

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Al Rathsack, Kathy Vacho, Terry DuSell, and Tom Hanson at 8:02 am. Staff present: Charmaine Riddle and Breanne Meyer. Appearances by: Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; Lenore Krajewski from Trails End Board of Trustees; Judy Srp, Rusk County Livestock Chair; and Robin & Sweetie Trott with Blue Hills Equestrian Pony Club.

CALL TO ORDER: Lyle Lieffring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the January 7 minutes by Al with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** Ron reported that he requested and was approved for \$5000 from room tax with the City, approved vendor letters, will have a Truck & Tractor pull on July 17th, still working on online ticket sales, sponsors, will have a Horse Pull on Sunday and a band after North of Dixie on Saturday.
- B. JR FAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL:** Contracts for Jim Mitchell on August 6, Midwest Farmers Horse Pulling Association for August 9 and eliminator with Greg Pronschinske for July 17. *Motion to approve contracts by Terry with second by Kathy. Motion carried.*

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Lenore reported that Andy said the electrical work in the kitchen is done and roofs will be put on in spring, will host the Chamber lunch in March and will have a booth at the Spring Expo. Jodi Hopkins is interested in being the additional 4H rep for camp so will get her approved at the next Trustee meeting and then bring to Committee next month for approval.
- B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** Charmaine reported that postcards were sent out to those that haven't reserved their dates yet, updated calendar on website, minutes from 2019 are posted on website and confirmed all current reservations so far.

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Charmaine said she received a request from Headstart to have a Father/Daughter dance at the S/Y building. Kathy Walthers told them no for this year as it was already booked but they wanted to know for future use. Event is open to anyone so Committee has concern with amount of room available and they would need to provide insurance for event. Judy Srp was present
- B. PRESENTATION BY BLUE HILLS EQUESTRIAN PONY CLUB:** Robin & Sweetie Trott gave a presentation on their club's events, fundraising, educational activities and thanked the Committee for use of the fairgrounds. In 2019 they had 23 members and currently have 17 but are now getting additional members from out of the area including Medford and Hayward. Their district is all of MN and half of WI and they received 2nd place when they went to a quiz bowl. They want to have Polocrosse at the fairgrounds in 2021.

- C. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** Agreements submitted for MMC-Ladysmith Community Egg Hunt on 4/4, Coggins Clinic on 4/4, All American Circus on May 3 and Rusk County Jr Fair Truck & Tractor Pull for July 17. There will be a lot of traffic on north end with horses and trailers so suggest egg hunt is in central area and south. *Motion to approve agreements adding requirement for egg hunt to be in central area and south by Lyle with second by Terry. Motion carried.* Additional agreements were submitted for BHEPC Practice Days every Monday from April 19-Sept. 28, BHEDPC Mega Rally on June 20 & 21 and BHEPC Fun Show on July 24-26. *Motion to approve by Al with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING BUSINESS

- A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES:** Charmaine reported she is working on end of year expenses, completed the Legislative Audit Survey and switched over the CFL box.
- B. 2019 END OF YEAR EXPENSES:** Usually the last expense of the year is for the City of Ladysmith to drain the remaining grant funds. This year the City sent expenses for recycling trailer, purchase of trailer and yard waste advertising. Some of the expenses aren't allowed and they had money in their budget in 2019 to purchase the trailer. Charmaine would like to pay all trailer related repair/replacement expenses and reimburse the Village of Bruce with the remaining grant funds for their curbside recycling program. *Motion to approve by Kathy with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR & COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR REPORT:** Breanne reported she will not be at March meeting but Kathy Splett will be present to discuss Food Wise activities in Rusk County, planning for summer camp with Skye from Sawyer County, requesting camp counselor applications, helped with FFA speaking contest, JLO is making barn quilts for the fairgrounds buildings and she reached out to the Fab Lab at the Ladysmith School to see if they could make cut outs for names of the buildings. JLO is planning a kickball tournament during Green and White Day, she was trained in VIP so she can now train new leaders, participating in Alcohol Subcommittee since it's helping make the community healthier for youth and also the Reality Tour.
- B. RRYPC COORDINATOR HIRING UPDATE:** Richard Gauger was hired and will start on February 10.
- C. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Meeting in Chippewa on February 25 and also another meeting with Skye in Barron County. *Motion to approve by Terry with second by Al. Motion carried.*

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET REVIEW: Charmaine went over current budget review. Will look at 2019 a final time in March and will then start 2020 in May.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00 am in the UW Extension Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Al. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.