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Minutes of Monday, September 12, 2016

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kent Renn, Rob Usakowski.

Absent: Bob Clogg.

Guests: Melanie Heitz, Kyle Peters, Dean Johnson.

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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

T. Warchuck would like to add Hammar's, whether they got paid. A motion was made by C. Leone, supported by A. Thueme to approve the agenda with the addition.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Thueme asked about having Matt Liebetreu at the retreat. A. Thueme will invite him to the meeting on September 24, 2016. A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by A. Thueme to approve the minutes of August 8, 2016 as presented.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

The payment to Viney's needs to be clarified and uncategorized. Classification for Demo Derby and Figure 8 need to be switched, classified incorrectly. M. Tomasek reported we have collected more funds on livestock sale to date than paid out, so no loan will be required from Fair Board. M. Tomasek will review the number under petty cash to determine if it's correct. A. Leone will check on the Marysville Trucking invoice that was paid, he normally donates that service. \$840 taxes due to IRS. We have filed all 1099's for 2014. 2015 will be filed with IRS and IRS will waive any penalty and that will bring us up to date on taxes. 990 due on Thursday. M. Tomasek will file 990T for the Sunrise sponsorship because it has a coupon and not a sponsorship. We will have to pay taxes on about \$500 of that and will owe a penalty.

Fair Board approximately \$32,000 over budget this year. There were many things approved outside of the budget, \$900 for audit, PVC for banners, TV, panels for walking fleece, refrigerator, drinks and snacks, tables, batteries, etc., \$59,000 for equipment rental, spent more on bleachers, tents, lost radio for \$376, Sunbelt, publicity. Will need to amend the budget in October once all bills are paid. Knights of Columbus has not been paid because M. Tomasek doesn't have a contract. R. Usakowski has the contract. J. Schelske gave R. Usakowski the contract at the meeting. Civil Air Patrol hasn't been paid.

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A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to pay Cadets \$750 as well as sale profit on the wood chips.

Motion carried.

Wood carvings went cheaper this year than past years.

D. Wojtysiak has a bill for postage and a bill for the t-shirts for dairy exhibitors. Dairy judge donated back his fee for the kids and t-shirts were purchased.

K. Hetzel has bill for crane rental. Grace Performance was to be refunded \$500.00 and that hasn't happened yet. Request to pay for fan blade from B. Blumerich.

A motion was mad by R. Ruemenapp, supported by J. Schelske to approve payments to Weiss, Hetzel Hoisting, Greenwood Veterinary, Greenstone, Stamps, Grace Performance, Kristy Lamb.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Kyle Peters had questions regarding eight-year olds showing for 2017. Placed on agenda under Old Business.

Dean Johnson asked about contracting with non-profit groups for tasks during the fair. Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids is interested in providing a paid task. They're tied to fire fighters.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Premium checks are complete and passing those out. Premiums are \$15,500 this year. Increased premium amounts, increased adult exhibits and gave horses premiums. Up \$3,500 from 2015.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Paper Clover campaign October 5-16. MSUE will be doing re-enrollment orientation in October. Volunteers and kids can re-enroll for 2017 now. Robotics Club now has a north end and south end teams and exploded with young children. Older team has six kids, currently in flux.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

No report.

B) AWARDS

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Going to be putting out trophies for bid for 2017. C. Ruemenapp will send out a list of number and sizes of trophies. Horse projects have 300 trophies. L. Warchuck will get a bid from LDJ Trophies. C. Ruemenapp will get artwork for the 80th anniversary sticker/logo. Need that in png, jpeg and vector.

C. Ruemenapp would like to offer the same trophy sponsorship program as the past two years, running through March 1st. A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Leone to run the trophy campaign through 3-1-16.

Motion carried.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

M. Tomasek needs to submit the invoices for reimbursement from MDARD. Need a more detailed invoice from the county.

D) CRATER

No report.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

F) FACILITIES

No report.

G) LIVESTOCK

Checks are being picked up tonight.

H) SPONSORSHIP

K. Hetzel is already mailing out items. Need to do something for sponsor for carts. M. Tomasek would like to go back to stickers for windows for entrance into the fair to reduce reuse of the cards. Fair Board will likely change the form of the weekly admission pass for 2017. M. Tomasek recommends no mailing of passes because he had quite a few requests for reissuing of passes because they were "lost in the mail". M. Tomasek recommends sale of passes in person only, or pay for pass via online and personal pick up/will call only.

I) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent handbook distributed. C. Ruemenapp sent out possible changes or amendments. C. Leone asking for another month. Tabled to October.

J) SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

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Everyone believes the Marine City Band Boosters were an excellent addition and would like to expand that to work with other groups.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) FARM MUSEUM USE OF ELECTRICAL

R. Usakowski was going to handle that. No one sure that's been completed.

B) FAIR BOARD RETREAT

J. Schelske cannot attend. A. Leone is not attending. D. McCue may not be coming. L. Burch will not be attending.

C) 8 YEAR OLD EXHIBITORS

R. Ruemenapp asking that 8 year olds be able to participate in the fair under youth, as of January 1. R. Ruemenapp indicates other fairs are allowing 8 year olds (which may be 9 years old at the time of fair) to exhibit pigs, steers, sheep. Proposed is allowing them to bring their own animals. L. Warchuck is not opposed as long as that's modified so that exhibitors aren't placed and show in their own class. Discussion held regarding steers for 2017, and suggestion made allowing 8 year olds to show a prospect beef and come back as 9 year old for beef competition. Had discussion about length of show, adding another category. R. Ruemenapp asked for time to develop guidelines and come back in the next few months with those developed guidelines.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) HAMMAR'S

Paid \$2250 for dumpsters, dumping fee is paid for by the county. Donations to organizations to be tabled until October, which will include Hammar's.

B) Website,

C. Ruemenapp would like to update our website and overhaul it. With Windows 10 we're having trouble loading content, photos because our website software is old. Would like to have a different format for our fair book, ability to upload sponsorship logos more easily and be able to modify website remotely (not having software loaded on 1 or 2 computers), have our website modified so that it loads nicely on a smart phone. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Leone to budget \$1000 for website.

Motion carried.

C) NOMINATION OF FAIR BOARD

A nomination was submitted by Beth Sawdon nominating herself. A. Leone nominated Melanie Heitz. A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by A. Thueme to approve the

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nominations of Melanie Heitz, Beth Sawdon, Dan McCue, Tim Warchuck, Chris Ruemenapp, Kristy Hardy, Donna Wojtysiak and Scott Hill.

Motion carried.

D) TREASURER ASSISTANCE

Rod McCue and Kristy Lamb to be contacted regarding helping M Tomazek with quarterly and annual filings for State and IRS, 940, 941, 990, 1099's.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by T. Warchuck to adjourn at 9:10 a.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary