

# St. Clair County Agricultural Society | 2016

Monday, June 13, 2016 Minutes

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kristy Hardy, Scott Hill, Mike Tomasek, Cindy Leone, Al Leone, Alan Thueme, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck, Bob Blumerich, Bernie Dudek, Chris Ruemenapp, Kent Renn, Bob Clogg, Rob Usakowski, Rick Ruemenapp, Linea Burch, Dan McCue, Jeff Schelske, Kim Hetzel, Donna Wojtysiak.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Sue Cook, Bill Schultz

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

T. Warchuck asked to add kickball on Monday night to the agenda. C. Leone asked to speak about the Thumb Pig and Goat Show. R. Ruemenapp asked to add the post pounder and late entries to the agenda. D. Wojtysiak asked that we talk about the large cow at Smoke House and a theme for 2017. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by B. Dudek to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Renn to approve the Secretary's Report of May 9, 2016.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Labor for the horse electrical project was figured into the overall cost and part of the grant. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

Bills were submitted for \$45.00 for candy for the Marine City Parade, \$4,800 to Sir Speedy for envelopes, daily passes and brochures. Sir Speedy was paid for thank you notes. Invoice submitted by B. Dudek for \$35.81 for PVC pipe for the welcome flags. A motion was made by J. Schelske, supported by A. Thueme to approve the payment of bills submitted tonight.

Motion carried.

IRS audit was held, waiting for a report. We have to send out W-9's for all vendors that aren't incorporated. We need to pay taxes at 28% for anything that we do not collect a W-9 and issue a 1099 for and one of those is Linea Burch's annual bonus paid as gift cards. We will attach a W-9 on all contracts and if we don't receive a W-9 for a vendor we will withhold 28% to pay their taxes. Need to issue 1099's for anyone paid \$600 or over for services.

Discussion held regarding using a bookkeeping or CPA service to handle some of the treasury responsibilities, 941's, 1099's, unemployment, taxes, etc. M. Tomasek may still need hard copies of treasurer reports for November of 2013 and October of 2014 which were not emailed by the prior treasurer, but copies made at Staples and distributed at the meeting.

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If anyone needs t-shirts or passes, make sure you use either a form or use the check request, and instead of check put passes or something. We need to track who takes what and where things are going. Passes are available tonight for anyone who needs them.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bill Schultz from the Farm Museum would like to borrow our electrical box for their show in August. Box and 3-4 cords, always stored in Parks barn and it's accessible. We will generate that agreement to allow them to borrow those. A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by J. Schelske to allow the Farm Museum to use our electrical box for their show in August. They are to contact Parks to make those arrangements. The museum will work on making their tractor display larger. B. Clogg met with Farm Museum regarding garbage in the manure. R. Usakowski will get them passes to get into the fair.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Weekly passes are in. Sign them out on the sheet with the numbers. Bleach on fairgrounds on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Spray barns on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Phones connected July 7<sup>th</sup>, 325-1700, 325-1850 will be fax machine.

Late entries are to fill out forms. We've got approximately half the normal number of entries to date, 531 exhibitors. Normally 900 exhibitors. Online sales sold \$4,244 to date.

Talent show has the wrong time on the form and C. Ruemenapp will correct that.

7) MSU EXTENSION

July 9<sup>th</sup> Dog Committee will be selling their bandanas. 43 youth and adults going to Exploration Days. Robotics club featured in 4-H Magazine.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Saturday gardening edibles have two spots to fill.

B) AWARDS

Trophy sponsors are at \$12,880.00.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Barn electrical is done.

D) CRATER

None.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

Would like to start collecting ideas for a theme for 2017. We can get the dates changed on our banners for 2017 and display at the fair. Kim will ask Viney's if they will sell t-shirts for the paint party.

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F) FACILITIES

Wood chips will be arranged by Al Leone. Our cost is \$4.40 per bag, 990 in a truck load, sell them for \$5.00. Will deliver July 15<sup>th</sup>. Promote selling any excess bags. Agricultural Education tent will be the poultry tent. 20 x 30 tent.

Carl's Septic is all set. Blue Water Lift, do we want their hi-lo's, big ones, and we reduce the ones from Sunbelt? R. Usakowski will talk to Hammer's about dumpsters and if they can bring some staff over during tear down. TNT will bring their tractor down and we will provide them a space. Jones Equipment will provide a RTV. Bobcat has a tool cat, if they can put a sign in the bed.

There is a tram for sale in the area, from the pictures provided it may need some work. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by C. Leone to purchase the tram for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion carried.

We would like to purchase another small tram similar to our little tram that we use for a handicap tram if anyone sees one for sale. We will need four storage trailers.

G) LIVESTOCK

Achatz Catering was wondering if they are doing the fair this year. R. Ruemenapp had previously talked to Geri about this.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

Speakers are not working in the barns. Horse exhibitors are coming to paint the horse barns. Parks and Recreation are giving us \$10,000 in fulfillment of their portion of work done under the grant.

I) PERSONNEL

Need to find judges for creative writing, one for fiction and one for non-fiction. Megan will get the judges. Sheriff's Department, Scott Braun will be our contact, per J. Schelske. Talked about doing a demonstration with their dogs. Jeff White, everything the same as in the past. Waiting to hear back from Emmett Fire Department. Need hose 1 ½. J. Schelske to contact Knights of Columbus. Marine City Band Boosters will be here 8:00 on Friday and focus on the north lot and entrances to start with pounding posts and putting up fencing. Will Knights of Columbus have enough people to man the parking lots? J. Schelske will discuss that with them.

Knights of Columbus were paid \$5100 in 2014. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by K. Hetzel to hire the American Legion for \$500 a day from 5:00 until 11:00. T. Warchuck will contact them to see if they're interested.

Motion carried.

J) PUBLICITY

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Each person gets 15 signs, 270 signs in total, 80 for the office. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Ruemenapp to put a banner on the side of B. Blumerich's chopper box on I-69.

Motion carried.

B. Blumerich can put a sign out on M-21, temporary, fair entrance 500' ahead and they will deliver the sign. Two signs, flags on top. If we want a permanent sign, Parks has to request on, a letter from Fair Board requesting the sign and proof that we asked for it. R. Usakowski said Wales Township has a regulation regarding zoning out on M-21. It's a state highway, requiring more clearance than normal.

Looking for signs to put around the fairgrounds directing people to the area where they can get information about 4-H.

A lot of the radio stations and newspapers want the brochure earlier. We need to get the ads and information earlier. We can send them a schedule of events without the ads.

## K) SPONSORSHIP

Need receipts to give to the sponsors that have already paid. We'll have to make up receipts. There are 25 golf carts to sponsor. Leaders' Council needs to get us a check for their banner. K. Hetzel is ordering banners. S. Hill will obtain snacks and drinks for the office. Tuesday night entertainment is still available.

## L) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

No report.

## 9) NEW BUSINESS

### A) HORSE STALL SET UP

Cost is \$2300, with no credit for work performed for painting of the barns. A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by T. Warchuck to pay Parks & Recreation \$2300 to set up the portable horse stalls.

Motion carried. R. Ruemenapp opposed.

### B) CAMPGROUNDS

C. Ruemenapp requested purchase of flags and insertion rods for the campgrounds to use utility stakes as opposed to the wooden stakes. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to purchase two insertion rods and flags.

Motion carried.

### C) KICKBALL

Horse leaders and teens would like to have a kickball game in Horse Ring 1 on Monday night. No opposition from Fair Board.

### D) THUMB PIG & GOAT SHOW

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Report that a family showed swine at the Imlay City Show 43 days prior to fair. Currently there is a rule that says hogs cannot be shown within 45 days of fair. R. Ruemenapp said family talked to him prior to the show and he waived that requirement. Discussion held at Livestock Meeting about allowing superintendents to allow animals exhibited at MLE to come in late to the fair and discretion given to superintendents. All rules will be reviewed for 2017.

E) POST POUNDER

Cost is \$2250 with 1 year warranty. ACE Hardware in Capac is a dealer. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Blumerich to purchase a Rhino post pounder in an amount not to exceed \$2300. B. Blumerich will purchase this.

Motion carried.

F) SMOKE HAUS COW

The Smoke Haus changed ownership and since we can't get the MMPA cow, maybe we can get their cow with a banner on it. If available, B. Blumerich will arrange that.'

10) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary