will be moved to the goat barn and the 4H sheep to the goat barn and the goats to the old sheep barn. The chickens will be with the goats and the old chicken barn will either be taken down or remodeled for storage. The grains, grasses and weeds need more space. The alternative is to put them in the center of the grange building but it seems too close there. It was suggested that the commercial building could be used and O. Reinbold will need area for testing and grading them. The rabbit building needs some repairs. We will be using some shavings for bedding and we can more easily store it than straw. The swine building panels do not fit and the wash racks need repair. It was moved and decided to have Jerry's friend make the sign we talked about earlier.

We need to check with Steve on the RV parking and get something going on that soon.

There will be cow-penning on ~~Friday~~ ^{Thurs.} and it will be more advertised this year.

A proposal of portable pens, raising premiums and getting better judges was made by the sheep people. We raised the blue ribbon in Ladies Lead to \$8.00 and approved changes in the premium book for the sheep department. The arts and crafts had reams of changes proposed and this will be put on the word processor to see how much space it would actually take up.

Under new business we will ask grangers to handle the gate tending. Prices for the fair need to be decided upon and listed. Tentatively it was decided to have a dance on the 24th of May if it can be arranged. The alternative is waiting until the floor is done. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, *Betty Jessup*