

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Lynn Barry, Joe Brait, Pat Briggs, Wendy Brown, Charles Burridge, Judy Flynn, Marge Freeman, Cyndy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Doris Motta, Phil Motta, Karen Schwalbe, Robert Speakman, Robert Silvia, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Robert White

ABSENT: Marie Austin, Judy Collins, Kelly Connerton, Kerry Dyka, Bob Dyka, Susan Fitzpatrick, Jeff Forte, Brenda Gardener, Jeanne Glennon, Ann Jarvis, Russ Norton, Pat Riley, Don Uitti, Carolyn Weeks, Doris Weeks, Laurie Webster, Jay Zavala

President Joanne McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. She welcomed all attending.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Wendy Brown reported that the water project is complete.
- The Sheriff's Dept. will be coming in May to do clean up and bathroom painting and upgrading.
- Wendy has met with both Mashpee and Falmouth police to review procedures and upcoming events.
- Plans for a Beer Tent at the Fair are going forward. Need to get application to the Selectmen. There will be a two drink limit, wristbands, and daily stamps for customers. The area will be double-fenced and placed near the Marketplace building where Security is located.
- Special events permits have all been approved.
- Paving projects planned to connect to grounds area. Discussion to put fence back in Rockwell area. Depends on electrical inspection. Some work needed with underground piping in that area.
- Sheds to be moved, one in Master Garden area and Farmer Brown shed to be moved.
- A program for training of Canines will take place on our grounds.
- Met with Russ Norton to assist in cleanup of West Gate area. Old fence to be brought back and open the area up. Exit would be moved to the right.
- Sean will be returning to work on the grounds on April 4th.

#### OLD BUSINESS

NON-FAIR EVENTS UPDATE -- Only a few weekends open. Some new events planned including Bridal Wars. Pow-Pow coming back with stipulations. Role of tribal police to be clarified. No alcohol will be allowed, and if any problems, it will be their last year on our grounds. Girl Scouts event coming back. Scallop Festival scheduled for Fall. Hoping to have some 4H involvement. We hope to profit \$120,000 from non fair events.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Pres. Joanne mentioned she would like to know what's being planned in all the areas at the Fair.
- 4H: Jude Vollmer reported that they will be having a recipe contest and demonstrations. The "Bee" theme will be used this year. They will promote getting the kids involved with a Pollinated garden and other activities.
- Livestock: Karen Schwalbe reported that they will resume the Battle of the Barns, and rotate special animal events. They will have one hour interactive activities for the children.
- Adult Building: Doris Motta will be meeting with the building Superintendents to plan. She hopes to have some demonstrations outside the building. Wendy mentioned that they plan to use the Showcase Stage for demonstrations. The benches there will be replaced.

- Commercial: Pat Briggs reported that all food vendors now have to be 10 ft. apart. Some are being moved on the hill. Most are all scheduled.
- Entertainment: All nights are booked. Birds of Prey back with Jonathan. Bike Show planned. Joanne asked if it would be possible to play the scheduled entertainers music over the PA system. Wendy said the system is antiquated and it may not work. It presently is programmed for music from a radio station.
- Information: Austin Foster is not available. Looking for a new volunteer for that committee.
- Scholarship: Cyndy Ogden reported that the committee will be meeting in a few days to review the 17 applications that have been submitted. They will then set up interviews with candidates they wish to meet.
- Joanne mentioned that there is an old poster in the museum that has value. Question if it could be copied and sold as a reproduction. Pat Briggs will contact Jeanne Glennon with that information.
- A handout regarding a MAFA Photography Competition was given out.

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Wendy will assemble an Incident Management Team which would know all procedures and meet soon to go over procedures. Phil Motta reported that he is handling the documentation for the Evacuation Plan. They plan to meet with both Mashpee and Falmouth Chiefs together for planning. Plans would be in effect for non-Fair events as well as the Fair. Phil will be meeting with State Fire Marshall's office to go over regulations. Main goal is to educate everyone regarding all safety and emergency procedures.

Don McCarthy thanked the Board for their support during his terms as MAFA President. He said that the involvement and support of our sponsorship at the convention was very much appreciated.

Joe Amaral moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Ogden  
Secretary