

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Lynn Barry, Wendy Brown, Judy Collins, Susan Fitzpatrick, Jeff Forte, Marge Freeman, Virginia Glennon, Joyce Lindberg, Peter Lindberg, Donald McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Russell Norton, Doris Motta, Phil Motta, Cyndy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Karen Schwalbe, Robert Silvia, Don Uitti, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Doris Weeks, Robert White.

ABSENT: Marie Austin, Pat Briggs, Joe Brait, Charles Burridge, Kelly Connerton, Bob Dyka, Kerry Dyka, Judy Flynn, Austin Foster, Brenda Gardner, Ann Jarvis, Pat Riley, Bob Speakman, Carolyn Weeks, Laurie Webster, Jay Zavala.

President Joanne McCarthy opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m., and welcomed all those attending.

Manager's Report

- Wendy Brown reported that the rack cards are now available, as are the Fair Handbooks. Volunteer forms were there for those needing them. Chief Dunn requires that names of those working on the grounds need to be available in the office, for safety reasons.
- West Gate area looking better. Russ Norton mentioned that the old fence has been removed and the invasive vines have been removed. A Landscaping company will be in next week with design suggestions to make the area more inviting.
- Master Gardner's Group presented Wendy with a \$500 check to help defray our expenses.
- Director tickets for the Fair are available. Extras can be obtained for \$5 each.
- Sign requests need to get called into the office
- Assoc. Director Barbara Sosnowski's death was announced. A Celebration of Life will be held in her memory on Sunday, June 19th from 2-7 p.m. at The Elk's Club in Falmouth. Joe Amaral made a motion that a check in Barbara's memory be given from the Society. Motion was seconded and carried. It was suggested that a plaque of some kind be made to put in the Adult Building as a remembrance. This will be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Beer Garden - Wendy described the plans for this area. There will be a 40x80 foot tent, gated. Security and police will be at the entrance. Color coded wristbands and daily stamps will be used for each day and patrons will be carded at the entrance. A Bar company with tips certifications has been contracted. Domestic and imported wines and beer will be served. 2 drinks per day will be allowed. Last call will be at 9:30, and area will be closed down. They will open at 2:00 p.m. on the long Fair days, and will close at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Review of Fair set-up times and special requests -- Adult Building will set up on Sat., July 9th and Mon. July 11th. 4H Kick-Off party set for June 23rd. They will set up July 7th and 8th. First Aid area will be set up on July 9th, as will the Museum. Phil Motta asked for the need of volunteers to help clean up the Museum.
3. New Associate Director -- Belinda Rubenstein's application had been emailed to the Directors for review. Doris Weeks moved that her application be accepted. Joe Amaral seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. She will receive a letter of acceptance from the office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates:

- Admin. Café: Susan Fitzpatrick said that they will be having a meeting to plan the menu for Fair days.
- Adult Building: Doris Motta repeated the set-up days for the Adult Building. Due to the death of Barbara Sosnowski, a new Photography superintendent is needed. Doris has a list of names who helped last year who will be contacted to assist. Doris and Joyce Lindberg will be putting volunteer passes together in a few days.
- Advertising: Plans are in place. Radio stations have been asked to put in proposals. More will be done than in the past. Rack cards will be put out 2-3 weeks prior to Fair. More on-line presence will happen than before.
- Commercial: Wendy reported that the Food loop is full. Could take 3 or 4 more on the hill if available.
- Community Resource Building: Joanne McCarthy reported that there is a need for more Cape Cod products and hasn't heard yet from the Railroad people.
- Entertainment: Rack cards are all set. Main stage is booked. Schedules being coordinated for small stage.
- Livestock: Looking good. Sheep registration is light so far. Waiting to see what the season brings.
- Museum: Phil Motta said that the biggest thing is to clean the area out. He has people to man it.
- Parking: Wendy reported that they are hiring teens for parking. Need to be at least 15 with work permits. Must be at least 18 for Security, 16 yrs, for Grounds work. Applicants can call the office or fill out applications on line. Pay is \$10 per hr.
- Scholarships: Scholarships will be awarded on Thursday night of the Fair. Wendy has invited town Managers to attend that night.
- Souvenirs: Jeanne Glennon reported that things have been ordered. Will be getting postcards and posters. She showed samples of shirts that Directors can order, which are either \$20 or \$30 depending on style.
- Youth Building: Jude Vollmer reported that they are working on their "Bee " theme and have received their t-shirts.
- Safety: Phil Motta reported that all Fire Extinguishers have been checked. The Emergency Management Team will be getting together with town officials to make sure all are on the same page with responsibilities.

2. July Meeting: There won't be a formal meeting. Directors are being asked to tour the grounds to see what's going on in all the areas. A presentation of Fire Extinguisher usage will be given.

A 101 birthday celebration was held with a cake for Marge Freeman. She expressed her thanks to all.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doris Weeks, and seconded by Joe Amaral. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cyndy Ogden
Secretary