

September 30th – October 2, 2010
Wyoming Association of Fairs – Fall Convention
Sundance, WY

Friday night the WAF met in Deadwood for a fun filled (oyster filled) evening! Toasts were given to Chris Harwood who has moved on to a new job in SD, Howard Gernant and Sharon Nadeau who has also moved out of the Fair Business, it was just a warm up for the next two days in Sundance, WY.

It was beautiful fall weather for holding it in the western Black Hills. Those that attended were, Boyd West, Lincoln Co., Bill Taylor, Weston Co Ext., Johnathan Despain, UW 4-H, Barney Cosner, Fremont Co Fair, Bill Ogg, Greeley Stampede, Earnie Phinney, Fremont Co Fair, Gary Kanski, Sublette Co Fair, James Goodrich, Wyoming State Fair, Yvonne Robertson, Teton Co Fair, Steve Scott, Park Co Fair, Clair Carlson, Teton Co Fair, Donna and Ron Dalin, Double D Livestock, John Fisher, Yampa Valley Boys, Vicki Rupert, Wyoming State Fair, Larry Lloyd, Sweetwater Co Fair, Terry Collins, Marty Davis, Keith Raymond, Robyn Finch, Crook Co Fair, Chris Harwood, Chairman and Criss Crozier, Executive Secretary.

Friday morning the group was welcomed by Jeff Moberg, past president of the Sundance Chamber of Commerce. The first presentation was from Bill Taylor, Weston Co. Extension, Board Responsibilities and trainings. Johnathan Despain, the UW 4-H Program Coordinator informed us of the database that has been developed to help find and hire judges in the state.

Following a lunch and visiting the service members we enjoyed Bill Ogg and his stories and tales of Fairs and the state of WY!

Friday evening we were treated to a wonderful meal and entertainment of Keith Raymond, Marty Davis and John Fisher.

Saturday morning we were treated to a wonderful breakfast and with RMAF updates by Vicki Rupert, Steve Scott and Yvonne Robertson. James Goodrich gave the WSF updates and important information from this year fair.

The business meeting followed. A thank you to the Crook County Fair for hosting the WAF fall Festival!

October 2, 2010

Business meeting

Members present: Chris Harwood, Vicki Rupert, Ron & Donna Dalin, Clair Carlson, Yvonne Robertson, Keith Raymond, Gary Kanski, Robyn Finch, Terry Collins, Earnie Phinney, Barney Cosner, Marty Davis, Steve Scott, James Goodrich, and Criss Crozier.

President Chris Harwood called the meeting of the Wyoming Association of Fair to order.

Yvonne moved to approve the minutes of the April spring meeting, with the correction of spelling, seconded by Barney, motion passed.

Donna presented the treasurer report as follows:

TREASURER REPORT		
WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS		
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010		
BEGINNING BALANCE (04/09/10) – Checking	\$ 5,122.82	
BEGINNING BALANCE (04/09/10) - CD #1323 (mat 7/25/10)	\$ 2,207.92	
BEGINNING BALANCE (04/09/10) – CD#2089 (mat 7/20/10)	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	
		Subtotal \$11,330.74
RECEIPTS:		
		\$ 9,279.11
Grant – State of WY	4,000.00	
Membership Dues (2010) (UNKNOWN)	50.00	
Interest – CD's	189.11	
Special Event – Pig Wrestling	5,040.00	
EXPENDITURES:		
		\$(7,725.55)
Special Event – PW Calcutta/Entry fees	3,142.00	
PW Contractor/Auctioneer	3,050.00	
PW Awards/Team Payout	1,469.05	
Website Maintenance	37.50	
WY Secretary of State-2010 Ann Report	27.00	
BALANCE ON HAND (09/24/09) -- Checking	\$ 6,787.27	
BALANCE ON HAND (09/24/09) – CD#1323 (mat. 7/25/10)	\$ 2,312.38	
BALANCE ON HAND (09/24/09) – CD#2089 (mat. 7/20/10)	<u>\$ 4,084.65</u>	
		\$13,184.30

Signed: DONNA DALIN
TREASURER

Gary moved to accept the treasurers' report, Marty seconded, motion carried. Criss will have the bank create a new CD using \$2000.00.

Executive Secretary's report:

Criss read an email from RMAF – Nancy Pitz, "Criss, would the Wyoming Association of Fairs be willing to switch their RMAF sponsorship from the President's Reception to the New Attendees reception? Vicki is the in-coming president and she is from WY. Bob is the current President and he is from Idaho, so he would like to switch resident State Fair & Rodeo Assn. to the President Reception."

Yvonne, moved not to sponsor anything at the RMAF, Steve seconded, motion carried.

Criss gave her Executive Secretary report. Thanking the WAF for the trip to MO. She also advised of the need of a Web site designer. Barney moved to have Gary present this job to his web site designer, and redo the web site with Criss' help, Yvonne seconded, motion carried. WAF will pay for any costs.

Old Business:

The By-Laws were emailed out to all members, as a re-vise of the By-Laws had been requested.

The By-Laws will be attached to these minutes. Each change was made with a motion as follows:

Art.1, Yvonne moved to have the original name – from the original By-Laws, James 2nd, motion carried.

Vicki moved to adopt Art. II of the original with the addition of vendors, James 2nd, motion passed.

Art III. James moved, WY Fairs, expositions and celebrations throughout be changed, Robyn 2nd, motion carried.

Art IV, Section 1 – James moved and Yvonne 2nd, to remove /or for Secretary/treasurer, motion passed.

Section 2 – Barney moved to have it read, as long as said person is an active member of a dues paying association member, James 2nd, motion carried.

Section 5, James moved to remove “present” Yvonne 2nd, motion passed.

Section 6, Vicki moved to remove the Section 6, Yvonne 2nd, motion passed, one Nay – Barney.

Section 7, now 6 – Barney moved to remove section 6, Marty 2nd, motion carried.

Art V – Sect 1 – Barney moved to remove /or in Secretary/Treasure, Marty 2nd, motion passed.

Sec. 2 – Delete him/her, add their, moved by Barney, seconded by Marty, motion carried.

After much discussion:

Art. V – Marty moved to delete sections 2 -5, adopt the Duties of the original By-Laws, Section 2 Art IV to represent the duties with officers instead of Directors/ Yvonne 2nd, vote was had, Barney and James voted Nay, motion was carried with the majority of the members present.

Art. VI – Yvonne moved to have may be to Shall be, Donna seconded, motion carried.

Art. VII – Sec. 3 – Purpose of, , Section 5, add at least 5 fair members, Yvonne seconded, motion carried, Yvonne – Nay. Then went back to Art III – Section 7 – Terry moved to put the 5 fair members, along with Art III section 4, as 5 Fair members, Gary seconded, motion carried.

Section 6, Fees, (delete late fees), Terry so moved, Barney end, motion carried.

Art VIII – Section 1 – Marty moved at least 5 Fair members, dues paid inserted, Yvonne 2nd, motion carried.

Criss will re type the By-Laws to have them approved.

Discussion was held if Host fairs need to pay registration fees. All will pay.

Discussion was held about having a “site” for the WAF annual Convention. Fremont Co offered their area. It will be left up to the Host.

Steve moved to send the Scholarship money to the winners of the WAF Scholarship. Jared Oldham/Casper College, Tate Bauman, LCCC, in the amount of \$500 each, Gary 2nd, motion carried.

Yvonne representing the nomination committee recommended the officers as follows: President, Boyd West, VP, James Goodrich, Secretary, Terry Collins, Treasurer, and Donna Dalin. Earnie moved nominations cease and recommend that the membership elect so said officers, Gary 2nd, motion carried.

James discussed the Pig N Mud contest at the Wyoming State Fair that the WAF produces. There maybe a time that this will be eliminated, but for right now the numbers are ok.

The silent auction at the RMAF was discussed. Barney moved to try and have several high ticket items - such as: Hulett Golf Course, Sheridan Golf Course, The Lodge, Deadwood and Skiing in Teton Co., or if none could be donated, to spend at least \$150 on the item. Yvonne 2nd, motion carried.

James made the presentation of a plaque to Chris Harwood as her year of President.

Since Boyd was not present, James the Vice President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Criss Crozier, Executive Secretary
Terry Collins, Secretary

Oct 3, 2010

Criss emailed Nancy Pitz about the sponsorship for RMAF. She advised that the WAF was not going to sponsor the New Attendee reception or the President's reception. Nancy then emailed back to inquire if they would still sponsor the President's reception. Criss emailed, Vicki Rupert, James Goodrich, Marty Davis, Terry Collins, Steve Scott, Yvonne Robertson, Boyd West, Donna Dalin, Chris Harwood, Robyn Finch.

crookcofair@rangeweb.net); James Goodrich (jgoodr@state.wy.us); Marquis Awards (terryc08@bresnan.net); Marty Davis (davisbear@aol.com); Park Co Fair (pcf2@tctwest.net); Ron & Donna Dalin (ddalin@doubledlivestock.com); Sublette Co Fair (garykanski@yahoo.com); Sublette Co Fair (info@sublettecountyfair.com); Teton Co Fair (yrobertson@tetonwyo.org); Vicki RUPERT (VRUPER@state.wy.us)

Hi all,

I had emailed Nancy, Sunday, and advised her that you all had voted not to sponsor the new attendee program, today I got this message.

Please email me back what you all want to do, by FRIDAY.

Thanks

Criss

Subject: Re: RMAF Sponsorship - WAF

Let me know if WAF wants to sponsor the President's Reception as previously agreed or if they want to drop their sponsorship all together this year.

Thanks,
Nancy

The votes were emailed to everyone in their replies. Boyd, Yvonne, Steve – YES. Marty, Barney, James, Donna – NO (there was no replies from Robyn, Chris, Gary or Terry, Criss called them and received no one) (Vicki did not vote, only one vote from WAF)

The majority was NO – most of those replying did say that next year when Vicki is Chair, the WAF would sponsor the President's reception.

**I guess we voted to sponsor Vicki's reception, Yes?
had a great time and you are doing a wonderful job.**

**Thanks,
Marty**

I would vote to continue sponsoring the President's reception since we are listed in the newsletter as a sponsor. I just didn't want to sponsor the Newcomer's Reception since we had in the past and weren't pleased.

Yvonne

Criss I have no problem being a sponsor for the presidents reception I just think that the new attendees program should be sponsored by the service members they tend to use it as a way to contact potential buyers so my vote is to sponsor the presidents reception – Steve

I think we should still sponsor the Presidents Reception. Would you also be kind enough to send me a copy of the meetings minutes. I am in the dark after having to leave early.

Thanks,

Boyd West

Ms. Crozier:

Based on the extensive conversation held on Saturday morning at the W.A.F. Business Meeting in Sundance and the eloquently strong points made by Ms. Robertson of Teton County, to NOT spend any money at the 2010 RMAF and save the money to support the 2011 President's Reception in Billings for WAF member Vicki Rupert's Chair, I would support Ms. Robertson's statements in full.

There is no doubt that the 2010 Presidents Reception has been covered financially, as noted by the correspondence provided to the WAF Executive Secretary by RMAF, so the WAF money is extra icing on the reception cake.

Therefore I would say NO THANK YOU to the 2010 sponsorship and have the RMAF Executive Secretary note that WAF will sponsor the 2011 Presidents Reception in Billings, MT.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Barney Cosner, Fremont County Fair & Rodeo

Criss,

I feel that we should stay with the vote as it was passed at the WAF business meeting in Sundance

on October 2, 2010, which was *NOT* to sponsor at the 2010 RMAF convention.

Donna Dalin

Criss,

I think we should save our \$\$ for what is really needed. It appears the reception was/is covered for this year. Without restating previous comments any further I vote we not provide additional sponsorship for the 2010 President's reception. Thanks,

James

Sunday, October 10, 1 pm

Hi Nancy,

I know this is not Friday – but I was waiting for a couple more votes, and they never came in.

The majority WAF members that were at the Oct 2, meeting voted NOT to sponsor the President's reception for 2010 nor the New attendees reception.

Many noted that they want to sponsor the President's reception in 2011 for Vicki.

Thank you for the time and effort of this matter.

Can't wait to see ya in a few weeks!!

Criss