



SAINTY CHEERLEADERS worked hard to earn money to travel to Florida. They came home with smiles on their faces and Mickey Mouse ears. Pictured (l to r) Andrea Holzwarth, Aubree Schlepp, Cara Hunt, Taryn Richard, Amber Smull and Sarah Guthmiller. Not pictured Megan Gilliland
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Board discusses lack of attendance

By Linda Schneider

The first Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting of 2009 was shy of having enough members for a quorum to vote; however, the board still covered a lot of information and voted on the theme for this year's fair and parade. (See related article.)

Dick Bursch, president, addressed the matter of absent members.

"We have members who have not been at a meeting in quite awhile," said Mr. Bursch. "We do not want to lose any members, but it is getting harder to have a quorum."

According to the minutes, unless approved by the board, a member can be dismissed after three absences.

Clay Zimbelman, without going into detail, said he felt Mike Hanson was absent under special circumstances.

Mr. Bursch added that Ryan McAtee had missed the last five meetings and asked if anyone had talked to him recently. In addition, with 13 members on the board and only six present, the quorum was one-half a member short. No action was taken.

Mr. Bursch said he had talked to Lacy Reed earlier to get an updated treasurer's report. He said she had planned on attending the meeting to report there was approximately \$8,000 on account, but she received a phone call from her son, Trevor, saying her father had died.

The board agreed to purchase flowers to send to Mrs. Reed.

Fairground locks

Rod's Locksmith had changed the locks at the fairgrounds including padlocks. This matter had been discussed in the November meeting, all master keys were numbered and recorded. The bill for the service was \$167.40.

Mr. Bursch distributed and recorded the keys to the present members. Other keys were given to the Extension office, the Amusement Authority, and Lampe Hardware.

Mr. Bursch said changing the locks and numbering the keys is the best way to keep a handle on where keys are at and with whom. In November's meeting,

members approved a \$10 deposit on keys along with a contract to groups and/or people who rent a building on the fairgrounds.

He said in distributing keys this way, it would help secure the tables and chairs that are needed for fair time. He said as many as 10 tables, a number of chairs were missing last year at fair time and no one knew where they were.

Mr. Bursch said he had also told Rod Ritchey, locksmith, that only the fair board president could authorize duplicate keys.

Insurance settlement

As reported in the November meeting, the kitchen area that had caught on fire was cleaned and all items replaced. Mr. Bursch reported the bill for everything was \$3,120 with a \$1,000 deductible.

He reported that, on the copier that was also destroyed in the fire, the insurance company had allowed \$1,050, less \$100 for age. However, being that the copier was owned by the 4-H, he asked Joe Leibbrandt, county Extension agent, if he was willing to accept \$600.

Mr. Bursch said the amount

was what the board received, less 30 per cent of the deductible, Mr. Leibbrandt answered it was acceptable.

Mr. Zimbelman asked if the board was going to collect the \$1,000 deductible from the people responsible for the fire. He said that he believed their homeowner insurance would cover it.

Mr. Bursch said the problem was that someone allowed the renters to use the facility without a written agreement and no one has come forward with the information. Therefore there is nothing in writing to show personal responsibility for damages. No action will be taken.

The members discussed having a new rental contract that would add a clause holding the renters responsible for damages done and give it to the county attorney to draw up with the right wording.

Income taxes

Mr. Bursch said it was time to send out 1099 tax forms to those who had done work for the fair board. Executive session was called for personnel.

When the meeting resumed, motion carried to hire an accounting assistant for the treasurer.

Another motion carried to require social security numbers from the participants who sell livestock in the sale barn.

Miscellaneous items

Since there were not enough members present for a quorum, the members discussed:

- Three "no trespassing" signs were going to be posted at the fair's main entrance, derby area and east end of the horse barns.

- Talking to Mr. Flemming about crowning the arena with sand.

- Having the fair book out sooner with added changes.

- There is one more payment of \$2,000 and the grandstand is paid for. This will give more breathing room for entertainment costs.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the fair board will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Ag conference set for Feb. 12

"The Changing Face of Agriculture," is the theme for the Women Managing the Farm Conference scheduled for Feb. 12 to 14 at the Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson.

The annual conference provides opportunities for women involved in agriculture to come together and network with other women who have similar interests and challenges.

Ms. Archuleta is an assistant professor with the personal financial planning program in the Kansas State University School of Family Studies and Human Services.

This year's conference will focus on five areas, including legal, financial, production, price and human risk. The event will feature four keynote speakers:

- Glen Muske, professor and interim associate dean, and assistant director of family and consumer sciences cooperative extension from Oklahoma State University. As the opening keynote speaker, he will explore the topic of networking. His presentation will be followed by small group discussions.

- Sarah Fogleman, a former K-State Research and Extension south-east Kansas agricultural economist and now a full-time writer, will

speaking on family relations and the farm.

- Charlotte Shoup Olsen, a K-State Research and Extension family systems specialist, will share tips for effective personal and professional communications.

- Juli Burney, a humorist with an agriculture background from Nebraska, will offer a lighter entertaining perspective.

In addition to the primary speakers, 25 breakout sessions and a trade show will be offered.

"Any woman who is involved in agriculture as a profession, as a producer, farm partner, or landowner can benefit from this conference," Ms. Archuleta said.

There is a charge which includes all sessions, conference materials, two lunches and one breakfast. For registration and more information, go to www.togpartners.com/wmf or www.womenmanagingthefarm.info/Home.aspx or call 1-866-FARMKSU (327-6578). A few scholarships may be available for Farm Credit customers or Kansas Farm Bureau members.

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Injured men recover

There were two men injured in an accident which happened at the K-27 and U.S. 36 intersection at Wheeler on Dec. 26. There have been rumors about those two men and their condition. Both men were taken to Swedish Hospital via the flight medical plane the same night of the accident.

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said Steven Headley, the 28-year-old man from Sterling, Colo., was back in St. Francis the following day to collect his belongings. He told the sheriff that Thomas Yim, 30, Aurora, Colo., was doing well and was expected to get out of the hospital in a day or two.

The accident took the lives of Shirley Amack, St. Francis, and William Roth, Denver.