

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Marie Austin, Pat Briggs, Wendy Brown, Joe Brait, Judy Collins, Marge Freeman, Ann Jarvis, Joyce Lindberg, Peter Lindberg, Donald McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Doris Motta, Phil Motta, Cyndy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Karen Schwalbe, Robert Silvia, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Carolyn Weeks, Robert White.

ABSENT: Lynn Barry, Charles Burridge, Kelly Connerton, Bob Dyka, Kerry Dyka, Susan Fitzpatrick, Jeff Forte, Judy Flynn, Austin Foster, Brenda Gardner, Virginia Glennon, Russell Norton, Pat Riley, Barbara Sosnowski, Bob Speakman, Don Uitti, Doris Weeks, Laurie Webster, Jay Zavala

President Joanne McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She welcomed those attending and thanked people for sharing their comments regarding new ideas for the Fair buildings at the last meeting.

MANAGER NOTES

- Many water hydrants have been fixed, four were broken.
- One of the bathroom ceilings collapsed. It has been replaced and the wall repaired.
- Garden shed has been moved to the Garden area.
- Some fascia boards have been replaced.
- The paving connecting the roads has been completed.
- In the West Gate area, the fence is being removed to create a better opening at the entrance. That area will be landscaped to beautify the area. Fences will be put on both sides of that entrance. Need to make that area easy to maintain, and to get rid of the invasive vines there now.
- New plantings will be put in the Veteran's Garden and in the front of the Admin. building.
- Gate machines will be upgraded to Windows 7. Law still allows the use of swipe cards.
- Joe Brait will be coming with a Sheriff's Dept. crew to paint bathrooms.
- Wendy showed a screen presentation of our Website, which now includes Exhibitor pages and a Director's portal, which shows meeting minutes, budget information, Board applications and policies. This area is password protected. It will also include a link to meeting agendas.

OLD BUSINESS

1. NON FAIR UPDATE: The Board of Appeals meeting went well. The new International Beer Festival has been cancelled this year. A Cape Cod Antiques dealer event is coming in. Other events scheduled soon are: Juvenile Diabetes in June, the Master's Gardener's Plant Sale on May 14th, and a Memorial Concert on May 21st.

2. REGULATIONS UPDATE: Phil Motta attended a meeting at the Fire Marshall's Office in Marshfield, which discussed inspection procedures for Fairs, especially related to cooking operations. The intent is to draft requirements for cooking events outside tent areas. Local Fire chiefs can make their own decisions regarding safety. A 10 ft. clearance bill is being addressed at the state level. Don McCarthy mentioned that MAFA is trying to get representation on the State

Board, as there is no consistency with the present codes. The local Fire Dept will check all areas for gas leaks.

3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: The team has been identified, and will be setting up a meeting in May. They will identify all forces with the Fire and Police Depts. to create a comprehensive plan. Plans for events such as Bomb threats, lightning storms, etc. will be put in place. There's a need to ramp up efforts with the Emergency Team.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. LIQUOR LICENSE: A seven day license has been approved by the Board of Selectmen for a Beer Tent at The Fair. Some Domestic and Imported white wines will be purchased. A 40 x 80 sq. ft. fenced in area will be located near the Market Place building. There will be 2 beer-a-day limit using wristbands and dated hand stamps. People will be allowed to bring food into the beer tent area. An outside company will be hired to serve the beer - looking for three tips-certified people.

### 2. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Cyndy Ogden reported that the Scholarship Committee has interviewed 11 candidates, and after reviewing them, chose 6 new students for our Scholarship program. She said that most applicants were very impressive this year, making the decision challenging. These students will be awarded their scholarships on stage at a night during the Fair.
- Jude Vollmer mentioned that a BEE theme will be used in the Youth Building this year. This is noted in the Exhibitor's Handbook, and flyers will be distributed.
- Karen Schwalbe reported that the Livestock area is changing some of their space around, and is swapping some of their dairy show times. They plan to have agricultural related talks, one per day. Rebeccca Hiltz will be the Barn Manager.
- Joanne McCarthy talked about some new ideas for the Fair, such as a Magician she knows of who could also do Motivational Presentations. She would like to see demos in the different areas, such as flower arranging, cake decorating, artist's painting or doing crafts. Possibly a Best of Show area in the Adult Building, vegetable carving, a Fair-goers People's Choice Award in the Photography area. Maybe a calendar combining photos from both the Youth and Adult Building's Photography areas. All this could be announced daily, noted on the daily schedules, and signs hung on the building doors. She would like to see a Jr. Fair Board created, made up of children in the 8th grade and older.

With no further business, a motion was made by Carolyn Weeks to adjourn . Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: E-BOARD @ 6:00 P.M., MAY 18, 2016  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS @ 7:00 P.M., MAY 18, 2016