

AUGUST 11, 2009

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard and W. Williams

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

J. Kauffeld, A. Kavanaugh, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

GUESTS PRESENT

None

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

None

AGENDA

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Williams/Schweder) to approve the July 14, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Richard Swanke was present. Swanke made a request to be included on the next agenda, to discuss hosting a track event, beer sales at the 2010 fair, fair parking, and ventilation in the poultry barn.

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion – 2009 Fair

A&P ENTERPRISES REPORT

Zills reported that despite cold, rainy weather and poor attendance on Friday, carnival proceeds were down only \$370 overall.

FAIR COMMENTS/CONCERNS

UWEX staff did not receive any major complaints during the fair. Staff felt that the no changes/additions to fair entries policy made the judging process much smoother. Zills reported that the volunteers who assisted with the cultural arts and photography departments proved very valuable.

The donkey races were a popular attraction, and many positive comments were received. Demo derby profits were down. Discussion followed. Hot, humid weather, and latecomers who arrived after ticket takers were gone may be partly to blame.

A recycling program and an ATM machine are possibilities for next year.

FOOD STAND/FUNDRAISING PROFITS

Information will be available in coming months.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

The fair office volunteers were a huge help. Staff thanked the committee members who volunteered.

2010 BUDGET

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the 2010 fair budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote was taken:

Schweder: aye; Stoddard: aye; Williams: aye; McConnell: aye. Motion carried.

CARCASS CONTEST – ABSENCE REQUESTS

Requests to be excused from the carcass contest on August 11 due to exhibition at the state fair were received from Lucas, Mariah and Mercedes Schulz, Stephanie Walker, Cody Friday and Morgan Fox.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve the requested absences. Motion carried.

BREAK

9:05 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

Zills left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she is planning another *StrongWomen* class. She taught Financial Fitness classes in July, and has two sessions scheduled in August. Spaulding has been working on revising the Dad's, Kids and Pizza program, and is planning for the Family Camp program near Wisconsin Dells. The HCE Our Day conference is planned for October. McConnell asked if a presentation or information on the fair endowment could be given out at Our Day. A display was prepared for the fair, which could be used for this purpose.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld reported that he enjoyed 4-H Camp, where he was a leader and presented a talk on global issues and international experiences to the campers. He continues to hold monthly sustainability team meetings, and attended a sustainability workshop in Ashland. Tri-County Leadership Initiative (TCLI) graduation took place in July, and planning is underway for the new TCLI, scheduled to begin this fall.

Hargrave: Hargrave was not present, due to maternity leave.

Slark: Slark was heavily involved in the operation of the Green Lake County Fair. The 4-H Ambassadors were very active during and prior to the fair. Slark is planning an educational retreat for 4-H leaders, continues to perform Department Head duties, and plans to attend a tenure workshop. He is also part of the District Resources Management Team, which is working on marketing for Cooperative Extension.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (2), Kauffeld (1), and Spaulding (2). Motion carried.

DISPLAY BOARD PURCHASE

Slark informed the committee that at this time, UWEX will not purchase a new display board.

CONTRACT BETWEEN GREEN LAKE COUNTY AND THE UW SYSTEM

The 2010 proposed contract between Green Lake County and the UW System was presented. Overall, costs were reduced 3.065% compared to 2009.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to approve the contract as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Schweder: aye; Stoddard: aye; Williams: aye; McConnell: aye. Motion carried.

2010 BUDGET APPROVAL

Slark presented the proposed 2010 Extension Education budget, showing a 0% increase.

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to approve the proposed budget and forward it to the Finance Committee. A roll call vote was taken:

Schweder: aye; Stoddard: aye; Williams: aye; McConnell: aye. Motion carried.

DOG AGILITY COURSE

Slark informed the committee that 4-H Dog Project leaders had found a spot at the fairgrounds they believed would be suitable. The location is near to the Sheriff's storage shed.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the location of the dog agility course at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETING – INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the building project is running under budget and going well.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee discussed unemployment, as well as what other counties were doing to offset budget shortfalls.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee will be working on the 2010 budget.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Schweder/McConnell) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk