

Members pay bills at meeting

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday but with only five members present. Five members was not enough for a quorum and not enough to make any decisions with the exception of paying the regular bills.

Consequently, there were only a few issues discussed. President Dick Bursch said some of the matters that needed to be voted on at the November meeting included a theme for next year's fair, the parade marshal and a behavior policy.

Brian Hobrock, board member, said Deb George had asked him if the fair board had approved paying her for the embroidery work she did on bags used as prizes for livestock winners.

Mr. Bursch said he thought she had been paid because that bill had been approved early in August. It must have been overlooked, he said, and noted that she should be paid shortly.

Marty Fear, county extension agent, had some questions dealing with the 2012 fair rule book but since there were not enough members to make a decision, he would talk about rules at the December meeting.

Agent Fear said that he had talked to the PDC and extension council about the proposed grievance committee which would include two fair board members, two extension office members and two members from the Program Development Committee. President Bursch said he thought the board needed to consider having money put down before a matter would come to the grievance committee. That will be decided at a later date.

Weeds at the fairgrounds

At the October meeting, the

weeds and sand burs surrounding the exhibit building had been brought to the board's attention. The commissioners had suggested that the board hire someone to spray and mow the grounds. Mr. Bursch said he had looked at the area and suggested that they put rocks in several different places where weeds and sand burs seem to be hard to control.

We put rocks around the back side of the grandstand and then spray, he said. It seems to have solved the problem in that area.

He said he could bring in a load of rock for \$475 to \$525. This matter will be brought to the next meeting.

Pasturing the north part of the fairgrounds was discussed along with the need of a roof on the rest room north of the grandstands, light switch for the exhibit building and possibly installing a garage door in Jenkins Hall.

The events for the nights during the fair will be tabled until the next meeting. The only event that is set is the demolition derby which will be held Saturday night.

After-fair special section

After fair section put out by the newspaper was discussed. There was a misunderstanding about who put out the section. The fair board has two full-page ads in the section, one thanking the volunteers helping with the fair, and the other is the premium sale buyers. Nick Ketzner, board member, said that if funds were short, maybe they should not put these ads in. No decision was made.

Next meeting

Because there were not enough members to make any decisions and there were a lot of issues to be discussed, there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



PRESCHOOL AUCTION — Robin Petersen holds up and item while Skip Petersen auctions it off. Left, Brad Matthies helps them out.

Across the County

Cool-Season Lawns Getting Hungry Again

Tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass lawn owners know September is fertilizer time.

What they may not realize, however, is that September's meal typically gets used up by Thanksgiving. It's gone into helping the cool-season turfs not only green up again, but also recover from summer stress.

So, the plants have limited help when the time comes to get ready for winter.

"That's why some people call a second application in November the turfs' winterizer fertilizer," said Rodney St. John, turf grass specialist for K-State Research and Extension.

The turfs' top growth slows down as the weather cools. But,

so long as the plants are showing some green, they're still making carbohydrates — food. And, an application of nitrogen will boost their photosynthesis rate, Mr. St. John said.

A second feeding also helps tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass stay green longer. In turn, the plants become stronger by improving their root growth, shoot density and winter hardiness, he said. Any food reserves that remain will help the lawn green up earlier the following spring and sustain growth into May.

St. John recommends applying 1 to 1.5 pounds of soluble (quick-release) nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. If lawn owners choose a turf grass 'winterizer' formula,

it will have nitrogen as its major ingredient. But, owners will have to do some math to figure out how much to apply, based on the size of their yard.

West Central Cattlemen's Day coming to Kansas

K-State Research and Extension in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and Colorado State University Extension is offering West Central Cattlemen's Day on Thursday Dec. 8, at the fairgrounds in Goodland. The program will start at 6 p.m. mountain standard time and conclude by 9 p.m.

The present economic situation requires cattlemen to be on top of the latest research and technology

to keep their operations profitable. This conference should help find ways to reduce cost while helping to improve your overall profitability.

Topics include: crop market update, feed cost calculator, rotating for pasture production, weed control in pastures, 3rd trimester nutrition and cattle genetics. There is a \$10 registration fee if pre-registered by Dec. 6 or \$15 for registration at the door. Meal is included.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office with any questions or to register.

Until next week - Marty

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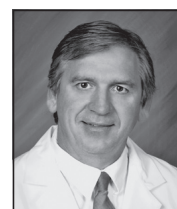


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