

Wyoming Association of Fairs  
Annual Meeting - Complex, Gillette, WY  
October 13, 2017

President Bobbi Jo Heald called the meeting to order. 9 WY Fairs and 4 Service Members Represented.

Terry Collins, Secretary/Treasurer, read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. ***It was moved by Ami and seconded by Barney to approve the minutes, motion carried.*** Terry also gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

**WAF Financial Report: Oct. 2016 - Oct. 2017**

12-Oct-16			
Beginning Balance	<b>CHECKING</b>		\$ 6000.03
	Scholarship Fund CD 1323	2458.36	
	Scholarship Fund CD 2089	4266.81	
	Scholarship Fund CD 3137	2080.98	
	Total Scholarship Funds		\$ 8806.15
	Total Beginning Balance		\$14806.18
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
	Convention Registrations	330.00	
	Membership Dues	2444.30	
	Special Events Income- PW Entries	1000.00	
	Special Events Income- PW Calcutta	5010.50	
	Grant- State of Wyoming	3000.00	
	Miscellaneous Income	570.00	
	Showworks Scholarship	500.00	
	Interest Income	46.76	
	Total Receipts		\$ 12,901.56
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	Association Membership Dues	150.00	
	Bank Fees	18.40	
	Bond	100.00	
	Credit Card	57.36	
	Educational Scholarship	1250.00	
	Licenses and Permits	27.00	
	Scholarship Expense- 4-H	500.00	
	Scholarship Expense- FFA	500.00	
	Special Events Exp- PW Contractor	3000.00	
	Special Events Exp- PW Calcutta	3906.00	
	Special Events Exp- Prizes	669.18	
	Web Site	144.00	
	Travel - Lodging	194.00	
	8110 - Supplies - Office	198.95	
	Postage	47.00	
	8320- Convention/Meeting Expense	1482.23	
	8570- Advertising	100.00	
	Total Expenditures		\$ 12,344.12
8-Oct-17			
Ending Balance	<b>CHECKING</b>		\$ 6513.71
	Scholarship Fund CD 1323	2471.81	
	Scholarship Fund CD 2089	4286.90	
	Scholarship Fund CD 3137	2094.20	
	<b>Total 10/8/2017</b>		\$ 15,366.62

***It was moved by Teecee and seconded by Sandy to approve the Treasurer's Report, motion carried.*** No bills were submitted for payment. Bobbi Jo relayed Criss Neiman's regrets that she had to leave the conference early but Criss asked that she thank WAF, on her behalf, for sending her to the IAFE Executive Secretary's Summit.

***OLD BUSINESS:*** Terry read the financial report from 2017 Pig n' Mug Wrestling at WY State Fair showing WAF realized a net profit of \$ 1018 on the event. Larry reported it was a good event and thanked Ron and Donna Dalin for giving our association a good deal. It was noted the event was greatly enhanced by the addition of music this year. There was discussion on whether it should be a Wednesday or Thursday event in 2018. Vicki indicated the schedule wasn't set but will try to schedule it for Thursday of State Fair week. Bobbi Jo suggested adding a small gate fee to help offset WAF costs of the event, and find volunteers to take tickets so WSF will not have that added expense. ***It was moved by Barney and seconded by Ami that WAF does Pig n'Mud Wrestling at the 2018 WY State Fair with a gate fee charged that is acceptable to WAF and WSF, and a request that Double D Livestock not produce a pig n'mud wrestling event in Carbon County up to 40 days prior or past our WSF event, motion failed.*** After additional discussion, ***it was moved by Larry and seconded by Teecee that WAF do the Pig n' Mud Wrestling at the 2018 WY State Fair, motion carried.*** Ron and Donna Dalin agreed to be the contractor for the 2018 Pig n' Mud Wrestling at State Fair. One idea to enhance the event- ask each county fair to sponsor a youth team (\$50 fee) for PigNMud at State Fair. We need to look at some new ways to make our event more exciting, i.e. costume contest, etc. The following volunteers will work on planning the 2018 event: Teecee, Ami, Vicki, James, and Sheila.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Criss would like to attend the IAFE Summit in 2018. ***It was moved by Terry and seconded by Ami that WAF send Criss to the 2018 IAFE Executive Secretary's Summit, Motion carried.*** Larry brought up an issue covered in roundtable discussions yesterday about residency of youth livestock show participants. ***It was moved by Barney and seconded by Sheila that WAF draft a directive that all county fair youth livestock show participants be required to live within the county where they are showing - including going to school in-county, and accepting mail at an in-county address, motion carried.*** Discussion next centered on what can be done to alleviate the current WY State Fair funding crisis. One idea; see if county fairs might be willing to hold back a small % from their livestock sales to provide to WSF for prize money (this idea came up at one of the WSF forums). Can WAF hire a lobbyist, since we are a 501(c)3 non-profit? Maybe work with 4-H, FFA, or even Farm Bureau (who has a good lobbyist) to try and get at least some WSF funds back through the legislature; perhaps grants are another option? ***It was moved by Barney and seconded by Teecee to have a few volunteers investigate what our 501(c)3 status allows WAF to do, motion carried.*** Barney, Larry, and Kathy (from Party People) volunteered to look into this. Service Member representation - a question was asked about having a service member on the WAF board - Terry is already serving in that capacity. There seemed to be interest from service members in having a scheduled time for a WAF Service Member meeting at future WAF conventions. The board will look at scheduling a service member meeting at the next WAF convention.

Barney, on behalf of the 2016 President's Nominating Committee recommended retaining our current slate of WAF officers. ***It was moved by Barney and seconded by Donna the recommendation of the nominating committee to retain the current slate of officers is accepted and that our 2018 convention be held in the southwest part of Wyoming, motion carried.*** Bobbi Jo reported she is looking at the first week of October for the conference and would like to have it hosted in Evanston. The time and location for Spring Manager's meeting will be determined at a later date.

On behalf of WAF, Larry thanked Bobbi Jo and her board for doing such a great job of hosting us for the 2017 WAF Convention. The challenge went out to attendees to try to bring more representatives from their fairs and also encourage more of their neighboring fairs to attend WAF in 2018. This year we had a good turn-out of 11 fairs and 9 service members represented. Let's see if we can improve those numbers by even more in 2018!

The meeting was adjourned by President, Bobbi Jo Heald.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Collins, Secretary  
Criss Neiman, Executive Secretary