

**UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**  
**UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Committee members present: Lyle Lieftring, Alan Rathsack, Tom Hanson, Kathy Vacho and Terry DuSell. Staff present: Charmaine Riddle, Breanne Meyer and Jenna Behrends. Appearances by: Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; Andy Albarado, Administrative Coordinator; and Lenore Krajewski, Trails End Board of Trustees. Others in attendance: Robin Trott and Amy Geisler from Blue Hills Equestrian Pony Club.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lyle Lieftring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** *Motion to approve the January 2 minutes by Terry with second by Kathy. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:**

**A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** Ron reported there have been two committee meetings since the last Extension meeting. The MOU is signed with the rodeo. Have Badger State Dirt Flingers set for Sunday at Noon. The rodeo is still planning on live entertainment on Thursday. The board wishes to dedicate the fair to Dave Nelson pending approval by the family. We have inflatables for Friday through Sunday like last year. Planning on having the Truck & Tractor Pull for July 5 at 7 pm. Next meeting is February 24 at 6 pm.

**B. JR FAIR CONTRACTS:** North of Dixie band for 8/10 for \$900, Track Patrol Sled for 7/5 for \$1200, Rock N Roll to Go Roll Plus for \$1980 on 8/9, \$2040 for 8/10 and \$1800 for \$1800; and Badger State Dirt Flingers for \$650 on 8/11. Plan on having the band play during corn boil and BBQ cookoff. Have sponsor for sled already. Rock N Roll to Go Plus will reserve a generator for us in case we need it but it is not included in the contracts. *Motion by Al with second by Tom to approve contracts. Motion carried.*

**TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:**

**A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Lenore reported that they had quorum at their last meeting. They reviewed the alcohol policy. When they first started allowing private usage they didn't allow alcohol usage but lost users because of it. Usage doesn't seem to be the problem but the lack of cleanup. Will consider charging a cleanup fee or implementing an additional security deposit for those that use alcohol. Have noticed wedding parties nail things up for decorating. Heather will talk to John to see if it's a problem that the trustees should pursue. End of year financials were not available. Checking on availability for the Chamber display case. Jenna offered an idea of using the new 40 acre property by having public access to it all year for cross county and fat tire biking. Al suggested the land along the river by Beebe's crossing.

**B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** None

**FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS**

**A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Andy said during the rains the horse arena was flooded and had good ice so they made that into the ice skating rink. There are lights available and a fire pit for use. Charmaine has been doing promotion of the rink.

**B. BLUE HILLS EQUESTRIAN PONY CLUB PRESENTATION:** Robin gave a presentation of the Blue Hill Equestrian Pony Club. It started out as the Bruce Equestrian Club and was in existence for about 10 years.

They didn't have their own insurance so went under FFA or the Bruce School. They always used the US Pony Club rules and manuals. The Bruce Equestrian Club disbanded but they still want it to be listed in the fair book in case someone takes it over again. Several families joined the Pony Club. Cost is \$155/yr per member. Insurance coverage includes the member's medical and their horse. No matter where they participate they are covered. They have access to the entire curriculum. Once complete, they will have an equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree in Equine Science. There is also a badge program for outdoor activities. Adults can join too. It's more family oriented as parents can participate and learn with their children. You can start at age 4 and there's no cutoff as long as you can still ride. There are competitions and when they compete they do it as a team and not against one another. Currently there are 14 members. *Motion by Al with second by Terry to approve the Blue Hills Equestrian Pony Club as an approved Rusk County youth group able to receive fair premiums. Motion carried.*

**C. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** Blue Hills Equestrian Pony Club submitted agreements for Weekly Practice and Lessons every Monday from May 1 to October 15, D-Camp from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3 day Horse Show from August 2 to 4. *Motion by Terry with second by Kathy to approve. Motion carried.*

- **JR FAIR TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL:** Rusk County Jr Fair is requesting usage of Grandstand, Central Area and JLO or Jr Fair building (formerly OLS) for July 5. Wish to serve food and beer. Will only serve alcohol on the north side of the track. Food will either be cooked in JLO or Jr Fair building. Will also have a canopy on north side for food and will transport it to north side by ATV/UTV. This is meant to be a fundraiser for the Jr Fair and all work and sales will be done by the Jr Fair. Fencing will be similar to the truck/tractor pull during the fair but will exclude the Lions area. If beer sales is approved will seek a picnic license from the Town of Flambeau. *Motion by Tom with second by Kathy to approve the grounds usage, beer sales and ATV/UTV request. Motion carried. Terry abstained from voting.*

- **REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL**
- **ATV/UTV USAGE REQUEST**

#### **RECYCLING BUSINESS**

**A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES:** Charmaine reported on end of year bills, collection totals, site issues, upcoming electronics collection event on April 13, and work with the City of Ladysmith to find a new area for the recycling dumpsters and possibly change type of receptacles. After reviewing the budget there is money left to cover the City of Ladysmith leaf and brush collection, recycling related advertising and repairs to the recycling trailer for \$13857.26. The City of Ladysmith is able to earmark funds for future use. We've been saving for a new recycling trailer for several years. *Motion by Terry with second by Tom to approve reimbursement to the City of Ladysmith. Motion carried.*

**B. 2019-2022 RECYCLING RFP:** Waste Management said rates will go up whether it's at renewal or a RFP. Charmaine presented the RFP. Will meet with the City of Ladysmith this afternoon to go over a few things. *Motion to approve RFP by Terry with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

**α. CHOOSE RFP SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Kathy is willing to serve along with Doug Parker from the City and Charmaine. *Motion to approve selection committee by Lyle with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

**EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:** Charmaine reported that the percentages she is supposed to work is 50% Maintenance, 30% Extension, 10% Jr Fair and 10% Recycling. Actual figures from 2018 show 38% in Maintenance, 19% in Jr Fair, 31% in UWEX and 12% in Recycling.

- A. POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR REPORT:** Jenna reported that she will have a social get-together on Wednesday night for leaders to come together, meet one another and network. Camp counselor applications are due on Friday. Counselors must be in grades 8-13. Camp will be July 9-11. Was asked to attend the Community Center Feasibility Planning meeting. Considering either the old elementary school or the armory. Would have workforce housing, daycare and Community Center. Will meet again on 2/12. Rusk County is hosting a 4H Online training on 2/12 at the library. Some committees and clubs that haven't been meeting have now started. Parliamentary Procedure workshop for Rusk and Taylor counties will be on 2/28 at the Jump River Community Center at 6 pm. Committee recommended holding another one later in Ladysmith. VIP training for new leaders will be on 2/20. YQCA will be March 3 at the Senior Center. Jenna is starting a county-wide mountain bike team which will give youth a new opportunity to explore the outdoors. The mountain bike team would be affiliated with the NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association). Within 3 years she would like to turn it into an endurance program that would include Nordic skiing, running and biking.
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Breanne started on January 16 and has been to several meetings, started networking with RCYC and in court today received 5 new cases. Compiled a report of 2018 cases.
- a. FAIR COORDINATOR ROLE:** Andy said they hired Breanne as the RRYP Coord/YD Assistant. She was formerly the fair coordinator but working both positions would cause unbudgeted overtime. RRYP did so some Jr Fair duties such as Ed Tent. Wish to allocate 10% of Youth Development position to the fair annually. Will keep title, already moved intern to coordinator position and recommend the Jr Fair board hire an intern. RRYP remains a priority during the fair. Andy will work with Ron on parameters and the fair won't have to pay the fair portion of her salary. *Motion by Kathy with second by Tom to approve allocating 10% of Youth Development position to Jr Fair duties. Motion carried.* Terry abstained from voting.
- C. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** None this month

**CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:** Charmaine went over current year budget review. UWEX will be giving \$ back, RRYP will be covered by Youth Aids and Jr Fair will be using around \$1700 in non-lapsing funds due to electrical expenses. Recycling still has several pending attendant invoices but all grant funds will be spent.

**REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS:** *Motion by Al with second by Tom to approve the bill report. Motion carried.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 5 at 8:30 am in UW Extension Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.