

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
COMBINED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Pat Briggs, Joe Brait, Charles Burr ridge, Wendy Brown, Judy Collins, Susan Fitzpatrick, Jeff Forte, Marge Freeman, Virginia Glennon, Joyce Lindberg, Peter Lindberg, Don McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Russell Norton, Doris Motta, Phil Motta, Cyndy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Karen Schwalbe, Robert Silvia, Bob Speakman, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Carolyn Weeks, Doris Weeks, Robert White, Jay Zavala

ABSENT: Marie Austin, Lynn Barry, Kelly Connerton, Bob Dyka, Kerry Dyka, Judy Flynn, Austin Foster, Brenda Gardner, Ann Jarvis, Pat Riley, Don Uitti, Laurie Webster

President Joanne McCarthy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She thanked everyone for their help with the Fair this year.

Manager's Report

- Wendy mentioned that on Friday night during the Fair lightning hit the alarm system and knocked out the office computer in the Admin. building. The network switch and loaders have been replaced. She is now dealing with the Insurance Company to deal with the coverage of the loss. We were fortunate that the building didn't catch on fire.
- The Currier Rd. easement document has been signed. The Cape Cod Church will grant us \$4000 now and another \$4000 in the future as a good-will measure. We want to continue with the good relationship that has been established with the church up to the present.

Non-Fair Events

- A Pre-Race dinner is being held on our grounds tonight for Falmouth Rd. Race volunteers. The 5K Inflatable event was held here this past weekend. The Food Truck Festival will be on our grounds on August 27th.

2016 Fair Wrap-Up

President Joanne McCarthy asked for comments from the various Fair committees:

- Admin. Kitchen: Susan Fitzpatrick said 40-50 people were fed meals each day during the Fair.
- Souvenirs: Jeanne Glennon reported that sales were down this year. Shirts are still available.
- Adult Building: Dot Motta mentioned that some changes in the building were done this year and were well received. A Best of Show area drew attention in the center of the building. There were five new Superintendents this year. Basically all went well.
- Advertising: Wendy said that a wrap-up meeting will be held. Need for a change in the map handout for next year.
- Jr. Fair Board: Joanne McCarthy said that they will continue to develop this for next year.
- Arts & Crafts: Wendy said there were few crafters on Monday – Thursday, but it was full on weekend days.
- Commercial: Pat Briggs said that there were few incidents and went well overall. More than half the vendors have made deposits for next year's Fair.
- Community Resource Building: Don McCarthy said that all went well in that building. The Audubon Society setup was a big attraction. VA had lots of giveaways, as did McDonalds. The Stage bands attracted many Fair-goers, and provided good entertainment. The Model Railroad

had some breaks in their equipment. We made a \$300 donation to their organization, as they have been a regular attraction each year. Joanne hopes that more Cape Cod products will be brought in next year.

- Entertainment: Wendy mentioned that the Sea Lions were a big hit. We did hear from the animal protester group again, who requested to speak at our Board meeting, which is not going to happen. Main Stage shows went well. Good crowds were there for all nights. Looking to make some changes for next year, maybe with the Motor-Cross event.
- Livestock: Joe Amaral & Karen Schwalbe reported that it was a tough year for entries. Beef numbers were up, but Dairy was low, and sheep numbers were way down. They will be looking for more things for next year. Karen spoke with the Vet. to maybe have her on site more next year.
- Museum: Phil Motta reported that there were enough volunteers for the museum and they did well.
- Parking : Chuck Burrige said there were some new supervisors this year who were learning the ropes. There was a lack of enough help in the lots.
- Safety: Phil Motta said there was a below average amount of injuries, and a few small issues were handled within reason.
- Scholarships: Cyndy Ogden mentioned how grateful the recipients and their parents are for the scholarships received. At the scholarship ceremony, Jay Zavala told the crowd how much is spent each year for deserving high school graduates and the college students who stay in appropriate fields of study and maintain the required GPA, and all appreciate what we do. 9 of the 17 recipients were present at the ceremony to receive their checks.
- Security : Bob Silvia mentioned that there were no lost kids or fights this year. Chief Dunn said it was slow, which was very good. The Beer Tent operated well with no problems.
- Youth Building: Jude Vollmer reported that it was a great Fair for the youth. The exhibits were very well done. The "Bee" theme used was fun for all. They will be working on another theme for next year.
- Grounds Crew: Wendy said the crew were polite and did well. She applauded the staff, including Mike, Shawn, and Pam for their good work. The tellers were outstanding, especially during the power outage.
- Fair financial info is incomplete, as not all credit card monies have been reported and bills are still coming in. Treasurer requested that budgets from the Fair be turned in ASAP.
- Volunteer Dinner: to be held on Wednesday, August 24th @ 5:00 p.m. in the Adult Building . Sheets are available for directors to sign up to help. 60 volunteers have responded to date. Raffle items can be donated by anyone wishing to contribute them.

Joe Amaral, Nominating Committee Chair, will provide the slate of Officers and Trustees for the new year. See attachment with this information.

Carolyn Weeks moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by all.

Respectfully Submitted
Cyndy Ogden, Secretary

