

DIXON COUNTY AGI SOCIETY August 28, 2017 MEETING
Fair Grounds, Concord NE

President Mike Rewinkel called the meeting to order as published with 9 members present: Mike Rewinkel, Mark Muller, Don Cunningham, Ryan Lubberstedt, Jason Fischer, Jeremy Kneifl, Gary Hank, T.J. Walsh and Allan Bauman. Absent: Cristy Bathke and Jennifer Mahler. Guest: Nancy Johnson.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted by the entrance door.

Secretary Bauman's July minutes were sent to the Board. Jason motioned to accept minutes. Jeremy 2nd. MCU.

Treasurer Bathke's report was not available as Cristy was home sick.

Projects to work on in 2018 are:

Office roof leak and floor support under office east entrance.

Horse barn rafters on south side.

The Dixon County Convention and Visitors Grant final report will be prepared and submitted as soon as all advertising invoices are received.

The Greater Northeast NE Fair Association was scheduled the same night as our Budget Meeting and Appreciation Supper on September 10th. We need to attend our Budget Meeting.

Mark motioned to send the \$25.00 dues to the Greater Northeast NE Fair Association. Ryan 2nd. MCU.

2017 Fair Review:

1. Horseshoes: Not successful but Bill O'Quinn would like to try again.
2. Parking: String Lines in northeast area of grounds work well with a few people helping. Parking on east and center works best with people on horses.
3. Sunday Church: Nice crowd, beautiful morning. United Lutheran of Laurel will be asked to do services in 2018.
4. Gospel Group: Received many compliments on their music. They are being considered for 2018.
5. Car Show & Antiques: A nice car show and a variety with 46 being shown. Antique tractors and machinery are popular. Owners like to bring them.
6. Barbeque: Approximately 1100 served.
7. Grandstand Show: Good music but a light crowd.
8. Carnival: Advance sales were down a little. A different carnival and fewer rides.
9. Horse Show: About the same. Team Sorting numbers were down.
10. Tractor Pulls: Farm pull had about 65 hooks and above average crowd. Outlaws had 54 hooks and the threat of rain in the evening reduced the crowd.
11. Pedal Pull: Good.
12. Demo Derby: Need to change classes. Had 9 in Stock, 5 in Mods, 6 in Compacts and 8 in Figure 8 Compacts.
13. Judging: Rabbit & Poultry judging at the same time in different locations seemed to cause confusion.
14. Machinery: Good selection.
15. 4-H & Open Class Entries: Entries were up in most departments, especially in livestock and poultry.

16. Restrooms: Still had flushing problems with stools in West Restroom.
17. Camping: Full, had 27. Some went uptown and dumped. Will let them know that is not an option.
18. Beer Garden: No numbers yet.
19. Livestock Judging Contest: Good turnout. 50 plus participants.
20. Chainsaw Artist: Needs to keep creations patriotic or farming.

The Appreciation Supper will be at 6:30 on September 10th in the Allen Fire Hall with the Budget Meeting following.

Director's terms expiring in November are Don Cunningham, Gary Hank and Mike Rewinkel.

Ryan discussed the 2018 Outlaw Tractor Pull.

The 2018 Fair was discussed and the entertainment we could consider.

We will set a date for shutting off the water and electricity at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Gary's motion.

Next meeting is September 10, 2017, at 7:30 at the Allen Fire Hall.

Allan Bauman, Secretary