Dipper Committee

Winnebago County 4-H
Dipper Committee
Wrap Up Meeting 2014
21 August 2014

Members: Scott Richter, Sarah Winkel, Liz Rice-Jansen, Nancy
Absent: Isaiah Thede, Kari S.

Old Business
1. Schedules
   a. Club Shifts
      i. Western Sunset (Thursday Breakfast) has requested to move.
      ii. Dream Catchers needs to be moved officially from Friday 12:30-2:30.
      iii. 4-H Friends can take 2 shifts.
      iv. Newcomers on Thursday night was very light.
   b. Worker Requirements
      i. Received another request to give clubs better guidance on how many people are needed to man the Dipper. Discussion to re-send out the existing guidelines. Club Leaders need to make judgments about their clubs abilities.

2. From Board of Directors Meeting 8-19-14
   a. Dress Code – understand where it is coming from. Potential for youth leadership project – have youth come up with presentation on recommendations/rational. Think it would be heard better from youth than from committee.
   b. Consistency of Ice Cream {Tabled till later in Agenda}
   c. Left Over Supplies {Tabled till later in Agenda}
   d. Ran Out of Some Supplies {Tabled till later in Agenda}

3. Freezer Discussion
   a. Waiting on refund yet of shipping
   b. Much improved over fill-in from last year
      i. Easier to clean
      ii. Holds more ice cream
      iii. Smaller foot print, easier to move

4. Malt Discussion
   a. Soft Serve Ice Cream – from Hargrave (vendor)
      i. no real cost difference
      ii. Requires separate machinery 15k-30k investment
      iii. Knows of no one who will rent them
   b. Discussion with Darcy (parent in Ridgeway)
      i. Soft Serve machines are very touchy and require a lot of maintenance
      ii. If it gets too low or has a problem, we’d be done with ice cream for the day – repair needs to take entire machine apart to reset it
      iii. Believed malts would sell well for us (along with other parents on that shift)
c. Discussion with Courtney (member Golden Oak)
   i. Works at A & W and uses soft serve
   ii. Requires dedicated person on maintenance
   iii. Must be constantly watched

d. Discussion with Fond du Lac County
   i. Any contact yet about renting their machine? Did not receive call back.

e. Dipper Committee Decision: In light of highly technical demands of the machine, difficulty in managing two different types of ice cream, the Dipper Committee is making the recommendation not to serve soft serve ice cream.

f. Mikes Place Restaurant
   i. Manager had a malt mixer on hand. For our use recommended we use a high quality blender to serve the same purpose. Recommendation based on frequency of use, maintenance, cost of ownership, and experience.

g. Dipper Committee Decision: With the success of the smoothie trial this year and the use of a blender for that, we continue to explore blender option.

5. New Items:
   a. Bagels
   b. Salads
   c. Smoothie Trial – went well for just 2 days. Very simple and easy – few steps. Look to add for next year.
      i. Dipper Committee Decision: Recommend purchase 2 high quality blenders for up to $300 for next year. Will use for smoothies and/or malts. Will decide at later date if we do both or just one (leaning for only 1).

6. Breakfast at Fair Transition
   a. Breakfast sign on moveable board was torn down on Saturday.
   b. Outside Becks Cooler not properly closed around 8:30 AM during BAF – need to ensure cooler stays closed when not getting stuff out of it to keep temperature at right place
   c. Storage of Supplies in Becks Cooler
      i. Difficulty getting into cooler by Friday night/Saturday post breakfast
         1. Milk was stored in our cooler owing to cooler problem with Farm Bureau. Not anticipated but likely in future (see New Business).
         2. Need to maintain a path from back of cooler to front.
         3. Multiple drop offs to cooler – need to coordinate better or have place identified before Fair next year
   d. Dipper Worker transition – still unable to bring in workers before 10:30. Need to have Dipper workers trained and ready to go at 10:30, not just in the building at 10:30.
      Dipper Committee Decision: Recommend Breakfast at Fair ends at 10 AM so that the Dipper has time to bring in our people, get set-up, and let Breakfast at Fair clean-up.
      Dipper Committee Recommendation: Dipper recommends that Breakfast at Fair use the iPad next year to sell breakfast “tickets”.

7. Money Changes
   a. Hand off of start-up with new treasurers worked well
b. Should be able to adjust quarters downward next year

New Business

8. Meat Animal Sale
   a. Pressed into service to store ice cream and milk (?) for buyer’s lunch. Had space, but very tight as week went on.
   b. Request coordination with Meat Animal Board so we/they/Hargrave know where their supplies are stored upon delivery.

9. Data Analysis from iPad
   a. Have trend data by day for both 2013 and 2014. Will utilize for next year ordering. Nancy shared day to day comparison. Scott shared year to year comparison.

10. Milk and Farm Bureau
    a. Had difficulty keeping milk stocked. Ran out of chocolate multiple times. Our perception is that the milk they give away is not adequately tracked (hence inventory problems). Proposed to Hargrave we buy our own milk next year. Floated idea to Farm Bureau and they seemed fine with it.
    b. Dipper Committee Decision: Place order for milk separately to Hargrave in 2015.

11. Ice Cream Consistency
    a. Agree consistency is an issue. Can we weight it on scale? Is there a special scale for ice cream? Dipper Committee Decision: Will investigate options to weigh out ice cream for 2015.

12. Baker’s Outlet (referral from Darcy)
    a. In past allowed non-profits to bake items at their facility. Idea was possible make brownies ahead of time rather than buy them. Dipper Committee Decision: Will investigate option from Baker’s Outlet.

13. Left Over Product
    a. 5 cases of chips left
    b. 1 frozen strawberries

14. Other Inventory Issues
    a. Ran out of potatoes again on Saturday night. Needed to start a batch earlier in day – note for next year.

15. Youth Award – Josh Dean

16. Thanks –
    a. Glenn Erickson – doing dishes after breakfast multiple days
    b. Faith W – stepped in as manager with boyfriend (Tim) on Friday
    c. Agromatic – mats
    d. Schreiber for yogurt