

## Country Fair Meeting Minutes February 21, 2007 meeting

Present: Jim & Robin Miotke, Scot Meader, Jerry Marks, Charlie Deschamps,  
Lori Zeiser, Cindy Arnott, Kim Thomas, Tara Sheridan, Margi Thurston, Joey Hennes,  
Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas

1. Campbell Barrett, 4-H Agent, agreed to run the meeting today only. By the next meeting, we should have a permanent chair for this committee.

2. **Fair Master Plan**

Scot Meader, Fair Manager, told the group that the Fair Commission is progressing in the development of a Master Plan for the fairground property of 47 acres. The current configuration of the fairgrounds will be completely different in 2009 or 2010.

Jerry Marks, County Extension Agent, added that the 2007 Country Fair will have the exact same space as last year. In the long term, that space is too small for what we want to do in the 4-H program. And, Jerry believes that the open ice rink that we currently use during the Fair will not be available to us in the future.

3. **Country Fair Issues Needing Resolution**

- a. Use of Tents

- ▶ Scot will contact Geri Ball regarding relocating the sheep to the llama barn.
- ▶ The enclosed ice rink will be used for skating this year.
- ▶ Building a lean-to on the west side of the open ice rink is a dead issue due to cost and the reconfiguration of the fairgrounds.
- ▶ Building a pole barn where the tents were is a great idea — if we knew that part of the fairgrounds was going to remain the Country Fair after the Master Plan is completed. Building a pole barn and then being relocated, is not a good idea.
- ▶ We have learned from last year's experiences. We know the tents need to be anchored better.
- ▶ Scot indicated that the tents could be erected earlier in the summer.
- ▶ Vents need to be cut in the roof of the tents.
- ▶ The misting system must be installed in the tents before the lights.
- ▶ Discuss the possibility of relocating the trimming chutes into the tents.
- ▶ Have a drill in place and practice it in the event the winds come up again this year.
- ▶ Outline the steps we have taken this year to improve the tent situation, and notify leaders and parents.

- b. Including the Culinary Building, 4-H Café, & 4-H Exhibit Building in the Country Fair.

4. **Country Fair Sub Committees**

Themes - Jeri Delys, Chair

Events

Fundraising

Petting Zoo - Tara Sheridan agreed to organize with the understanding that she needs **way more help** than she received in 2006.

5. **Further Recommendations**

- ▶ Bring back the old steam engines
- ▶ Dog demonstrations during the Fair and/or Dog Show
- ▶ Need large and mini horses on display — by request from the public
- ▶ Having draft horses would be a great draw
- ▶ Signage was great — continue to add more signage to make it even better

6. **Fundraising**

One idea mentioned was to send a mailing to 2006 supporters stating the 2006 Country Fair was a huge success, but we need your support for 2007.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas.

The next **Country Fair meeting** will be **Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 pm** at the County Extension Office. **Barney Sheridan** has agreed to chair the Country Fair Committee again this year.

*Thank you Barney!*