

The Board of the Lincoln County Fair Association met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 1972, at 8 p.m. in the County Extension Office, Davenport.

The meeting was opened by Vice-President John Diefe, filling in for R.M. Plotts who was on tour with the Fall Foliage Tour Group.

The secretary read the minutes of the Special Board meeting held at the Fair on Friday afternoon, September 8th at the Fairgrounds, this being during the 1972 Fair time. Special purpose of this meeting was to consider and let the contract for construction of the planned restroom and shower facility, with August Schmauder of Davenport to do the work. Minutes of the September 4 meeting including superintendents session, were read and both approved.

Discussion followed on the type of water heater that would best serve the needs, gas or electric. Fred Springer moved that a gas heater be installed. Donna Christianson made the second and further discussion as to size and whether one large heater or two smaller ones would be better. It was decided to wait on these details and question was called for. The motion carried. The facility is to be located on south end of the grounds beyond the area where campers and trailers had been parked during the Fair.

John Diefe announced that election of directors to the Fair Board held at the Pomona Grange meeting at Bluestem re-elected R. M. Plotts and Jim McKay, and named Fred Springer as the new member. He welcomed Fred to the Board.

He also announced the budget hearing was set at 1:30 the next day, October 10, with the County Commissioners at the Court House. Discussion was held on the proposed budget, with emphasis on capital outlay. This is particularly important because of the recommendation of Fair Inspector Loney that a new 4-H building be constructed. Other recommendations included a new office building, lighted parking lot, and an information booth. The general feeling is that if we can get the 4-H building, the other items can be met. Space in the new building could be set aside for the office in one corner, and the old office used for information, for example. The need for lighting in the parking lot was brought out with the report that several accidents had occurred there the last night of the Fair during the dance. A light is also needed at the intersection. It had burned out and not been replaced, so that the entrance from the highway was extra hazardous.

* (Donna Christianson asked about the possibilities of early release of entries in the floral division, and it was generally agreed that it would be inadvisable to make exceptions in any one part of the Fair since the rules in the Premium Book are definite. * See Nov. 13 minutes clarifying question.

Oiling done this summer on the Fairgrounds was brought up again and most felt it was not satisfactory.

Overall publicity was discussed and ideas suggested for better coverage through out the county and getting it out several months in advance. Bill Bailey described his plans for having his 4-H Club make posters during the winter months. Flyers and other inexpensive means were possibilities brought up.

The problem of exhibitors showing animals in more than one class was discussed. Jim McKay recommended re-scheduling of judging to avoid conflicts, and all felt this was a worthy suggestion to consider in making up next year's agenda.

Discussion also on judges' fees, and those of others, including Dr. Miller for Veterinary service. It was agreed that much of the problem could be worked out ahead with judges agreeing in advance as to their fee and the secretary advised accordingly.

Les Seimer said the sprinkler used during the Fair is gone and that it and other tools are his personal property. Also said that the ladies of the Methodist Church will take hamburger stand again next year.

Problem of cleaning barns brought up and it was suggested that each club take care of manure from own animals and be responsible for its removal. Question was raised as to whether dumping will be allowed. Les also said he had hauled 45 loads of manure and straw.

Les said he had received a booth rental check from the 7th Day Adventist Church group and asked whether it should be accepted. The board agreed it had been the policy not to charge regular church groups for booth space during the Fair, and the secretary is to return it with this explanation.

John Diefel called for nomination of Officers. R. M. Plotts was nominated for President. There being no further nominations, he was declared elected.

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Fred Springer asked if a Lincoln County-wide preview could be held under the Lions Club sponsorship prior to the Junior Livestock Show in Spokane in May. Such a preview would include agriculture groups from Davenport, Reardan, Sreague and Harrington. All members felt it was a good suggestion since we are encouraged to have youth groups use the Fairgrounds facilities. Reardan had used them last year, and this would merely expand participation. Date of the Preview is April 15, 1973.

John Wagner reported on finances of the Fair dance, and said \$440.00 received, \$264.00 paid to Band, with a net to the Fair of \$176.00.

John Diefel read a copy of the letter sent to the Grange Supply by former Fair secretary concerning indebtedness, and it would seem that the Fair and the Grange are about even. No action taken, as Plotts had said he would take it up further when he returned.

The premium book was discussed and decided to begin work in January. Fred Springer said his only free time to secure advertising would be during Christmas holidays from school, and Doana Christianson made a motion, seconded by Fred that all ads be secured and turned in by February. It was carried.

Appearing at the budget hearing in behalf of the Board the following day will be John Diefel, John Wagner, Jim McKay and the secretary.

Those present were John Diefe, John Wagner, Jim McKay, Donna Christenson, Carol Freeman of the Extension Office, and Mrs. Marlene Harman, Sprague, who brought some preliminary plans for a 4-H structure and presented them for examination and discussion. The building would be about 40 x 60 feet in size. Use of the present building was discussed briefly and it was thought it could be utilized by the Arts and Crafts.

Approved: Nov. 13, 1972, Diana Waseca
with D. Christenson's Diana Waseca, Secretary
explanation as noted.

R. M. Plotts
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