

St. Clair County Agricultural Society | 2016

Minutes of Monday, October 10, 2016

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kristy Hardy, Bob Blumerich, Scott Hill, Rick Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Bernie Dudek, Alan Thume, Tim Warchuck, Donna Wojtysiak, Al Leone, Cindy Leone, Bob Clogg, Kim Hetzel, Lori Warchuck.

Excused: Linea Burch, Kent Renn, Dan McCue, Jeff Schelske.

Guests: Barb Hahn, Jacqui Rabine, Melanie Heitz, Kyle Peters, Megan Tomasek

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2) AGENDA

R. Ruemenapp asked to add fair bucks and bleachers to agenda and R. Usakowski asked to add planning retreat notes under new business. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

C. Leone and K. Hetzel checks from August have not cleared and need to be reissued. ShoWorks processing fee is .20 per transaction, minus \$500 credit for support. C. Leone has a request for a check for the open show. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the treasurer's report and reissuing checks and check for open show.

Motion carried.

Bills presented were for membership for MFEA dues for \$250.00, MAFE convention registration and dues of \$1,640 and \$5,292, postage and ink for mailing ballots of \$227.98, reimbursement to Rimrock Acres for water and Powerade of \$300.00 for the livestock auction. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the sum of \$7,709.98 in expenses.

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the budget . A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Leone to approve the budget as presented.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Leone to approve \$1,500 to Richmond Lenox and \$1,500 to Emmett FD.

Motion carried.

Hammar's sent a truck on Sunday to help with clean up. A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by T. Warchuck to approve \$500 to Hammar's.

Motion carried.

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Waiting for a bill from Farm Museum for manure removal. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to pay Blumerich Farms \$500 for the use of their truck and trailer.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Megan Tomasek started a special ed 4-H club, six club members. Want to add a class in animal species that would be first. A. Leone inquired criteria to participate in a special class. Will add them in Clover Sprout classes as Differently Abled. No criteria since no benefit to participation since there are no premiums for these classes, no ability to sell livestock.

Superintendent meeting held with seven superintendents. Displays discussed, superintendents in favor of doing more judging on Saturday and getting away from Tuesday and Wednesday judging.

R. Usakowski developed a survey to gain feedback from exhibitors and parents. Saturday exhibitors prep their livestock and don't want to spend all day here. Will advertise the survey.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Fair Board Directors are invited to Leader's Banquet on Friday, November 4th.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

No report.

b) AWARDS

A motion was made by B. Dudek, supported by A. Thueme to order belt buckles in lieu to Director's Chairs for 2017 from Molly's Awards.

Motion carried.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion held at Retreat about doing a capital improvement each year in lieu of rent. Discussions to be held with Parks and Recreation regarding that concept. We will need to put together a priority list of projects.

d) CRATER

No report.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

f) FACILITIES

No report.

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- g) LIVESTOCK
R. Ruemenapp reported there is a November 1st meeting. Outstanding is \$3,847.00 owed by 11 people, receiving monthly bills including interest. In 2009-2010 developed emergency plan for livestock, needs to be updated. B. Dudek received an email on sale on livestock pen, Triton, universal pens, 5x5 and 48" tall, highest ones to be used for goats, \$8,200 for 20 pens, free shipping.
 - h) PARKS AND RECREATION
Meeting on Monday in two weeks to review contract for 2017. Email to confirm.
 - i) PERSONNEL
No report.
 - j) PUBLICITY
Meeting in November.
 - k) SPONSORSHIP
Meeting October 20th.
 - l) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT
Need to have a meeting to review superintendent handbook.
 - m) SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
Alan Thueme will chair this committee. Meeting October 17th at 6:00 p.m.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- a) 8 YEAR OLD EXHIBITORS
Tabled to November.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
- a) COUNCIL EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR/TRAM AND FLOAT USE
Council would like to use the new tram as a float for the 4-H Ambassadors. It needs a slow moving vehicle sign. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by T. Warchuck to allow 4-H Council to use Fair Board's new tram, free, but they are to help with maintenance and cost of maintenance.
Motion carried.

4-H Council gave us their trailer for use during the fair. R. Ruemenapp will take the clover off the trailer and put it on the tram, hopefully before the December parade season.
 - b) ELECTION COMMITTEE
Committee for counting ballots prior to the November meeting is K. Hetzel, C. Leone, B. Clogg, A. Thueme.

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c) BLEACHERS

R. Ruemenapp reported we got 8 sets of bleachers and two small bleachers in 2016, cost was \$10,168.00. Contract for 2017 raising our prices to \$11,168.00. A. Thueme asked about locking in for a lower rate for multiple years. We were not charged for a bent bleacher. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by S. Hill to contract with Bavarian Bleachers for \$11,168.00 for 2017.

Motion carried.

ABO Tent is to be sent a deposit by December 31st for tents for 2017.

d) FAIR BUCKS

R. Ruemenapp asked about working with our vendors in having them accept fair bucks in lieu of meal vouchers for sponsors. Cost of printing is \$120 for 3,000 tickets. R. Ruemenapp will order them in \$1 increments and they will be ticket style with a portion retained indicating who the fair buck went to so that they can be reconciled through the treasurer when redeemed by vendors. Fair bucks good at all vendors and will be written into the vendor contracts.

e) RETREAT RECAP

R. Usakowski prepared a summary of the day's discussion points and distributed.

f) USDA

They audited our fair this year, two pigs lost their state USDA tag upon entering the fair and hadn't been retagged and pony rides didn't have Coggins tests.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp