Jr. Fair Board Minutes
January 18, 2017

Those present Ken Pedersen, Loren beebe, judy Srp, Breanne Meyer, Scott Jones, Connie Meyer, Ron Freeman, Ray Jay, Tammy Loomis, Lyle Leiffring, Jill Buchholz, Brooke Wiles.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from December 28th meeting by Connie Meyer/Scott Jones 2nd. Changes to correct the year to 2016. Motion carried upon correction being made.

Dave Nelson arrived at 6:04.

Fair Coodinator report: Breanne introduced Brooke Wiles who will be the summer intern helping her and Jill Buchholz who is a current 4-H member. She has been working on Ad/sponsor letters. Contract for Jim King and HTGB are in process. Lions club will work on paying half with us. Julie Beaver with the youth colition will be working with Cory on items for the youth tent at the fair and has possible help with some funding.

Talked about carnival – nothing new. Breanne is also updating our website and fairbook with a new logo she come up with. All agreed it really looks nice.

Extension report: Contract for the bands and antique appraisal was approved. Brooke is still working on her paper work for hire.

New board members: Judy reached out to Erica Schley and have not received a response yet.

Renewal of our raffle license is due. Motion was made by Scott Jones/Judy Srp 2nd to renew raffle license.

Budget review: It was brough to the boards attention that there are several fair checks that do not get cashed. How are we going to handle these? Putting notices in the fair book about time line that they need to be cashed. Contact leaders of the clubs to remind the kids they need to cash within 90 days.

Bull Riding: Breanne will be updating them and they will send us a marketing package. Breanne will e-mail everyone and let them know when ready.

McDonalds contacted Ron about being a sponsor. They would like to give out cards for free food.

Farm, Home and garden show is March 18th. $85.00 for a booth. It was decided Judy could put up a display with the dairy promoters and play the fair video.

Entertainment schedule: Thursday – Quick Draw? Maybe horse pull?
Friday – Antique road show, Dirt flingers. Scott to contact Dirt Flingers to see if they are available.

Carnival – Breanne has an alternative with Inflatible rides. Breanne presented all that they offer and what we could get for what price. Breanne will work on package with him and e-mail all of us. It was agreed the highest we would spend would be $7,000.

Next meeting February 9th at 6:00pm in the LEC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board

Minutes from February 9th 2017

Those present: Ken Pedersen, Lyle Lieffring, Connie Meyer, Ron Freeman, Ray Jay, Loren Beebe, Judy Srp, Terry Dusell, Tammy Loomis and Erica Schley.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Ray Jay/Loren Beebe 2nd to approve minutes from January 18th fair board meeting as written. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair Coordinator report: Breanne has been working on sending out more judging contracts and getting judges lined up for shows. She also had the contract for bouncy house done and sent to extension for approval. She is also working on sponsors and ads as they come in.

Dave Nelson arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Discussion of new board members was held, Erica Schley was present at our meeting. She decided at that time she would like to be part of our board. Motion was made by Connie Meyer/Terry DuSell 2nd to approve Erica Schley as board member. Motion carried. She will be submitted to Ag/Extension for approval.

Extension Report: Contract for Bouncy houses was approved by Ag/Extension. Contract was for $8,000.00 Motion was made by Terry DuSell/Lauren Beebe 2nd to approve the change in cost to $8,000.00. Motion carried.

Ticket sales for the bouncy houses-Where to sell them and who can help. Ideas were the JLO booth or the OLS building, maybe the grandstand. We could talk to maintenance about setting up a smaller booth. Possibly enlisting the help of the Chamber or schools for ticket collections.

Friday night events: Dirt flingers are not available. Ron made a motion to bring the horse pull back, motion was not 2nd by anyone. Discussion continued other suggestions were Antique tractor pull, mini rod pull. Antique tractor pull would mean paying for another sled. Terry said he would check on the mini mods and let us know next meeting.

Thursday night: Talked about having just the quick draw again, Judy would talk to Michele Kinney. Maybe sumo wrestling contest.

We discussed getting the bungie jumping with Rock N Roll. They sent us information and everyone looked it over. We will have the zip line, 3 lane bungie run and the carousel bouncer. Brianne to check with the company and the contract to make sure they have a non-compete clause before we contact Rock n Roll to go.

Budget: We looked at our expenses and discussed a few items. We cover sponsors and ads we have received so far.

Fair books: Breanne has updated a few things. No livestock can leave till 4:00 P.M. as this is a DATCP rule that we have not been following. She is waiting for the horse committee and small animal committee to update their rules and get them in.

KAMO would like to come to the fair again and set up a display for our youth in the log cabin for all 4 days. The display will consist of DNR and Youth Educational services. Also laser shooting and archery. Motion made by Terry Dusell/Judy Srp 2nd . Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be March 9th at LEC. 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

JR. Fair Board Minutes
March 9, 2017

Those present: Breanne Meyer, Ron Freeman, Ray Jay, Tami Loomis, Judy Srp, Connie Meyer, Erica Schley, Lyle Lieffring, Terry DuSell, Ken Pedersen, Scott Jones and Cory DeWitt. Dave Nelson arriving at 6:07.

Called to order at 6:00 pm.

Reading of minutes from February 9th meeting, Motion to approve minutes by Terry Dusell/Ray Jay to 2nd upon correction to the approval of Kamo's display and event at the fair. Motion carried.

Fair Coordinator report: Breanne has been saving up work to train with Brooke so she can learn Blue Ribbon system and computer as well.

A new vendor has contacted her. Breanne will contact them as she gets information and all vendors are welcome. She has the updates on rules and classes from the horse committee. Still waiting to hear from small animal project.

Charmaine shared some fun ideas for kids to do at the fair with her. She is also getting contacted from different entertainment entities.

The underground lines will have to be marked for the inflatables coming, the call for this will need to done a few days before the fair.

Questions about doing the fair book and entries on line was brought up. We wouldn't be able to have ads in the book. Some counties even charge for their fair books. Breanne would like to see it stay the way it is. Terry agreed the book is fine the way it is now.

Extension report: Erica Schley was not approved at the last meeting as she was not on their agenda.

Cory gave us notice she will be resigning from her position effective August 1st. This will be changing throughout the area as far as Extension and how it works in the future. She said she will still handle the educational tent.

The next meeting was set for April 12th, at 7:00 pm in the UWEX office.

Mike was wondering where the location of the Educational tent will be. Discussion about moving it closer to the Lions Club. We would need to make sure there is power for everything. Try to utilize the power on the south end.

Friday night entertainment: Terry was still trying to touch base with the mini rods.
Thursday night: Judy asked Michelle Kinney about the Quick draw and they are busy that night.

OLS booth to be used again – possibly the Bruce Little League, Greg Davis expressed interest in a Friday night fish fry. It had good exposure last year and good food.

Education Tent Rental: Tent is rented from A-1 Tent rental. Motion made by Ray Jay/Terry DuSell 2nd . Motion carried.

BBQ cookoff. Greg Davis is interested in getting it put together along with Lions club. Motion made by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd. Motion carried.

Insurance: Judy still trying to touch base with insurance agent. Quotes for rain insurance and general liability to be done. We always have event insurance, quote for that as well.

Fairest of the fair: Girls from last year to do some of the parades if they are available. When should ad go out and when should we choose the new fairest of the fair? Get applications ready and Ad to go out in paper this month. Then we can have her chosen by June for the start of the parade season. We could then do a Thursday night crowning at the fair. Motion was made by Terry Dusell/Judy Srp 2nd motion carried.

Discussion on gate fees took place. Should we change them or leave them the same. Consensus was that we leave them the same as the 2016 year. Motion was made by Terry DuSell/ Ray Jay 2nd motion carried.

Budget: We covered budget, Ads and sponsors. Discussed where we stand as far as funds.

Inflatables: Have a quote from Rock N Roll to go about additional inflatables. Item No. 4 on the festival rentals was chosen. Motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd contingent upon how we work the ticket sale with the other inflatables. Motion Carried.

Farm Show: Judy and Terry to set up display.

Discussion about fairground issues and bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Rusk County Jr. Fair minutes
April 12, 2017

Tami Loomis, Ron Freeman, Charmaine Johnson, Dave Nelson, Ken Pederson, Lyle Leiffrin, Judy Srp, Loren Beebe, Scott Jones and Terry DuSell via phone in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Minutes from March 9th meeting read. Motion to approve by Scott Jones/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried to approve minutes as written.

Fair Coordinator report: Breanne was not present. Judy had items that we need to cover as per Breanne.

UW Extension report: Cory was not present. Lyle & Ken reported Erica Schley was approved for our Jr. Fair board. Contract from Rock N Roll to go was approved pending agreement on contract with them.

Discussion about the bull riding being changed. The bull riding company suggest changing our bull riding from Saturday night to either Sunday or Friday night due to 6 other bull riding competitions going on the same time as ours. The events are closer travel time and bigger jack pot. They felt we would do better by moving it to a different night. Motion by Scott Jones/Judy Srp to 2nd for moving bull riding to Friday night. Motion carried.

Ideas for Saturday night entertainment were suggested to replace the bull riding. Mini mods was suggested, Terry would check to see if they were available. Other idea was mounted shoot. Still no events for Thursday. Ron suggested having the sumo wrestling come.

Education tent: Question about what days will it have events and displays. With Cory being done as 4-H Agent we want to make sure the tent is up and going.

OLS Building, Bruce youth ball club has agreed to run it all 4 days. Will host the free breakfast again on Sunday morning. Motion by Scott Jones/Loren Beebe 2nd to waive vendor fee. Motion carried.

Inflatable- Discussion about cancelling the Kids n again inflatable contract. Charmaine read through contract and it appears we cancel within a 90 day window and get our money back. Motion by Loren Beebe/Dave Nelson 2nd. Motion carried. Ron would contact Kids N again about contract.

BBQ cookoff: Judy will check with Greg Davis.
Insurance: Judy working with Hayward insurance.

Fairest of the fairs: Loren reported no applicants yet.

Budget review: Budget was balanced with taking monies from rainy day fund. Balance of fund is currently at $18,741.15. Updates on ads and sponsors that need to be done.

Superintendents: Dairy superintendent was discussed. Need to get younger generation involved and let them take the lead. Danielle Zimmer will again be a superintendent as long as she can take on more of a leader roll. We will also look into another individual to help Danielle. We would like Lenore to take on more of a training and advisory role. Motion by Dave Nelson/Scott Jones 2nd. Motion carried.

Horse superintendent, Dave to check with Julie Thorpe to see if she would take on the roll of the show superintendent. The barns are covered.

Jr. Fair is invited to the next Finance meeting on Wednesday April 19 at 8:30.

Next meeting date is April 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm in UWEX.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board

April 26, 2017

Present at meeting Ron Freeman, Scott Jones, Judy Srp, Tammy Loomis, Loren Beebe, Ron Pedersen, Connie Meyer, Cori DeWitt, Terry DuSell, Lyle Lieffring arriving at 6:25, Dave Nelson at 6:38.

Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm. Minutes read and motion made to approve minutes from April 12, 2017 by Scott Jones/Terry DuSell 2nd. Correction of name spelling need to be made, motion carried.

Fair Coordinator report: Breanne on phone, she has the guts of the fair book done, working on putting ads, updating sponsors, superintendents and getting things set up for fair.

Extension Report: Ken – nothing new to report.

Inflatables: Heard back from Rock N Roll via e-mail as to how they would sell tickets. They will on do what is stated in their contract. Breanne has suggested separate wrist bands and separate areas for inflatables.

Motion was made by Terry DuSell/Scott Jones 2nd, to bring previous motion from April 12th meeting about cancelling Kids again inflatables back on the table to not proceed with cancellation and proceed with contract as written. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Terry DuSell/Scott Jones 2nd to remove Rock N Roll inflatables from our entertainment. Those in favor were Terry, Dave, Loren, Scott, Tammy and Judy. Ron not in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Terry DuSell/Tammy Loomis 2nd to table decision on additional inflatables till we get additional information. Breanne will work on it. Motion carried.

Fair books: Online – vs printed books. We printed 500 books at the cost of $2,662.40. Charmaine can print them for $5.00 a book with color ads too. We talked about printing 50-75 books to put out in the banks and a few businesses. 4-H Groups would get 2-3 books. Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd to go with on line fair book and for Charmaine to print the few books to go out to the public. Motion carried.

Educational Tent: Cory reported she has lots of events lined up for Friday and Saturday in the tent. Carrie Groothousen will be the contact for Cory.

Saturday night: John King band will be only entertainment on that night as Bull Riding is going to be Friday night for better attendance based on Rice Bull Riding. Time will be 8:00 pm. Breanne to see if HGT can start playing at 9 -12 toward the end of the Bull Riding.

Loren was working on mini rods and they are not available for Saturday night, he is looking into other options such as the dirt flingers again, they let us know during the meeting they too are booked.

Thursday night: Talked about Quick Draw or mounted shoot. Terry working with Robert Roach or maybe do the lawn mower races that night.

Lights: Connie will check with A-1 rental in Eau Claire.

Superintendents: Dave Nelson will step in to cover Beef superintendent. Cloverbuds will be covered by Loren Beebe and Cultural Arts by Judy Srp.

BBQ cook off: Greg Davis suggested the Knights of Columbus to run it. He will check into it. Connie is the contact person and will work with him.

Insurance: Judy sent in information and is waiting for quote to come back.

Fairest of the fairs: Loren reported 2 entrants so far. Discussed what things we want them to take part in at the fair and other events and parades. She would like to extend the due date to see if we gain more entrants. Final date will now be May 12, 2017. Interview date will be determined.

Budget: We are currently at $3,005 in Ads and $6,985 for sponsors. Ron and Ken were at the Finance meeting. Discussion was about the 4-H agent and a few question for us. Nothing directly about the fair.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm in UWEX.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.

May 29, 2017
Jr. Fair Board Meeting

Those present Ron Freeman, Tammy Loomis, Connie Meyer, Judy Srp, Lyle Leiffring, Ken Pedersen, Terry DuSell, Dave Ne lson, Breanne Meyer, Brooke Wiles, Josi Loomis

Meeting Called to order 6:01 p.m.

Minutes from April 26, 2017 meeting read, motion by Judy Srp/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried to approve as written.

Jr. Fair Coordinator report: Breann and Brooke: They are wrapping up fair book for it to go to print and printing fair registration forms. Breanne has been working on the website. Brooke has been updating the blue ribbon program. Breanne checked into getting additional inflatable and there are no more available.

Extension report: Nothing new at this time. Meeting coming up.

Terry looked into Lawn mower pulls and they are not available. Dirt flinger were available for Friday night but not Saturday.

Judy said horse pull was available for Friday night, motion by Ron Freeman/Terry DuSell 2nd to discuss the horse pull later in the meeting. Dicussion tabled for now.

Thursday night: Quick draw can be set up for Thursday night. Dave will touch base with Michelle Kinney to get it scheduled.

Lawn mower races are on Saturday after dicussion was held about moving it to Saturday night instead. Motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd. Motion carried. At this time motion by Terry DuSell/Conne Meyer 2nd to not have horse pull this year. Motion carried.

Livestock committee would like to move their auction to Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. Motion was made by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd. Motion carried to allow auction to be moved.

Bull Riding ticket sales. What pricing, it was decided that 4-under will be free, 5-11 $5.00 and 12 and up $10. Motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd motion carried. Talk about moving the time to 7:00 not that the auction has been changed. Breanne will check into that.

Prices for the inflatables need to be set. $5.00 per person per session or $10.00 for all 3 days. Motion by Ron Freeman/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried.

Breanne would like to get rid of the rest of the shirts and wondering about what to sell them for? $10.00 each just to liqudate them. Motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried.

Superintendents for all areas of the fair are set. Fair books will be ready to print once schedule is set. Both color and black and white will be printed. Printing books from UWEX will save a lot of money. Books will be out either June 2 or June 5th.

Education tent is set for 3 days of a lot of dispays and events. Cory and Kari will be overseeing the tent and getting everything set.

BBQ cook off: Nothing new, Connie is working on.

Insurance: Judy sent information in and still waiting on quotes.

Work Day: Mike said not work day. We will approach grounds and building committee and see if we can set something up.

Volunteers are need for ticket sales in the inflatables, grandstand and gates. Need to check with churches, schools and boy scouts.

We really need to work on sponsorships.....

Next meeting will be set for June 10th 7:00 UWEX.

Meeting adjourned 8:25.

JR. Fair Board Minutes
June 11, 2017

Those present are Dave Nelson, Ken Pedersen, Lyle Leiffring, Scott Jones, Connie Meyer, Judy Srp, Erica Schley, Tammy Loomis, Brooke Wiles, Breanne Meyer, Josie Loomis, Jim Meyer, Jessica Wiles.

Meeting Called to order at 6:01 pm.

Minutes from May 29, 2017 meeting read, Correction to made and Fairest of the Fair information to be added. Motion made by Scott Jones/Connie Meyer 2nd to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Brooke and Breanne are working on all the Blue Ribbon updates, the fairbooks are out on line and a few printed, schoole exhibits are in, following up with judges, will be working on ribbon counts, website is finished. Rodeo time have been updated to 7:30.

Lighting for the Rodeo is needed, Talked about contacting Olynicks or Phil Schmidt. Dave will contact Chad Smith about getting portable lighting.

The fair board received an official Resignation from Ray Jay. Our board now consists of 9 members.

We were contact by the Milwauke bucks street team to come to the fair and do a show. Friday afternoon with a time to be determined.

Dave will contact Michelle Kinney with regard to the quick draw for Thursday night.

Tri-State ~~Interstate~~ Carnival contacted us about coming to the fair. They are a smaller new carnival and would want $5000-$6000 up front to come. We decided not at this time as it does not fall within our budget.

Lawn mower races will be moved to 6:30 on Saturday for an evening event before the music. They are ok with this.

BBQ Cook off, Connie talked with Greg Davis and are making plans. Lions club will be helping with cook off. Ben Wiles and Darrell Doughty will assist with rules and posters.

Insurance, Judy still waiting on quotes for the General Liablilty.

Fairest of the Fair, There are 2 candidates at this time. Loren will work on setting up times to meet with them We would like to make at least 3 parades. We need to come up with ideas on getting more to apply. Maybe having a scholarship for the winner and maybe widening the age brackets.

Stall assignments will be handled Monday night before the fair. Judy, Dave and Terry to assist with the stalls assignments with input from the superintendants.

Volunteers for parking, Check with local groups to help with parking at the fairgrounds. Maybe checking with the Fire Department, Boy Scouts and the Flambeau School for their community service.

Bull riding set up. Fencing off areas for entry and ticket sales at the grandstand and by the Lions club. Each person will get a wristband for paid admission.

We will do a Jr. Fair presentation at the next County Board meeting on July 25th. Ron will also stop at the June 27th meeting to pass the gate sign up along.

Right now for sponsor money we are sitting at $3,185 for Ads and $7,310 for sponsors.

Check with Chilson, Thorp Ford and Auto Expo to see if they would like to bring in a car display.

Next Meeting will be July 9th at 6:00 pm at the Senior/youth building on the fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Jr. Fair Board Minutes
July 9, 2017 Meeting

This present are Ron Freeman, Kari Groothousen, Lyle Leiffring, Charmaine Johnson, Judy Srp, Brooke Wiles, Karsyn Doughty, Jessica Wiles, Terry DuSell, Erica Schley and Dave Nelson.

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes from June 11th meeting read, Correction to "Dave will contact" and correct spelling error. Motion to approve by Dave Nelson/Judy Srp 2nd. Terry DuSell to abstain. Motion carried.

Brooke gave fair coordinator report: Entries are due July 7th and are currently down from last year. Total to date is 210 vs 251 last year. Banners are update as are the yard signs and ready to be put out. Brooke has been work on blue Ribbon and all the little things that need to be done.

UWEX : State met with UWEX committee about 4-H agent. It was decided that a .50 agent would be sufficient.

Discussion about extending the entry due date to July 14th. With the fair book going on line many people have not registered yet. A lot of people are missing the book and it is a bit of an adjustment for some. Motion was made by Terry DuSell/Dave Nelson 2nd to extend entry due date to July 14, 4:30 pm. Motion carried.

Kari covered the educational tent and that lots of participants and events are set up. All ready to go for fair.

Historical society will be featuring a WWI display and events during the fair. They will have a book reading by Melanie Meyer and tours of the 20's house as well. All buildings will be open for visitors due the fair.

Thursday night event. Kinney's are not available for the quick draw. Loren will check into the Dairyland pullers as they may be available.

Discussion about carnival, Tri-State amusements will come for free. They will take all proceeds made at the fair. They will send us posters. All ticket sales will be at the fair. Motion by Terry DuSell/2nd by Dave Nelson to approve carnival. Motion carried.

Bull Riding, Lights for the arena are needed. Terry DuSell's employer will donate 1 set, We need to work on obtaining a 2nd one for proper lighting.

BBQ Cook off, Connie still working on this. Jessica Wiles said she is willing to help Connie. They would like to change the sampling to 1:00-2:00. They will work on getting posters up in the area.

Insurance, Judy received a general liability quote and the premium was to high or the Jr. Fair to afford. Asking for a quote on event insurance only.

Fairest of the Fair. Loren has been speaking with the girls. Its been a little hard to meet with them. The board decided that Loren can take what ever course of action necessary to proceed with Fairest of the Fair.

Radio Advertising, We had ads on WAXX last year would like to go that route again. Also get on the community announcements with Bob Bolsold. Ron will work WLDY/WJBL again and get our ads for there. Motion by Terry Dusell/Judy Srp 2nd to proceed with ads on WAXX radio. Motion carried.

Ambulance service will be request for all major events at the fair this year.

Corn boil manager, Gary Swoverland as retired from this duty this year. Looking for a replacement. Ken with check with Mike Hraban this year to see if he would take over. Ken and Lyle are corn shuckers. Ken can maybe co-manage with Mike.

Judges Lunches, Brooke wanted to know about the judges lunches this year. We have always orders subs from Walmart with water and chips. It was agreed to do the same as last year for lunches.

Volunteers, We need volunteers to take sell and take bull riding tickets, park cars, gates sales, wrist bands for the inflatables. We will check with the Lions club about the bull riding and the fire department about parking cars.

Sponsorship and Ads, Ads are at $3,485 and Sponsors are at $7,653.50. A few news ones have come in since last meeting.

Next meeting will be July 23, 7:00 p.m. At the fairgrounds.

We have received information about doing a 2018 PRCA rodeo during the fair. We need to work on additional information before we proceed and decide if this is something we want to do. Motion by Terry DuSell /Erica Schley 2nd to proceed with gather information to make a final decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Jr. Fair Board Minutes
July 23, 2017

Those in attendance Ron Freeman, Kari Groothousen, Lyle Leiffring, Charmaine Johnson, Loren Beebe, Terry DuSell, Scott Jones, Judy Srp, Tammy Loomis, Connie Meyer, Breanne Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Brooke Wiles, Dave Nelson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes read for the July 9th 2017 meeting Motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd motion carried.

Extension update: Kari updates us on the educational tent, one of the issues brought up is about the Karate demonstration and the Totally Artsy Kids program. Do they need to pay to get in the fair? Participants putting on the class or demonstration can get in free as normal. What about kids in the karate class?

Kids and instructors are free, unmanned booths are free, Entertainment is free, vendors are provided with 2 passes. Everyone else pays regular daily fee unless the purchase passes.

Motion by Terry DuSell/Dave Nelson 2nd motion carried.

It was also talked about which vendors need to provide proof of insurance.

Brooke reported on fair entries that they are all in and completed, entry tags are printed and read to be picked up. Superintendent meeting is done and went well, a few that did not attend will come later or already have enough experience. Superintendent boxes are completed as well.

The historical museum has provided us with a list of what will be going on during the fair. Melanie Meyer will be doing a book signing and reading. They will be having the same hours as list year.

Thursday night entertainment: Dairyland Garden Pullers is not available this year. We will see if we can move the Milwaukee Bucks street show later to 6 or 6:30.

We have a contract from the carnival, we need to change the food clause and alcohol clause in there. Motion by Terry DuSell/Loren Beebe 2nd to approve contract contingent on changes in contract. Motion carried.

Grandstand lights, Terry confirmed he can get 1 set. Still need to work on another, check with Phil Schmidt at Rock Rally to see about his.

Event needs were covered: Terry has grader from town of Hubbard, backhoe from Meadowbrook Cranberries, Pay loader from Thompsons and Van De Voort forest products for trucking

It asked about creating another Tractor class there would be no additional cost and 100% payback on it. Contract has still not been received, Terry will remind them to e-mail it to Charmaine or Brooke to get it done.

Shavings from Crescent Landscape or wood chips from and Amish farm.

Scott mentioned the need for additional black dirt in the Mud Bog area. Ticket sales at the mud bog – Check with the lions club.

Discussion on porta potties, how many – 5 and location of them as well along with 1 hand washing station.

Parking – Ladysmith Fire Department will be parking cars 5-8 on Friday and 12-5 on Saturday.

BBQ Cook off – Taking of with Connie and Jessica Wiles. Dick Moore is stepping up on the Lions Club end.

Insurance – Judy explained liability quote and are back working on a special events insurance.

Advertising – Doing another ad with WAXX and WLDY/WJBL Radio, Ron will take of the ads with WLDY/WJBL. 3 Ad rotation with be done – Separate one for the bull riding. They will be played the Thursday to Wednesday before the fair. WAXX will be played the same as last year which is Thursday and Friday along with Monday and Tuesday before the fair. 1 set of rodeo tickets each day will be given away each day on WAXX Monday to Friday. Ron donated $100 for 5 sets of tickets to be given away on WLDY/WJBL.

Motion made by Scott Jones/Terry DuSell 2nd and motion was carried.

Volunteers are still needed, will be going to County Board on Tuesday and checking with RCMH.

Sponsors are at $9,950, with news of Flambeau Falls and Mexicana Restaurants, Rusk Thompson, Van De VVoort, Jeff Zimmer, Morgan & Parmley, TJ Timberline, Northwest Sanitary, Town of Hubbard and Terry Nussberger.

Year signs need to be put up and taken in a timely manner as the if they are in the county ROW they will throw them away.

County Board presentation to be done at the July 25th meeting with Ron and Judy attending.

Next meeting will be August 6th at 6:00 pm. At the fair grounds.

Update on the 2018 rodeo.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board
August 6, 2017 Minutes

Those present Connie Meyer, Jess Wiles, Tammy Loomis, Erica Schley, Charmaine Johnson, Dave Nelson, Judy Srp, Ron Freeman, Breanne Meyer, Brooke Wiles, Bruce Thorpe, Lori Stine, Arriving at 7:00 Lyle Leiffring, Ken Pedersen, Terry DuSell, Scott Jones.

Meeting called to order at 6:10.
Minutes from the July 23, 2017 meeting were read, motion by Connie Meyer/Dave Nelson 2nd to approve as written. Motion carried

Fair coordinator: They have moved to the fair office in the Sr. Center. They are working on the sponsor signs to get them updated. Doing layout for vendors. Working on lots of last minute stuff. Charmaine will move later in the week when she is caught up.

Extension: Lori Beltruses has been appointed as 4-H liaison for Rusk County and 3 other counties. She was present at the last meeting to explain her role and help the county with the hiring of a new 4-H Agent/Family Consumer Agent.

Educational Tent: Finalized those that will be in the tent. Also a list of those that get in free that is doing a presentation in the tent.

Carnival: The contract has been approved. Tickets and times were sent. Contract for Jeremy Rosen with the eliminator was signed and approved as well.

Lights for the bull riding will be brought by Northwoods Rock Rally and Terry DuSell's employer.

We cover event needs, the layout of some of the vendors and the carnival on the south end.

Entry issues with regard to a horse entered by Nevah Wicke, sheep for Kelsie Kaehler and horse for Kim Van Doorn. Question is if they can use a different animal due to injuries for the horses and a death of the sheep. The information for the horses were submitted at the time of entries for the fair and meet the necessary safety and coggins test rules. The sheep is unable to be replaced however they would like to bring an additional one to show. Motion to allow replacement animals for the parties listed above made by Dave Nelson/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried

Parking update, Ron spoke with the Ladysmith Fire Department about parking and it is all set up ready to go.

50/50 ticket raffle, Fairest of the fair will help sell tickets at 3 events, they will be $20 full arms length, $10 half arms length, 6 for $5 or $1 each. They will be sold at the Mud Bog, Truck Tractor Pull and the Bull Riding. Motion by Terry DuSell/Scott Jones 2nd. Motion carried.

John King meal: We are to provide a meal for him and the band, Connie will check with the local restaurants to see if they would provide a meal. If no restaurant is willing then Loren will provie a meal from the OLS booth. Motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd Motion carried

Schedules were provided in the past by the Onni Padi Doon 4-H club, this year they are unable to afford it. The cost was approximately $200. The Jr. fair will print off and pick up the extra expense.

Security, We need to check with the sherriff's department to do walk through on the fairgrounds several time through out the fair.

Gate instructions: Charmaine has hand out for the gate instructions for each day for those that will be working the gates. Volunteers are still needed for some gate times. RCMH and the Weathershield light foundation have booth volunteered.

Bull Riders will get in free with along with 1 additional person, they should enter through the back gate. Question was asked about the sponsors getting in free and having a VIP area for them.

Insurance, the insurance agent from Hayward said it will be ready by fair time as he is working on it.

Fairest of the fairs, Loren has instructions for the girls as to where they will be needed and when. They will be available for most events except for when they are showing themselves.

Ads running on the radio now. Give aways for the bulling riding tickets have been done by both stations. Talked about maybe getting in on TV 13 and talk line with WLDY.

Lawnmower races participants were at the meeting to discuss the location of the race. They are not wanting to go in front of the grandstand as there is still a lot of garbage left from the demo derby. They would like to find a better spot.

Sponsorship are at $11,532 – currently $3,000 short.
Ad's are at $3,635 - $4,000 less then last year.

Charmaine had handouts for everyone show us where we are at financially.

Next meeting is to be determined.

We received $50 worth of gift cards from McDonalds to give away during the fair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board
August 24, 2017 Minutes

Those present Ron Freeman, Ly le Lieffring, Connie Meyer, Dave Nelson, Judy Srp, Charmaine Johnson, Ken Pedersen, Karrie Groothousen, Jessica Wiles, Terry Dusell, Tammy Loomis. Numerou members of the Horse project.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Ron opened meeting with setting the rules for public comment. Ron started with covering the rules of the 4-H Gymkana, showing the state rules on the large screen and going over them with the horse group present. He also read through the discipline/protest rule. Then covered our fairbook rules, with #24 about the superintendant responsibility. The superintendant of the horse show is Julie Thorpe. Also covering Rule #12 – that all final rules are decided by the fairboard then UWEX. There several comments from the horse members present explaining what happened during the horse show. Also sharing what their thoughts were with what took place. The fair board followed up with explaining to the horse committee to work together and regroup to get set for next year.

Incedent forms that were turned in were with the horse kids getting miner injuries. Also one turned in for Laura Dutter getting struck by a board.

Discussion for the dates for next year were done. It is decided on August 9-12 the 2nd weekend in August as usual.

Thank You's The committee talked about doing something different rather then hand written Thank you cards like a large general Thank you in the newspaper. Breanne also suggested doing post cards as well. Motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd to do a Thank you ad in the newspaper and the shopper along with post cards to be sent. Motion carried.

There is a large Dorchester Hog Market sign in the extension office from last years fair. Extension is wondering what to do with it. They will check with them to see what they want done with it and if they want it back.

Fair Events: Milwaukee Bucks Road show went over well. They performed a good short show due to the rain. They were good with the kids as well. See about if they can return for next year.

Bull Riding was a great event. Well attendedand received. More help was needed for the ticket sales to keep the lines moving. About 986 attended.

Truck/Tractor pull, there were 107 hooks and turned away 16-17. Lost 22 hooks to mechanical failure. Gate people left early. Granstand attendance was up and gate was up. $4,850 in grandstand, a loss of $1,350.

Mud bog had 78 hooks with 86 registered. Number of participants and spectators are up.

Bands - Dick Moore commented on John King, he was a little more expensive vs what they normally bring in. Suggested maybe spending a little less. Music was good there just was not a lot of attendance. Talked about changes for next year moving the stage and a better fenced in area for the youth to attend.

BBQ cookoff – There were 9 entries it all went well. Would like to continue to expand to make it bigger and better.

Corn Boil – Went of well, there were 90 dozen total of corn made. There was a good turn out. The price of corn was up this year.

Pan Cake Breakfast – New group was running it. They need more guidance and improvement for the breakfast itself.

Classic Car Show/Antique Tractor – Better turn out then years past.

Carnival – They did ok with money made on food. Rides were not as successful. Carnival is the right spot for the area South of the granstand. They will come back for next year for $6,000.

There were lots of lost and found items. A few things were stolen as well.

Parking – Fire department did an awesome job. We will have a need for more people to park next year.

Inflatables – Only $1,000 made off the inflatables. Ticket sales need to be made at the inflatables. They had some in appropriate behavior and language around the young kids. Rock wall went over very well too.

Volunteers – RCMH and Weathershield light foundation were a great help.

New Fair board member – It was recommended that Jessica Wiles be added to the board. Jessica said she would think about it and get back to us.

It was also nice to see a lot of our board members stepping up and helping in all areas this year.

Rodeo was added to the agenda

Dicussion about the Rodeo for year. We need to decide what nights we would like it and when we can Johanne meet with us. Board made motion for the Rodeo to be on Friday and Saturday nights. Motion by Terry DuSell/Dave Nelson 2nd. Motion carried.

Ideas for entertainment in the barns for the kids was mentioned for next year.

Monies – It was printed out to read and exhibitor numbers as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Rusk County Jr. Fair board
August 30, 2017 minutes

Those in attendance Ron Freeman, Lyle Lieffring, Scott Jones, Dave Nelson, Connie Meyer, Loren Beebe, Terry DuSell, Judy Srp, Erica Schley, Dick Moore, Ann Emmons, Breanne Meyer, Robert and Johanne Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Robert and Joanne Williams were at our meeting to present the rodeo.

Motion by Connie Meyer/Terry DuSell 2nd to approve Rodeo at the Rusk County Jr. Fair. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jr. Fair Board Minutes
September 27, 2017

Those present: Terry DuSell, Connie Meyer, Loren Beebe, Lyle Lieffring, Jessica Wiles, Julie Van Doorn, Ron Freemen, Judy Srp. Dave Nelson arriving at 7:16

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from 8-6-2017 read, motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd. Motion carried to approve minutes as written.

Minutes from 8-24-2017 and 8-30-2017 were read, with correction of date and typo's, motion by Terry DuSell/Dave Nelson 2nd. Motion carried to approve.

Fair coordinator report: Nothing new to report

It was reported there will be a Rodeo press conference on October 3, 2017 at the Worden Exchange. All fair boards members were encouraged to attend.

Discussion about changes to our bylaw was had. Currently our bylaws allow for 5-9 members on the fair board. We would like to increase it from 9-11. Motion to change Section I of bylaws that no more then 11 board members be allowed and no less than 7. Motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried – contingent up approval by UWEX committee.

Recommendations for new board members to fill those spots are Jessica Wiles and Julie Van Doorn. Motion by Connie Meyer/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried – contingent upon approval of the bylaw changes.

There are currently 3 position up for renewal terms, they are Scott Jones, Ron Freeman and Loren Beebe who filled out Wally Stangers term. It is recommended that all retain their seats on the board. Motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried.

2018 Budget was covered by Ron. He discussed the current budget and was he was proposing for the 2018 budget. It was suggested to forward the 2017-2018 budget to finance. Motion by Connie Meyer/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried.

Closed session was discussed. Ron spoke to Rich Sommerfield about if we need to go to closed session to discuss our Care to Share forms. Rich said these could be discussed in open session due to the open records law. Because the care to share forms are with regard to a volunteered position it was suggested that the volunteer not be allowed to volunteer next year. It was discussed if we could look at them and discuss them. Ron proceeded to put them out to the board. We will cover each one of them.

1. Was with regard to the horse project and show.
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Discussion about the care to share forms was held and some clarifications were made. We talked about what us as a fair board could do to help them out as a group. Suggestion about have a rules meeting to go over the rules with all the horse project members. Julies stated that the care to share forms maybe had more to do with past issues then just what occurred at the fair this year.

Next meeting will be October 18, 2017 in LEC center. We will be going through the Bylaws and election of officials, minutes and agenda.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Jr. Fair Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017 UWEX

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ken Pedersen, Loren Beebe, Judy Srp, Terry DuSell, Lyle Lieffring, Julie Van Doorn, Ron Freeman, Jessica Wiles Dave Nelson,

Connie Meyer arriving at 7:15

Election of Officers:

At this time nomination for Chairperson accepted: Ron Freeman nominated by Judy Srp/Loren Beebe 2nd, no other nominations received, nominations closed motion by Judy Srp/Julie Van Doorn 2nd. A unanimous vote was cast for Ron Freeman as Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson: Nominations were open and Terry DuSell nominated by Judy Srp/Loren Beebe 2nd, no other nominations received, nomination closed motion by Judy Srp/Loren Beebe 2nd. A unanimous vote was cast for Terry DuSell as Chairperson.

Secretary: Nominations were open and Judy Srp nominated by Terry Dusell/Jessica Wiles 2nd, no other nominations received, nomination closed motion by Terry DuSell/Jessica Wiles 2nd. A unanimous vote was cast for Judy Srp as Secretary.

Approval for minutes from September 27, 2017 was motioned by Loren Beebe/Judy Srp 2nd. Terry Dusell abstained from vote. Motion carried

Fair Coordinator report: Breanne wasn't able to get the fair video done yet do we want her to still do it. General consensus is to complete it and put it on the web site. Question payment for out judges do we want to change that or keep it the same. Currently is at $12.00 Hr. and .51 a mile. Board feels that is a good pay at this time so keep the same.

She will be working on sponsors and with no ads for the fair book she will draft a new letter explaining this to our supporters. Breanne will get a list of sponsor out to the fair board. We discussed when to send out sponsor letters and felling was to do it at the beginning of the year after Christmas. If was also brought up about Rodeo Sponsors being the same as our Fair sponsors. We will check with Johanne with regard to this as the contract said she would not get the same sponsors as us. Judy will check with her.

Breanne suggested about purchasing tablets or I pads to help with Blue Ribbon information, judging sheets and other fair related items. It would make is easier as all the information will be in one spot and will be entered immediately. Lyle would look for some sale deals with Christmas coming.

Discuss about text messages received from Rice Bull Riding and CO. about the upcoming Rodeo and why they were not brought back to the fair. Judy drafted letter responding to their questions and concerns. Letter was read to board. A motion to send the letter a long with a copy of the press conference packet was made by Terry Dusell/Jessica Wiles 2nd. Motion carried.

Extension Report: Approval for Loren Beebe, Scott Jones, Jessica Wiles and Julie Van Doorn to be members of the fair board was approved. They also covered our budget and bylaws. Ron read through the updated by laws for approval and the budget as well. Both were approved.

Meeting with the 4-H horse project on 10-8 went well. The rules were read through and discussion about what they want in place for rules and then they will propose them to the Jr. Fair Board.

Fairgrounds office usage: Powerhouse would like to use the office at the fairgrounds for a few months till their office is finished. If would be for 6 months starting at the 1st of November. All lock combinations will be changed after that. Motion by Terry DuSell/Julie Van Doorn 2nd. Motion carried.

We covered the 2018 events that are currently set for the fair. Need to find a Thursday night event. Looking for something family orientated.

Judy covered District 2 Fair board meeting.

E-mail was read from Erica Schley with regard to the being on the Jr. Fair Board. Due to some health issues she needs to step back a bit but is still interested in helping. It was agreed we still would like her to be on the board and participate as much as she can at this time.

We discussed about picking a common day and time to have our fair board meetings. Nothing decided at this time.

Next Meeting will December 17, 2017 7:00 p.m. at the LEC meeting room.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Minutes by Jr. Fair Board Secretary Judy Srp

Rusk County Jr. Fair Minutes
December 17, 2017 7:00 PM

Those present: Ron Freeman, Connie Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Ken Peterson, Charmaine Johnson, Breanne Meyer, Julie Van Doorn, Judy Srp and Dave Nelson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from November 1, 2017 were read, Motion by Connie Meyer, 2nd by Jessica Wiles. Motion to approve minutes as written.

Fair Coordinator report: Breanne has school packets done and sent out. She has updated the website, she met with Johanne to go over rodeo stuff. Breanne would like to have the link for the website to the Jr. Fair updated so it comes up easier. Judy said to check with Andy about possibly helping with that. They also could pay to have it done which is about $30.00.

Extension report: Agreement on job description for 4-H agent has been set. They did not hire an agent from the last interviews done.

Sponsor list and Sponsorship letters: We read over the letter to be sent out. We added an ending date being June 1st. Breanne will send out the letters after we look over the sponsor list. These will go out just after Christmas.

We covered the fair book rules with regard to only Rusk County exhibitors. Talked about having a few 4-H clubs that in both Rusk County and surrounding counties and that being their group is registered under Rusk County they are eligible to show. Open Class is open to all.

Breanne asked about Blue Ribbon renewal. It was agreed to renew it for this year.

Insurance update was covered by Judy. No definite answer right now.

Rusk County Rodeo: Discussion about several aspects of the rodeo was covered.

Friday night entertainment: John King would like to come back to the fair. Breanne will get information on how much he charges and how long we would play this year,

Parking: Ladysmith Fire Department was not interested in doing parking this year. Talked about other options, maybe asking a different fire department or group.

Carnival: It was talked about just going with inflatables and getting costs associated with that.

Vendors fees: Should we up vendor fees? Information booths will remain the same, non food vendors are $100 and food vendors will be $125.00 Motion by Judy Srp, 2nd by Jessica Wiles. Motion carried

Camping: There have been issues with bigger trailers not having enough room and needing 2 spots. It is on a first come first serve basis. Animal exhibitors get preference of spots, then the rest. Also a question on letting the public rent spots during the fair. It was decided that it was not a good idea.

Chamber meeting: Rusk County Jr Fair will be the host for July meeting. The BBQ cook off would do a small taste of BBQ. It will start at 5:00 and will be at the fair grounds.

2018 Events: More discussion about the inflatables, doing the car show, BBQ cook off and determining an event for Thursday night.

Information about the State Fair Convention, it will January 7-11 in Wisconsin Dells.

Charmaine has been working getting old fair checks cashed. She has sent out names to all 4-H groups and others.

Breanne informed us that should she receive a full time job after graduation she may not be available to fill her position as fair coordinator.

Next meeting is January 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.