

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieftring, Alan Rathsack, Tom Hanson and Ken Pedersen. Staff present: Charmaine Johnson and Karrie Groothousen. Appearances by: Ted East, Administrative Coordinator; Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; Heather Towers Moreno, Trails End Board of Trustees; and Lori Baltrusis, Area District Director.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Ron reported they met on March 18. The rodeo is doing a combo package and the Jr Fair voted to give discounted tickets for the package, working with the Sheriff's Dept. on traffic, working on getting additional bleachers, Chris Cold will be in the Ed Tent, expanding BBQ cookoff, and will have the band Austin Fire on Friday night. Judy will attend the District conference next week in Hayward. Brian Johnson, Pastor of Assemblies of God will hold a church service on Sunday during the fair and they will have an additional truck/tractor pull the weekend of Leaf it to Rusk on September 29. The rodeo will have a tent for their BBQ evening which may have alcohol served in it. Lions will need to get permission to fence off the tent in order to serve alcohol.

B. JR FAIR CONTRACTS: None

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

A. TRUSTEE REPORT: Heather stated the trustees are planning on having an Open House on Oct. 9 including a friendly fun guide, Forager's Harvest guided hike, the Boy Scouts will have 2 person log sawing and campfire, Girl Scouts will have food and do crafts, Chris Cold will do a presentation, KAMO will do archery and they might have tomahawk throwing. Bruce Historical Society will be there to give some history of the camp. The trustees will be in the Bruce parade and will give out information to all events held at camp, schools and churches. Heather brought up as a point of discussion priorities at camp including the small bridge and some roofs. She requested square footage costs from Mike as she is applying for a grant.

B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: Mike stated he has no plans to repair the roofs but if he did he would replace them with metal. The trustees can give suggestions but it is up to Property to make the decisions. Hopes to work on the berm mid-May, he is not plowing the driveway and they hope to put the showers together this week but still no water.

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: Almost done with the roofs of the S/Y center and the garage. Still don't have the water turned on. Will be submitting cost proposals for roofs for the hog barns and the horse racing barn and for some blacktopping. Ted commented that the fairgrounds contracts need to be updated so oversight is done by the Property Committee. Mike said the Historical Society is working on a wigwam

which will be on a concrete slab. They want a building to store the birch bark and aspen until it dries. Item will be forwarded to the Property Committee.

- B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** Received usage and equipment requests from Swoverland for equipment rental of chair and tables, Tree sales from April 23 to May 4, and Jr Fair Truck/Tractor Pull on Sept. 9. *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:

- a. OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL:** Charmaine and new hire need to go to a 4H Online training in Eau Claire on April 11. *Motion to approve out of county travel by Ken with second by Tom. Motion carried.*
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Karrie and Charmaine attended a camp committee meeting. Planning on camp July 10-12 but still need some adult commitments and camp counselors. Karrie is working on the Ed Tent schedule for the fair. Already has several commitments for vendors.
- C. TRUANCY PROGRAM REPORT:** Karrie gave a presentation on her truancy project she did at Bruce School for her college class. Overall 9% increase in attendance with the kids she worked with. Worked with them on goal setting, accountability and having a positive adult mentoring relationship.
- D. HIRING UPDATE:** Lori stated they are waiting for a written acceptance letter from candidate before she can announce her name. Will start on April 16.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW: Charmaine went over all of the budgets.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the UWEX Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Ken. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.