

The December 10, 2016, Annual Meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order by President Jeff Wunrow at 1:03P.M.

The meeting notice was read.

Clara Hedrich read the minutes of the 160th Annual Meeting. Dean Gebhart moved to accept the minutes as read. Robert Stanelle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Wunrow gave his president's report. A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers, our Fairest of the fair and Jr. Fairest for making the fair this past year a success.

Lanetta Mahlberg gave the first vice- president's report. The weather was great for the fair. There is No I in team. The bar and beverage sales were up. Thanks to the Chilton VFW, the Chilton American Legion and Chilton Area Catholic Schools for their help this year. Thanks to all of the sponsors and thanks to all of the 4-H parents for making this year's fair a success.

Sarah Gebhart gave the 2nd vice-president's report. Thanks to the community and the MCGlin and Roehrig families for their support of the fair this year. The parade walkers did a lot of advertising. We did cut advertising this year. We tried other avenues for advertising. Sponsorship was good. We did not get any grants this year.

Sharon Ott gave the Treasurer's report. Thank you to all of the groups and people that helped with the gate. There were three slots not filled on the gate schedule and thank you to Hickory Hills, Bob Stanelle, Troy Wautlet, Jennifer Wautlet and others for stepping in and helping out. Thank you goes to the Boy Scouts and Chilton Kiwanis for handling parking. Thanks to Ken Pingel for handling the grandstand tickets. Thank you to the groups that collected at the gate Trinity Rantoul church & Youth, Chilton Youth Club, Kiel Swim Team, St. Martins Cemetery, boy Scouts, Salvation Army & Chilton Area Catholic Schools. A sincere thank you goes to the gate supervisors Sean Freund, Jim Stanelle and Tony Wittman. The fair is proud to be able to give back to the community. We returned \$9600.00 back to 17 groups that worked with us. We also did a food drive for the Salvation Army.

Clara Hedrich gave the Secretary's report. The 2016 fair entries as compared to the 2015 fair entries were as follows. Junior Class entries were down 278 entries, School entries were up 54 entries, Open Class entries were down 159 entries, and Senior Citizen entries were up 37 entries. The total number of projects entered in the 2016 Calumet County Fair were 6,622. The total premiums paid out for 2016 were \$10,157.75. The stockholders list for the Calumet County Agricultural Association is being passed around. Please update the list if you have any information. Connie Leonard's job description has changed in the extension office. This is the last year that Connie will be working with the fair as we have come to know her involvement in the fair. The fair would like to extend a sincere thank you to Connie for all that she has done for the fair over her many years of service to the fair.

Tammi Gasch has been appointed to the 4-H extension position. Welcome Tammi.

Bob Kesler gave a report on the Market Animal Program. The beef weigh in was held today. 39 beef were weighed in. Hog weigh in is the 2nd Saturday of May. It is a terminal show for hogs. On December 12 all families involved in Market Animal are invited to plan educational workshops. The educational workshops will be in place by January.

Deb Stebane gave the Fairest of the Fair Report.

Congratulations to Jackie McGlin our Fairest of the Fair and Allison Roehrig our Junior Fairest of the Fair on an excellent job of representing the fair. They represented us well in many events throughout the year including 10 parades (the DePere and Chilton Chamber of Commerce Christmas parades were added this year). Thank you to their parents and families for helping with the many parades and other events.

A thank you goes to Vande Hey Auto for loaning vehicles for parades, Just for you Flowers for corsages and flowers for many events, Toby VanHandel for signage and to Portraits by Design for pictures.

A thank you goes to Parade walkers and the mascots.

A thank you to Earl's Rides for ride tickets

Jackie McGlin gave a thank you to the fair board and all of the sponsors of the Fairest of the Fair program. She is looking forward to running for the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair title at the State Fair Convention in January. She would like to thank everyone for this opportunity. Jackie was the 2007 Junior Fairest.

Allison Roehrig thanked the fair board for having this program it has helped to develop her speaking ability in front of a group. Thanks to Deb and Jackie.

Gloria Kessler our 2015 Fairest of the Fair was the 2016 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair.

12 of 14 4-H clubs participated in the bill board contest. They do an excellent job in promoting the fair.

There were 27 riders in the International Barrel racing event that was held at the fair this year. John Petrie and Kacie Alloy and family did a lot of work for this event.

Don Schmidt reported that the Calumet County Holstein Breeders will be hosting the District 10 Black and White Show.

The Futurity show was well attended. Great Crowd.

Sharon Ott gave the financial report.

Gate receipts were up by \$ 3500.00.

There was a sponsorship donation from an estate for \$69,000.00. This money was requested to be used for work in the Expo Building. Work has been done in the Expo Building.

Advertising expenses are down. We did not do TV advertising this year.

The main purchases for this year were a new sound system. Salaries and expenses are up as more money is being paid per hour and we have new individuals training.

We also needed to update electricity.

Unfinished business.

We have not had racing for the past 6 years on our race track at the fairgrounds. We have had a few races for a few years but not on a regular schedule. The Calumet County Fair Board was asked by the Eastern Wisconsin Racer's Association to work out an agreement that they could hold their racing program at the Calumet County Fairgrounds. After lengthy discussions the Calumet County Fair board is waiting for a sound financial plan to be presented by the Eastern Wisconsin Racer's Association before their decision can be made. To date they have not received the requested information.

Following is a brief summary of the discussion that was held at the annual meeting.

Jeff Wunrow gave a brief history of what has happened to date. Got a call this past spring from the Eastern Wisconsin Racing Association that they would like to come back to Chilton.

Asked for some information. Got some back from Todd Humphrey.

Track needs to be made bigger and needs clay.

Eastern Wisconsin would do this. Running a race track needs to be done as a business. Getting close to fair asked to hold off. The Calumet County fair board was looking for more information. Calls not returned. The fair board wanted to know where you have been and where will you go. Need financials. Said would have them that night. Did not have them.

Wrap up meeting after the fair. Racers came to meeting. It was a closed meeting, for the purpose of discussing the fair and wanted to discuss racing possibilities with the full board.

After the meeting we sent a letter requesting financial information.

Eastern Wisconsin sent a letter back said they were not interested.

Our insurance company said they could not insure our track in its present condition for racing.

Eric Derricks to support racing. Did everyone on the board make this decision? Yes.

Ryan Campbell – 501 C asking about open records. We are following closed records.

Larry Hedrich – Direction from the board. To date. No answer.

Don Bonlander – If someone with financial backing would want to race would the cost be less. 600,000

Explained return on investment. The cost would be the same.

If cannot do it financially not make it worth doing.

Eastern Wisconsin has looked at other opportunities.

Talk to other associations. Comments harness racing.

Rhonda Gasch – We talk all year about other things, we are open to other suggestions. Do rent out our buildings for other things.

Gary Juckem – Needs to be a sound financial plan that both groups can profit from.

Mark Jens - hard to secure 180,000. Myers Corporation would donate all clay and seating from Manitowoc and project is guaranteed from contractors.

Statically speaking 1300 – 1800 per night is the average. The race group pays their electrical and insurance. We respect property. We took bad property that made good property.

Oshkosh IMC dirt racing is sanctioned. Closing. They will be losing their IMC sanctioning. IRA we run IRA shows. We get 5000 people a night.

We are very involved with organizations locally. We give it away.

Jeanne Gasch – why do you want to come to Chilton

We were here 43 years ago. This is our first choice. What has happened in the past 5 years ago.

Larry Hedrich – We need a response in writing. Eastern Wisconsin closed doors. We have asked for information.

Rick Jackels is interested in mediating. Between members. Get legal letters of intent. Great for sponsors.

Alan Decker – Operate Best Western – Eagle River a number of events. Look at opportunities to bring people to Chilton.

New Business.

Robert Stanelle and family are donating up to \$10,000 for improvements to the Stanelle Bldg. Lighting, sign outside, concrete apron, dividers. Lanetta Mahlberg said it is in honor of Kathy. It will be 40 years next year since she has passed. She was Fairest of the Fair, State Guernsey, and National Guernsey Queen.

There are 7 seats open on the fair board. We will take nominations at this time.

Garrette Carnahan – long time exhibitor representative Select Sire

Karen Gries – on board on 24th year, Market Animal

Clara Hedrich –

Larry Hedrich – Market animal, business

Shawn Lamers

Jennifer Wautlet

Lanetta Mahlberg- Guernsey, 12 yrs. On board

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Judy McGlin –

Jerry Vanne – was mayor of Chilton

Jeff Wunrow –

Nominations from the floor called for three times.

Paul Juckem moved to close nominations. Don Schmidt seconded the motion. Nominations are now closed.

Ken Pingel moved the motion that the 2018 fair will be held August 31, September 1, 2, and 3. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The 2017 Annual meeting is set for December 9, 2017.

Temperature is 19 degrees and snow is predicted.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Karen Gries, Clara Hedrich, Larry Hedrich, Shawn Lamers,

Lanetta Mahlberg, Judy McGlin, and Jeff Wunrow.

Paul Juckem moved to destroy the ballots. Judy McGlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul Juckem moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Schmidt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Hedrich, Secretary