

The 162nd Annual meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order at 1:04p.m. by Vice President Lanetta Mahlburg.

Lanetta Mahlburg read the Proof of Notice.

Clara Hedrich read the minutes to the 161st Annual meeting. Deb Stebane moved to accept minutes with the following changes. There was a sponsorship donation from an estate for \$25,00.00 and not \$69,000 as printed. They will be losing their IMC sanctioning. It should read IMCA sanctioning. Don Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes were approved as printed.

Lanetta Mahlberg gave the first vice president's report.— The Monster truck show and the birthing barn were new events this year and went well. We had good weather except for Saturday. As a result of the poor weather we had to cancel the tractor pull. Thanks to every one for their help to make the fair a success. A thank you goes to Ashley and Gabby , to the exhibitors, family members, and to Mike and John at the fairgrounds. A big thank you to everyone. Every 4-H club had a billboard this year.

Sarah Gebhart gave the second vice president's report. A sincere thank you to all fair-board members, volunteers, superintendents, horse promoters, market animal committee, the Pagel and Bures families and all others that worked so hard and helped to make the 2017 a great fair.

A few new things at the fair that the public seemed to enjoy: Stanelle Building Update, the new Farm Bureau food stand, the bathroom renovation project, Ag birthing tent and the monster trucks.

A quick Bathroom project report: Thank you to Dean Gebhart for being there and taking charge of the project. Thank you to Rogene & Martin Biese Family for initially giving the generous donation to get the project started. Moehn Plumbing for their generous monetary donation of over \$5,000.00 worth of labor and materials, but especially Jeff Moehn, Adam Moehn, and Wayne Hoerth who worked so hard to get everything to turn out so nice. The Kohler company for donating over \$14,000 worth of toilets and urinals to the project. W&L Insulation for donating over \$4,000 worth of epoxy floors. A thank you goes out to Mike & Tina Brandes of A& M Ag. Service for donating all of the concrete work, and MCC for giving us a reduced cost concrete. We'd also like to thank Water Rite, Bennin Custom Cabinetry, Bob Kees and A Woman's Touch. Other organizations that donated to this project were the Matt Kolbe Foundation, Calumet Co. 4H Leaders Board, Working Woodchucks, Sunset lake 4H, Chilton Tip Top 4H, Busy Beavers, and Woodville Stars.

Sponsorship was up a little over the prior year. Some of that was because some of the money was earmarked for inserts for advertising in surrounding papers. The sponsors loved to see Monster Trucks come to town. We'd like to give Randy Pingel of Rural Mutual a big thank you for giving over \$5,000 from his proceeds from his outing again this year. We'd like to thank Steve Leibzeit from the Appleton Dairy Queen for his generous \$2,500 donation again this year. He is a very good supporter of our fair. His grandpa was the one of the original builders of the old city bathrooms that were recently renovated.

The Calumet County Fair Board would like to give all of our sponsors a huge thank you, both monetary and in-kind sponsors a huge thank you to everyone.

Ag Birthing Barn – Thanks to Dean Gebhart for organizing this tent. It was big hit, with 6 cows freshening over Sat. Sun, and Monday. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make this a success. Amber O'Brien of Drumland Dairy who supplied all of the goats and basically lived in the tent caring for animals all weekend. Holsum Dairy and Dr. Bob Nagel for being so easy to work with, and Holsum Dairy veterinarians that were at the tent overseeing everything. Kevin Biese for doing all of the transporting of cows. Mike and Tina Brandes for supplying the Pig with Piglets. Brian Lisowe for supplying the chicks and Rich Buechel for bringing a Jersey Calf. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers that took a shift in the tent and worked in any way to help make it a success. A thank you goes to Holsum Dairy, Drumland Dairy, Tractor Supply, Mike Brandes and Braun Electric.

Sharon Ott gave the gate, grandstand and parking report.

A thank you goes to Trinity Lutheran Rantoul church and youth group, Chilton youth club, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club, Salvation Army, Brillion Chilton Valdres Swim Team, St. Martins Heritage Park, Bob Stanelle, family and friends who manned the gate. The gate supervisors this year were Tony Wittman, Jim Stanelle, and Sean Freund. Thank you for your help in making the gate run smoothly this year. Thank you to Ken Pingel and his family for handling the ticket booth.

\$9600.00 were given back to the community for groups that worked for the fair.

There was a free hour with canned donations for the Salvation Army.

Monday was free to about 250 Veterans.

Thanks to John and Mike for doing storage at the fairgrounds and making storage run smoothly.

Clara gave the secretary's report for the fair. Following is the 2017 Fair Summary.

Junior Class Entries

14 4-H clubs (296 members) entered 2609 projects

1 FFA group (2 youth) entered 4 projects

Other youth group (7 youth entered 37 projects

Total Junior Class entries 2,650 and 305 Exhibitors

School Entries – 7 schools (344 youth) exhibited 570 projects

Open Class entries

322 open class exhibitors entered 3077 projects

40 junior class exhibitors entered 165 open class projects

Total open class entries were 3,242 with a total of 362 exhibitors

Senior Citizen entries : 16 Senior Citizens entered 86 projects.

Total projects entered in the 2017 Calumet county Fair were 6,548.

Total premiums paid out for 2017 were \$5172.75 to the Junior Class. School entries \$755.25. Open class \$4,446.50, and \$167.000 to the Senior Citizens class.

Bob Kesler gave the Market Animal Report. This year's sale took in \$ 140,000.00 with 95% of that value going back to the kids. The new updates to the fair from the market animal committee included a new scale, new turkey pens, gates were taken out, sand blasted and painted. The sand blasting and painting was done by Gruetts. Also, basic equipment was replenished as wheel barrows and shovels. A meeting for setting up the next set of educational meetings for the market animal sale will be December 13, 2017.

42 steers were weighted in today for the 2018 Calumet County Fair.

Cory Ott reported on the Futurity Show. There were 17 entries with \$7000.00 given out in prize money. First place received \$1100.00 down to \$100.00 for last place. The overall show went well and they are working on the rules. CP Feeds was given naming rights for 3 years and they will keep the naming rights with the gold sponsors.

Jeanne Gasch gave the Foodstand report. 600 steak sandwiches were sold along with 1600 lbs of French fries for fairvivor fries The monster burger was introduced and we sold 150 in three hours. Friday is always a hard day to get anyone to work. Thanks to all of the friends and family and to Dawn Woelfel from the Neighborhood Pub that helped out to make everything go well.

Thank you to Ken and Jeannette, Mike McCaffee, Gary and Jeff, John and Mike , volunteers and help from friend Ron for making the fair foodstand a success this year. It had \$30,000.00 in total sales.

Gary Juckem gave the report on the car show. It had an excellent turn out and would like to continue the show for next year.

Paul Neuber commented on the fair foodstands and said that the diversity of the Calumet County Fair food stands really works well.

Deb Stebane gave the Fairest of the Fair Report. A big Thank you goes to Ashley Pagel and Gabby Bures for an excellent job they did representing the Calumet County Fair. Jackie McGlin was in the top ten finalist for the 2017 Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fair and was voted Miss Congeniality. This was the second year in a row that Calumet County received this title.

On April 30, 2017 our new representatives were Ashley Pagel and Gabrielle Beres. A big thank you goes to their families for all of the help that they gave to the Fairest of the Fair program this year. They were very busy throughout the summer right up to the fair and at the fair. They represented us in the many parades, picnics, day care appearances and library programs throughout the summer.

Ashley will be representing us at the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair competition this January.

A thank you to Vande Hey Brantmeier for donating the cars for the parades, to Just For You Flowers and Gifts for donating the flowers for our events, to Tony VanHandle for donating the signs and to Dean Gebhart for picking up the vehicles for us.

We did 10 parades. Thanks to the parade walkers who gave out over 18,000 coupons. Over 200 tickets came back for free rides.

Kelly Schaeffer was the 22nd Fairest of the Fair and passed away on Dec. 17, 2016.

This year was the first year that all 4-H clubs had one.

A thank you goes to the families of John, Judy, Deb, Alloy and Chipitua families for helping to run the horse events. Team roping was back this year.

Ashley PageI thanked the fair board and the fairest committee. She enjoyed her year and the opportunity it gave her. She enjoyed talking to so many people about the fair.

Gabrielle Bures also enjoyed her experience. Thanks for the support and the opportunity of representing the fair.

Judy McGlin reported that the Military Day went well and that \$400.00 was collected for the Old Glory Flight.

Sharon Ott gave the financial report.

Gate receipts were down \$ 5000.00 due to rain on Sat.

Grandstand was up \$ 15,000 due to the Monster truck show.

Concessions were down \$11,000.

We have received \$27,000 from storage

The cost of service and salaries down due to learning and we are in transition.

Supplies and ribbons were up as we buy every other year.

Maintenance up due to new roof on south bathroom.

We borrowed \$30,000 for rewiring and have paid off about \$10,000.

There is \$36,000 cash on hand.

\$15,000 is for work on the Arena and for painting of Seybold and moerke bldg.

Bob Stanelle asked how can we bring in more money at the gate?

Sharon stated that she has a hard time to get people to work the gate on Friday – maybe not collect on Friday and or reduce entertainment on Friday.

Another thought was to raise the price of the gate on Saturday and Sunday by \$1.00.

Horse pull could be at the grandstand but pullers would like to stay in the area they are in.

Jim Levash moved to accept the financial report as read. Jeanne Gasch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The 50th anniversary of the Calumet County Fairest of the Fair will be in 2021.

Unfinished business - None

New business – John Karls and Mike Giangreco were introduced as our new grounds keepers.

Members on ballot

Gary Juckem

John Petrie

Don Schmidt

Corey Ott

Jeanne Gasch

Sharon Ott

Jim Coffeen

Anna Hickinbuckhom – Past Jr. Fairest, helps, enjoys

Gloria Kesler –past fairest, has helped out during this past summer

Nominations called from the floor.

Paul Juckem moved to close the nominations. Robert Stanelle seconded the motion. The nominations are closed.

Chris Walholz and Bob Stanelle will count the ballots.

2019 fair dates are Aug 30, 31 and Sept. 1 and 2. Ken Pingel moved to approve these dates for the 2019 fair. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The temperature is 27 degrees in Chilton 17 mph winds.

Paul Neuber - thanks for updating the electricity for the vendors.

Milk is being sold to calf raisers at \$4.00 per hundred from the Calumet County Fair.

Shawn Lamers -thanks for the turkey cages and the new fans.

Ken Pingel suggested that the roof of the goat barn be painted. The bldg. of the goat barn is in flood zone therefore cannot be replaced in that area.

Annual meeting for 2018 is December 8, 2018 at 1:00p.m.

Results of the election are as follows:

Jeanne Gasch

Cory Ott

Don Schmidt

Sharon Ott

John Petrie

Anna Hickimbotham

Gloria Kesler

Paul Juckem moved to destroy the ballots. Don Schmidt seconded it. Motions passed.

Thank you to Jim Coffeen and Gary Juckem.

Paul Neuber moved to adjourn the meeting. Dean Gebhart seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Clara Hedrich, Secretary