

SSFC Board Meeting, January 30, 2021, via Zoom

Present were Dennis Engebretson, Trudy Delich, Alethea Kenney, Carrie Jessen, and Margo Hanson

The SSFC Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alethea Kenney at 2:15 pm.

The minutes from the July 25, 2020, meeting, were read by secretary Margo Hanson. The motion to approve the minutes as read, was made by Carrie, seconded by Dennis and was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Carrie Jessen. The January 30, 2021 balance is \$3,833.46. Carrie also gave a financial report on the FFF. Vendors paid \$187.50, the raffle brought in \$144.00. Our expenses were \$49.70 and \$8.40 to mail raffle prizes, leaving a profit of \$273.40. Dennis moved to approve, Trudy seconded, all were in favor.

Under old business, the FFF was discussed. There were some problems with the Bemidji Woolen location. Some vendors were stuck in back, some customers were confused, leaving Trudy to explain what was happening. As she was busy, Carrie ended up running the raffle. Vendors outside seemed to do best. Options for next year were talked about. Having an outdoor event is a possibility but one large tent is likely too expensive. Vendors could supply their own sun/rain shades. Having the FFF the first weekend of October makes weather a concern if it is held outdoors. Carrie told about a local art festival, held the last weekend of June, by Sonya Workman Wolf. They have a large mowed field and a beautiful location. Trudy's place was discussed and could work. Carrie will pass on the use of her field. Russ has suggested the Park Rapid's Fairground in the past, so these are all possibilities to look into.

Margo and Dennis's 3 year terms are up, so they are up for reelection to the board. Karen Stormo has indicated that she is no longer interested in serving on the SSFC Board. Alethea suggested emailing members after the sheep event to allow them to vote on our roster of nominated board members, as we may be missing people due to Covid.

After board discussion regarding the yurt and what role Linda Johnson-Morke will play, Alethea moved that we write up a lease for 1-2 years, stating that Linda Johnson-Morke will provide insurance for the yurt as long as it is stored at her farm. In lieu of rental, she will make a good faith attempt to bring the yurt to the SSFC events and will be a teach a class at the FFF. The Board will also make a long term, 5– 8 year plan for the yurt. The motion to approve was made by Trudy, seconded by Carrie and the motion was approved.

Under new business, the Sheep Event on Feb. 20th was discussed. Alethea has been making arrangements and feels it under control. She will get the coffee pot, coffee, half &

half, sugar, plates, bowls, cups, and cash box and from Carrie. Trudy will bring the projector screen if needed. Alethea will read the above minutes during the meeting.

We will plan to meet again on April 10th, and will wait and see if we can meet in person.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Hanson, secretary for the SSFC Board