

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order at 1:08p.m. by President Jeff Wunrow.

Clara Hedrich read the minutes of the 2018 annual meeting. Ken Pingel moved to accept the minutes as read. Bob Kesler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Wunrow gave his President's report. A thank you to all volunteers, superintendents, Fairest, Jr. Fairest, and maintenance personnel. Without your help the fair would not be possible. A thank you to Arians for the donation of the lawnmower and to the Holstein Breeders Association for the concrete work that was donated. Moving ahead to next year, the track is leveled off, Jannette has completed their work and grass will be planted next spring.

Lanetta Mahlberg gave the first Vice President's report. We had the largest number of vendors in recent fairs. We did some improvements of the grounds for outside vendors. We added a food vendor with pizzas this year. The bar was up at least \$1000.00 each day. Thank you to the Chilton Area Catholic School parent Association, the Brillion American Legion, Chilton VFW for manning the bar. A big thank you goes to our maintenance team of John Karls, Chuck Leonard and Mike Giangreco. Thanks to Mike Brandes and Dean Gebhart for their help with the track bar.

Sarah Gebhart gave the second Vice President's report. Sponsorship was down a bit. We've had a great golf outing the last three years. No grants were received this year. A sincere thank you to all fair board members, volunteers and the Community for a great fair. Two years in a row Ethel's has been the top seller for tickets for the main act for the fair. Thanks to all of those who worked behind the scenes to get everything set up for the National Act.

Sharon Ott gave the treasurer's report regarding parking, grandstand and gates. A thank you to Trinity Lutheran Rantoul, Chilton Youth Club, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club, the Salvation Army and anyone else that helped with the gate and parking. A sincere thank you to Tony Wittman, Jim Stanelle, and Sean Freund for overseeing the gate. Thank you to Karen Gries for selling tickets for the Grandstand. We gave back to the community \$9500.00.

Clara Hedrich gave the secretary's report. A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers and superintendents that helped make the fair a success this year. Thank you to Connie Leonard for all of her work behind the scenes to make the fair run smoothly. The total number of entries in Junior Class and Open Class were a bit down from 2018 but the number of exhibitors was up. Following is the comparison between 2018 and 2019.

Junior Class -2018 2662 entries 2019 – 2500 entries

Open Class – 2018 – 3517 entries 2019 – 2978

Sr. Citizen – 2018 - 118 entries 2019 – 121 entries

School – 2018 – 679 entries 2019 – 707 entries

Junior Class – 2018 – 321 exhibitors 2019 – 322 exhibitors

Open Class – 2018 – 357 exhibitors 2019 – 380 exhibitors

Sr. Citizen – 2018 – 16 exhibitors 2019 – 12 exhibitors

School – 2018 – 339 exhibitors 2019 – 302 exhibitors

We have more entries than larger fairs.

Deb Stebane gave the Fairest Coordinators report. A sincere thank you to the Fairest – Rachel Wagner and her family and to the Junior Fairest Coryna Wittman and her family for all the time and effort they put into the events this year. Rachel Wagner loved the great opportunity and the chance to improve her speaking skills. Coryna Wittman expressed what a great experience it was and loved the fair even better than Christmas. A thanks to Toby VanHandel for the new float design, to Just For You Flowers for the corsages and to VandeHey Brantmeier for the parade vehicles. We participated in 9 parades. Thank you to all of the parade walkers. The Fairest committee consists of Judy McGlin, Judy Stebane, Tracey Stebane, Kathy Stebane, and Gloria Regan. In 2021 it will be 50 years for the program in Calumet County. 13 of 13 4-H clubs participated in the billboard contest. Thanks to all that helped with the horse events. We are still looking at tiling the arena. Thank you to Joan Petrie for donating money to the Horse Pull.

Jeanne Gasch gave the Fair FoodStand report. Thank you to Sue Brown, Janette and Ken Pingel that helped on Thursday. Thank you to Sarah Gebhart and the Hickory Hills staff, Anna Hickombothom, Martha Woelfel, Darren Woelfel, and Karen Gries with the Friday night fish fry. We sold 325 plates. To Kathy Kesler and the St. John Sacred Heart School group that manned the stand on Saturday, to Erica Eickert and the Kiel FFA that manned the foodstand on Sunday and we ran out of food on Monday Morning. Thanks to Ron Spaulding.

Gloria Regan reported on Dairyland and its Ag Education value. A thank you to Kayla Krahn, Ashley Pagel, Lucy Kesler, and Jessica Janssen for helping to man the area. We built a corn bin this year.

Skid Steer Olympics was sponsored by the Calumet County Farm Bureau. It was capped at 30 entries. Thanks goes to Greg Vohlmer, Tommy Kesler and Matt Wunrow for helping and judging with the event.

Dean Gebhart gave a report on the Birthing Barn. Thank you to Holsum and Drumlin Dairies. 6 bull calves were born. Thanks to Amber O'Brien for her help. Thanks to W&L Insulation and Roofing – Bill Leftnecht for their \$6000.00 donation of Heavy Duty Gates.

Anna Hickinbotham reported on the Car Show. It was a beautiful day and 130 cars entered the Car Show. Bingo went well. We handed out goodie bags and could have used 50 more.

Todd Roehrig reported on the 4-H food stand. They had a record in sales. A thank you to Ken Schneider. The corn on the cob went over well. New for this year was the 5-K Stampede. There were 20 participants in the 5K and 3 kids ran the 1K.

Don Schmidt reported on the All Breed Futurity. It was a full house. It was won by a JenLar Brown Swiss owned by Larry and Jennifer Meyer. Entries came from 9 counties.

Sue Brown reported on the rummage sale she held which was very successful.

Bob Kesler reported on the Market Animal Sale. It was one of the best sales. There were over 20 new families. Down 10 head from last year. The weigh-in for next year's fair was today. We have the educational meetings set.

Shawn Lamers reported on the Poultry Judging. The exhibit numbers are down but the judging and overall went well.

Judy McGlin reported that they raised \$1800 for Heros. The church service went well.

Byron Hacker reported on the events and exhibits in the Expo building. A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers. We changed up the Beer & Wine Judging and added three judges to the event. Antique judging went well.

John Petrie reported on the Horse Pull, Barrel Racing and Speed Show. All went well and a big thank you to the Volunteers and exhibitors that helped to make the event a success.

Ed Lorenz expressed his thanks to all that drove golf carts.

Cory Wittman expressed his thanks to all of those that made the fair so enjoyable and to Shawn Lamers for all of his help with the Poultry Project.

Larry Hedrich reported on camping. The camping spots were widened out. Camping is a service for those people participating in the fair.

The Carnival Spectrum had some family issues thus Sheridan amusements were hired. Sheridan Amusements will be coming back next year.

Ray Mueller expressed his concern about having someone in the merchant booths at all times.

Under New Business:

Sharon Ott gave the treasurer's report. There was \$43,000.00 in income. In 30 years the \$113,000 debt to the Steam Engine Club will be paid off at a rate of \$5700 per year in trade for the use of the fairgrounds for one week. The line of credit is paid back at the bank. There are a lot of maintenance projects to do at the fairgrounds and most of the electrical work needs to be redone.

Don Schmidt moved to accept the treasurer's report as given. Todd Roehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Kubichka gave the report on the Festival of Lights that is held at the fairgrounds. It is held all Friday/Saturday/Sundays in December. 12 clubs participated and there were 130,000 lights on display. \$7000.00 was raised and given back to the community. The fair donated the electricity for the event.

Mike Wunrow, Lyle Ott, and Randy Koehler are the ballot clerks.

The nomination committee was Dean Gebhart, Gloria Regan and Anna Hickenbotham.

The 2019 ballot consisted of Karen Gries, Clara Hedrich, Larry Hedrich, Sarah Gebhart, Lanetta Mahlberg, Jeff Wunrow, Judy McGlin, Shawn Lamers, and Nick Kresbach.

Nominations from the floor was called for 3X.

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

Only Stockholders may vote.

The temperature today is 22 degrees F.

The fair dates for 2021 will be Sept. 3,4,5, and 6 2021.

The results of the election are Karen Gries, Clara Hedrich, Larry Hedrich, Sarah Gebhart, Lanetta Mahlberg, Jeff Wunrow, Judy McGlin, and Shawn Lamers.

Greg Kubichka moved to destroy the ballots. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ballots were destroyed.

Greg Kubichka moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Juckem seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Hedrich, Secretary