

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2016

PRESENT: Marie Austin, Lynn Barry, Charles Burrige, Wendy Brown, Joe Brait, Judy Collins, Susan Fitzpatrick, Judy Flynn, Jeff Forte, Marge Freeman, Virginia Glennon, Ann Jarvis, Donald McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Doris Motta, Phil Motta, Russell Norton, Cyndy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Karen Schwalbe, Bob Speakman, Don Uitti, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Carolyn Weeks, Doris Weeks, Robert White

ABSENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Pat Briggs, Kelly Connerton, Bob Dyka, Kerry Dyka, Austin Foster, Brenda Gardner, Joyce Lindberg, Peter Lindberg, Pat Riley, Barbara Sosnowski, Robert Sylvia, Laurie Webster, Jay Zavala

President Joanne McCarthy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed those attending.

Manager's Report

- Fascia Board work has been completed
- Sheriff's workers will be on the grounds next week
- West Gate work being done, Russ Norton has removed posts, will be removing vines. A company will be coming to spruce up that area. Hydro-seeding has been done and sprayers on for watering.
- WIFI issues have been resolved. Phone system now all set. A 2nd modem will be needed when we have to use chip cards
- Any Board members needing badges or sign work need to let Wendy know. Also inform her if any work parties will be on the grounds before the Fair. Go through Wendy for any big projects.
- A new vendor selling knives has requested space. Questions arise if his items will be displayed under glass, should be displayed in cases.

OLD BUSINESS

1. NON-FAIR UPDATE: Master Gardener's Plant Sale was held last weekend. It was very well attended. The Alex Holmes Memorial Concert is scheduled for this coming weekend.

2. We have received our Liquor License, and have two proposals for servers, with a difference in price.

3. Grounds signs: Better signage for bathroom locations will be made and put in appropriate places. Gate signs will be put on both entrances, and one will be in brackets on the East Gate.

4. Flags: Wendy recommends moving the POW flag to the Veteran's Garden area, which will leave the American and MA flags on the front pole. The Flags are replaced twice a year due to wind, etc.

5. Karen Scwalbe recommended a new candidate to serve as Assoc. Director. Her name is Belinda Rubenstein, who is a Biology teacher and very involved in agricultural work. Her application was accepted by the E-Board at tonight's meeting, a copy of which is sent out with these minutes for Board member's review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Souvenirs: Virginia Glennon reported that she will be ordering shirts for the Board members needing them. An email will go out with styles and prices. She will also be ordering magnets, post cards, posters and plates. Some will have a Bee theme to go along with the Youth Building theme this year, and flowers to relate to the Master Gardeners.
- Adult Building: Doris Motta reported that she had a Superintendent's meeting, with several new people taking charge of some of the areas. They plan to have some demos outside of the building. The refrigerator is no longer working, thus something will be needed to keep the food products in. Volunteer forms were handed out, and are due into the office by June 18th. Several new ideas were discussed to spark more interest in this building.
- Youth Building: Jude Vollmer reported that the youth will be holding a 4H Taco Night as a Pre-Fair kick-off. A special edition of the 4H Newsletter featuring the Bee theme was sent to all the youth. Jude read it to the Board, and had copies available.
- Commercial: Wendy reported that the Commercial building is almost full. There will not be a Fire Dept. truck this year at the Fair. No vendors had any resistance to the 10 ft. rule in their spaces.
- Entertainment: All entertainers are booked. Rack cards will be available next week indicating the performers. Radio Station promos are set. Facebook features the entertainers.
- Livestock: Karen Schwalbe reported that there has been lots of interest from local clubs for Alpaca days. New things will be tried regarding the spaces for the animals. Bleachers will be moved in order for the animals to be viewed better.
- Parking: Wendy asked the Board about being interested in assisting with the parking. Contact Chuck Burrige if interested.
- Safety: An Emergency Management Team meeting will be held on June 2nd.
- Arts & Crafts: Artisan Market looking good.

2. Wendy mentioned that ideas were discussed by the E-Board for a change in the July meeting. It is a shorter meeting, as many are busy getting their areas ready for the Fair at that time. We will have that meeting as a tour of grounds even though buildings are having in-take night.

3. On behalf of MAFA, Don McCarthy and Phil Motta had a conference call with the State Fire Dept regarding the 10 ft. space issue. Proposals are being reviewed, and they are hopeful that the codes will be better explained.

Carolyn Weeks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cyndy Ogden
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: E-BOARD - JUNE 15, 2016, @ 6 PM
BOARD - JUNE 15, 2016 @ 7 PM