

**Beaumont and District Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting held June 7, 2010**

In Attendance: Bill Ostapek, John Bryson, Phil Marquis, Lois Watson, Loretta Martin, Don Schiewe, Gary Abraham, Harry Zuzak, Bruce Walker, Linda McKenzie, Mary-Ann McDonald, Jacqueline Biollo, Linda Robinson.

Guests: Vivian Slugoski, Brenda Friedenberg.

1. Call to order @ 7:40 p.m. by Chair Bill Ostapek.
2. Addition/Approval of Agenda; MOTION: John/Linda – to accept Agenda as presented. CARRIED
3. Review/Adoption of minutes from last Board meeting; MOTION: Gary/Bruce – to adopt the minutes as circulated. CARRIED
4. Presentation: by Vivian Slugoski and Brenda Friedenberg. (Notes will be with secretary minutes.) May 29 closure of the Beaumont and District Agricultural Society Fairgrounds resulting in the cancellation of the Alhambra Event. Group would like to have been consulted and been asked for input into the decision.

Bill informed the meeting that we were not prepared to come to a decision tonight. Some research and study is required. Bruce informed the meeting that he and Helen had walked the course on Saturday and some parts were good, some questionable, and some were under water.

Vivian wanted the group to know that part of the maintenance is moving the jumps and \$2000 to \$4000 of rental money is to be set aside to do the maintenance.

Bill informed the meeting that the two reasons for canceling the event that weekend was 1. rider and horse safety, 2. good of the course.

Harry inquired about the availability of literature on soils needed around jumps. Soil base is only important for permanent jumps and most of the cross country jumps are meant to be moved, according to Vivian.

Vivian and Brenda left the meeting.

Board of Directors had a discussion and will look into what other cross country courses do in this instance. Bruce will contact people in Cochrane, Bill will contact Rocky Mountain House, Don will talk to Barry Tyreman, and Linda will talk to Margo Gaglione.

5. Reports

- a) Secretary – absent. Bill presented what correspondence he had.
- b) Treasurer – Written report circulated. MOTION: John/Linda approve report as circulated. CARRIED
- c) Club Updates
 - i. Ab Carriage Driving – Barb absent.
 - ii. 4-H Looma Lights – Had beautiful weather for May 14 – 15 for a great trail ride. Year end meeting will be this month.
 - iii. Clearwater Valley – cohosted the Beaumont Derby, had 66 entries and made \$5400 profit. Had great weather and got lots of complements on the covered horse stalls. Beaumont

Horse Trials had 140 entries and received good feedback, and good press.

- iv. Gardens – Lois summarized an email that Linda Robinson had sent out – all 30 plots rented, thanks to Bruce and Harry for their help, might be a mole at work on the outskirts of the gardens.

6. Old Business

- a) Blues Festival – Committee needs to know by the end of July who can help as parking attendants on Saturday and Sunday.
- b) Wild Pink Yonder – Bruce will contact other groups hosting WPY and wants a meeting of the planning committee before July 1.
- c) Beaumont Derby – Special thanks to Bruce for the use of the quad and computer, John for his help.

Don reported that the Clearwater Valley Pony Club volunteers rebuilt the outdoor stalls using 22 man hours and \$220 worth of lumber. In exchange the following motion.

MOTION: Bruce/Phil that the Clearwater Valley Pony Club get free rental of the outdoor stalls for the Horse Trials. CARRIED

Bill thanked everyone who helped with the Beaumont Derby. It was a very successful event.

- d) Fairgrounds Emergency Response Plan – Phil reported that we need to do some passive response by erecting signs to advise people to leave the fairgrounds immediately if the weather gets bad. Phil has spoken to the SPCA about integrating them into the emergency plan. They would respond if an animal and its owner became separated. In return, they wondered if we could provide temporary shelter for large animals until they could find more longer term accommodations.

MOTION: Gary/Linda – authorize Phil to spend up to \$200 for a weather response radio which would be at the fairgrounds when events are taking place. CARRIED

- e) Review of Business Plan – Barb absent.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Executive – none
- b) Finance – none
- c) Fairground Operations
 - i. Preparation for Rentals – Don had to mow the grass, sewer had to be pumped during the show, no water in the bathrooms. Need better preparations.
 - ii. Concession suggestions – Linda had a lady do the concession and she had some suggestions. Lots of cleaning had to be done on the grill and fryer. PURCHASE K-20. LARGE CARDBOARD for laying over the grill when not in use. FOIL to cover the fryer. NEW FRIDGE(S) because the present ones are not working well. (Loretta will ask about a fridge that was offered to her.) POTS AND PANS for the

concession. MOTION: Linda/Harry to spend \$40 to buy 4 big trays @\$10 each that fit the large oven. CARRIED

Watch at garage sales for pots and pans.

Renters should clean out all the food they bring after they rent since no one knows how old the food is or what condition it was put away in.

Harry mentioned that the FIRE EXTINGUISHER needs to be checked every 6 months and it is overdue now.

Need new MOP HEADS.

d) Volunteers for Town and Country Daze Parade and 4-H Open Horse Show – Bruce circulated a sign up sheet.

e) Fairground Development

i. Presentation to Town Council – Jacqueline said it was a good presentation and Council knows a level of support is anticipated. Special projects have to be submitted to the Town by the end of August.

ii. Fencing – Bruce received complaints after the Derby about riders and vehicles on the farm land neighbouring the grounds. Decided to run posts and BAYCO wire (plastic) through the posts to set up a boundary over by the stabling area. John and Bill have all the tools needed for the job.

8. New Business

a) Request received for funding support for International Region Elite Soccer Club. Need to raise \$126 000. This request does not fit the AG Society's mandate. MOTION: Lois/Bruce that we accept this request as information. CARRIED

b) BADAS & 4-H Open Horse Show Guiding Principles

MOTION: Bruce/Loretta move the document be accepted as amended and posted to the website. CARRIED

c) Survey - Lois presented the survey to the meeting. Suggestions were made for changes and this will be brought back to the next meeting.

d) Road to Stables – needs to be done so people don't get stuck. Next week the power will be in the storage building.

e) Mounted Games - Linda's girls (Heather and Lisa) will be going to Denmark in August and to Kentucky in October to compete in the Mounted Games competition.

9. Next Board Meeting – September 6, 2010, 7:30 pm or some other night at Jim's place because of the long weekend.

10. Adjournment at 10:25 pm by Phil and Don.