

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Alan Rathsack, Gary Swoverland and Ken Pedersen. Staff present: Charmaine Johnson and Karrie Groothousen. Appearances by: Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; and Lori Baltrusis, Area District Director was present electronically.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the February 6 minutes by Ken with second by Al. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Ron reported they met on February 18. Met with rodeo to iron out a few things, they are expecting large attendance and are working on getting additional bleachers. There is a Garth Brooks Tribute Band on Thursday night called "Fresh Horses". Changed gate fees to \$5 for 7 and up and kids 6 and under are free. Season passes for worker and exhibitors will be \$10 and public season passes are \$15. The fair wishes to contract with Rock N Roll to Go Plus for inflatables on Friday through Sunday for a little over \$5000. They will run the rides so we don't have to. *Motion by Ken with second by Gary to approve the contracts from Rock N Roll to Go Plus. Motion carried.* Will be getting \$2500 from Monsanto and moved to do premiums for Gymkhana on Sunday on a one year trial basis. Next meeting is March 18 at 6 pm in LEC.

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** No report.
- B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** No report.

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Letters were sent to Horse Project and Hoofbeats regarding some of their dates getting bumped. Have not heard from either group.
- B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** Received usage and equipment requests from Bluegrass Festival and Dairy Breakfast. *Motion to approve agreements by Al with second by Ken. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING BUSINESS

- A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES:** Charmaine gave a report of current activities and violations. The City of Ladysmith reimbursement was approved, PXL went out of business 1/31/18 and ordered new bins. Contacted North Central Recyclers and they are interested in starting to do electronics collections but is not willing to do drop offs.
- B. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Charmaine is requesting to go to an Electronics/RU workshop in Plover on April 11 that if Charmaine goes to the program is guaranteed to not get audited for 3 years. *Motion by Ken with second by Al to approve out of county travel to Plover. Motion carried.*

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT:** Charmaine and Karrie reported on Winter Camp, YQCA, Small Animal Orientations, Youth Development contact list creation and having camp meetings to go over options for 4H camp this summer. Lori said Sawyer County may have an agent by May 1st so there may be some interest in camping with us. There will be many 4H booths at the Farm Show on March 24 so come show your support. Karrie would like to go to an Area 1 & 2 meeting on March 19 in Hayward so she can meet others doing Youth Development. *Motion by Al with second by Gary to approve the out of county travel. Motion carried.*
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Karrie presented her report. Met with Lori in Clerk of Circuit Court and found that 83% of juvenile fines that were reduced are getting paid. This is a higher number since Karrie mentions it during programming. Lori will go back a few years to see how much the percentage has increased.
- C. HIRING UPDATE:** Lori reported that there were 13 applicants and 7 will get phone interviews on March 7 and then the final candidates will have in person interviews on March 21. She is meeting with Amber today to see about getting Food Wise programming back in Rusk County.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW: Charmaine went over all of the budgets and gave find year end totals.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the UWEX Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Gary. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.