

The December 12, 2015, Annual Meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order by President Jeff Wunrow at 1:05pm.

The meeting notice was read.

Clara Hedrich read the minutes of the 159th Annual Meeting.

Corrections to the minutes were as follows: The house for Dairyland was constructed by S&S Construction.

Judy McGlin moved to accept the minutes as printed with the corrections as stated above. Robert Stanelle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The treasurer's report was as follows: This year the fair returned over \$8,700.00 plus can donations back to the community for their help.

The grandstand /contest fees were down as there were no stock car races or smash fest due to the rain. The sponsorship was up over \$40,000 which last year was \$30,000. We did borrow more money due to the electrical projects.

Advertising was up over 2014. A TV bill for \$4,000 was received after last year's closing of the year and this year we advertised on cable and added another TV station. The equipment rental was down as we did not rent radios. Special Acts were down because we didn't have stock car races or smash fest and one less band. Electrical work was done on the Arena, Harder/Gloedi, Moerke and Secretary buildings which amounted to over \$47,000. We did receive a grant from Public Service for over \$20,000. A new roof and gutters was put on the Secretary's Office thanks to a \$4000 grant from the Chilton Community Foundation. Loans for \$30,000 for 3 years @ 3% and a line of credit of \$4000 for 3.75% were taken out. After the close of our year, the \$4000 loan was paid off.

Ken Pingel moved to approve the treasurer's report as given by Treasurer Sharon Ott. Jeanne Gasch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Wunrow extended a huge thanks to all superintendents, volunteers, workers and everyone that helped to make this year's fair a success. It was an interesting year with the rain. The electrical work update was completed in a number of the fair buildings.

We lost several of our fair family including Scott Krepline and Willard Kreuger.

Willard Kreuger, who is from Forest Junction left \$25,000 to be spent on the Expo building.

Gary Juckem thanked everyone for all of their help in making the 2015 fair a success. Jerry Hauser is leaving and we are looking for someone to do maintenance at the fairgrounds.

Sarah Gebhart gave her report. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our fair a success. Thank you to all of the sponsors. Thanks to Elizabeth Wagner, Junior Fairest of the Fair and Gloria Kessler, Fairest of the Fair for all of their work with the fair.

Sharon Ott gave her report as follows: Thanks to Gate Supervisors Tony Wittmann, Jim Stanelle and Sean Freund for the long days they put in and the great job of taking care of the gate issues. Thanks to community groups that work the gates which include St. Bartholmew Church, Rantoul Trinity Lutheran Church and Youth groups, Salvation Army & Chilton Youth Club. The new groups were the Brillion Nature Center, Chilton Youth Football Association, Meeme Busy Badgers 4-H Club, and Chilton area Catholic Schools. The Kiwanis Club and Boy Scouts work both the gate and do the parking. Ken Pingel gets the workers for all of the grandstand events. Thanks Ken.

Clara Hedrich gave the following report regarding the number of fair entries: Open Class entries were 3327 up 85 entries from 2014. Senior Citizens entries were 83 down 12 from 2014. Junior Class entries were 2942 down 130 entries from 2014. School entries were 616 up 25 entries from 2014. The Stockholder's sheets are being passed around please update the sheets with address changes etc.

The current Temperature is 45 degrees.

Deb Stebane reported on the Fairest of the Fair program. A thank you to Elizabeth Wagner and Gloria Kesler on the excellent job they did this year.

Gloria Kesler expressed a thank you to the fair for giving her this opportunity. One main thing she learned this year was to walk a donkey and not ride one. It is a lot of work and it takes a lot of volunteers but the younger generation gets many memories and experiences.

Events that the fairest were involved in include 8 parades, the Hilbert Cheese Derby, Sundae on the Farm, Princess for a day, the Steam Engine show, picnics, safety day, dairy promotions for June is Dairy Month and the Official hostess of the fair.

The Fairest committee includes Jenny Diederick, Judy McGlin, Kathy Stebane, and Deb Stebane. A big thank you goes to the Kesler and Wagner families.

Thank you to the businesses that supported the program which include: Chilton Central Garage, Calumet County Fair for the trailer, Just For You Flowers and Gifts, Toby VanHandel, and Portraits by Design.

Thank You to the Parade Walkers, Earls Rides, Chopper the Pig, Magic the Cow, and Chuck the Chicken.

The Fairest of the Fair competition for 2016 is set for April 23, 2016 at the Hilbert High School.

13 of 15 4-H clubs participated in the bill boards for advertising our fair.

Dairyland is doing well but needs more volunteers.

Ray Mueller complimented the Fairest of the Fair and Junior Fairest for the fine work they do.

Eric Ronk reported that 43 beef were weighed in today for the 2016 fair. The new pig and sheep pens worked out well for the 2015 fair. The market animal committee is looking at a few options for donating money to the fair. One idea is putting money towards the installation of the electricity. They are also putting together a survey for the buyers on things they like etc.

Andrea Bratz commented that she was very happy with the fair. There were many volunteers who helped with the fair and all went well.

Jeanne Gasch recognized Corey Ott and committee for the futurity show at the fair.

Corey Ott commented that people were impressed with event and it went quite well.

John Petrie commented that the horse pull went well even with all of the rain.

Robert Kesler thanked Eric Ronk and Connie Leonard for all that they do for the market animal sale and for the committee. The pig weigh-in is set for May 14, 2016. It will be held this year. The Market Animal Committee is planning on helping with the electrical expenses.

Thank you to Jeannette Lytle and Ken Pingel for painting the goat barn and bathrooms at the fairgrounds.

Judy McGlin reported on the Veterans Day program which went well and funds were collected.

The nominating committee consisted of Gary Juckem, Lanetta Mahlberg, and John Petrie.

The individuals on the ballot for this year are Sarah Gebhart, Dean Gebhart, Jenny Diedericks, Jeanne Gasch, Rhonda VandeyHey, Deb Stebane, Ken Pingel, and Lucy Kesler.

President Jeff Wunrow called for any nominations from the floor. Paul Juckem moved to close nominations. Ken Pingel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nominations are closed.

Larry Hedrich moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the directors. Bob Stanelle seconded the motion. The motion carried. The new directors are Sarah Gebhart, Dean Gebhart, Jenny Diedericks, Jeanne Gasch, Rhonda VandeyHey, Deb Stebane, Ken Pingel, and Lucy Kesler.

Jeanne Gasch moved that the dates of the 2017 fair be set for Sept. 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2017. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The 161st Annual meeting will be held Dec. 10, 2016.

A suggestion was made to move the ticket stand for the grandstand.

Sundae on the Farm will be at the Terry Dallmann Farm on June 26, 2016.

Discussion was held on holding races at the fairground race track. Currently the race track is wore out. To put clay on the track, the cost was estimated to be between \$60,000 to \$90,000. Also will need to replace guard rails and insurance. Right now we are looking at potentially holding three races per year.

Paul Juckem moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Hedrich seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Hedrich, Secretary

The December 12, 2015 meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order by President Jeff Wunrow at 2:35p.m.

Sharon Ott, Clara Hedrich, Jeff Wunrow, Gary Juckem, Sarah Gebhart, Ken Pingel , John Petrie, Jeanne Gasch, Jenny Diederick, Karen Gries, Judy McGlin, Deb Stebane, Jennifer Wautlet, Dean Gebhart, Corey Ott, Larry Hedrich, and Lanetta Mahlberg. Absent were Don Schmidt, Jim Coffeen, Rhonda VandeHey and Lucy Kessler.

Election of officers was held.

Larry Hedrich moved to nominate Jeff Wunrow for President. Deb Stebane seconded the motion. A call was made three times for any additional nominations. Larry Hedrich moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry Hedrich moved to nominate Lanetta Mahlberg for first vice president. Gary Juckem seconded the motion. A call was made three times for any additional nominations. Larry Hedrich moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Gary Juckem seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Pingel moved to nominate Sarah Gebhart for second vice president. Lanetta Mahlberg seconded the motion. A call was made three times for any additional nominations. Larry Hedrich moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Corey Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Pingel moved to nominate Sharon Ott for Treasurer. Jennifer Wautlet seconded the motion. A call was made three times for any additional nominations. Judy McGlin moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Jennifer Wautlet seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Pingel moved to nominate Clara Hedrich for secretary. Corey Ott seconded the motion. A call was made three times for any additional nominations. Jennifer Wautlet moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Shark program has been booked for the 2016 fair.

Discussion was held on smash fest. The idea is to continue the program but with rules.

Jenny Diedericks will be meeting with the garden tractor pull group in January and will get back to the board as to whether or not the group would do an event on Friday night and what the cost would be.

Storage issues were discussed. This year we had to rent two extra spots for campers that we did not have room for and that had contracts to store with us. The problem is some are not giving their correct measurements as campers have gotten larger but not measured correctly. Do not put this information for winter storage on the website if we only have a few vacant spots.

When storage is full, the fair makes about \$20,000.00

Suggestions for fair person of the year was Scott Krepline and have his father Willie accept.

We received one application for membership: Robert Kesler. Jeanne Gasch moved to accept Robert Kesler for membership. John Petrie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Our next meeting is set for Jan 20, 2016. There will be no meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 2, 2016.

The money received from Willard Kreuger will be used in the antiques and crops area. These were the areas that Willard usually exhibited in. Ideas for repairs in the building include installing a fan, update the wiring, look at a working cooler for the area and repair the roof / cupola area.

It was suggested to invite Bob Cullen to the next meeting to present a racing program plan to the full board.

Larry Hedrich moved to adjourn the meeting. Lanetta Mahlberg seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Hedrich,Secretary