

St. Clair County Agricultural Society | 2018

Minutes of Monday, January 8, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Vincent, Bob Clogg, Alan Thueme, Jeff Schelske, Tim Warchuck, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Bob Blumerich, Scott Hill, Lori Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Kristy Hardy, Donna Wojtysiak, Kim Hetzel, Linea Burch, Bernie Dudek, Rob Usakowski

Excused: Al Leone, Kent Renn.

Absent: Dan McCue

Guests: Kayley Rowbotham, Tom Stickle and Andrew Hanson.

Meeting called at 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by J. Schelske to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report. Received a letter of resignation from Garrett Newberry as Farm Equipment Maneuvering superintendent. T. Vincent thinks he might have someone that might take that job over.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Tomasek received photos and paid invoice for the bent post that we were billed for from Parks and Recreation. M. Tomasek sent deposit for Bavarian bleachers and tents. K. Hetzel will take over bleacher rentals. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Stickle and Andrew Hanson will be taking on Civil Air Patrol instead of J. Schelske. No plastic buckets in 2018.

6) MSU EXTENSION

Horse Leaders endorsed having the mini horses in the rabbit pavilion. Winter Achievement on January 20th.

7) FAIR OFFICE

There is outstanding livestock monies of \$9,858.75. IAFE bill for \$175.00 received. L. Burch would like a snow shovel for the office. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by K. Hetzel to approve payment of the IAFE bill.

Motion carried.

Discussed moving fair entry deadline to July 1st. Will have to check with shooting sports superintendents and discuss logistics of that.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AG EDUCATION

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L. Warchuck will set up a meeting.

b) AWARDS

B. Dudek finalizing the ribbon count. Discussion regarding changing Best of Class ribbon to honorable mention ribbon and they would have the same point value for Exhibitor of the Year.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Committee met last week and discussed our needs. If Parks is financially contributing we would have to follow the county bid process. We would like to put in \$20,000, Park in put in \$20,000 and then we can apply for a matching grant. Livestock Commodities Grant being worked on to add classes for livestock and promoting livestock.

d) CRATER EVENTS

We have rodeo, auto cross and figure 8 locked in. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are not locked in. Monster truck show is \$19,500 for Wednesday. Thursday thinking of tractor pulls. Second bump and run for Tuesday is an option. Board members will see what's at convention.

Michigan Monster Truck Shootout will provide six trucks. Destroying 14-20 cars to smash. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by M. Tomasek to approve a contract with MMTS. Will need taller cement blocks, about 15.

Motion carried.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

f) FACILITIES

No report.

g) LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Beef tagging is January 27th. Tags are ordered.

h) PARKS AND RECREATION

No report.

i) PERSONNEL

Will need a superintendent for farm equipment maneuvering.

j) PUBLICITY

Electronic billboards versus standing billboards discussed. If we're going to do a billboard we will need to decide that soon.

k) SPONSORSHIP

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K. Hetzel would like to do our sponsor dinner at Darrel's Steakhouse on March 9th or 2nd. Need 6 weeks prior to event to mail out invitations. Invited would be all our 2017 sponsors, including in kind sponsors. Kim to send out a list prior to invitations going on by January 27th for anyone to add anyone they think should be invited.

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by K. Hetzel to renew the Blue Water Chambers of Commerce fee of \$549.00.

Motion carried.

l) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

No report.

m) SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

No report.

n) AD HOC

1) MARKETING PERSON

The committee met and put together criteria to hire someone to do this job. Need to advertise the position and decide on a final salary amount.

9) OLD BUSINESS

a) ADMISSION DISCOUNTS

L. Warchuck submitted a request in December and would like a response regarding discounting tickets for exhibitors. Fair Board will table this to February. Discussion held about having a one-day sale with \$10 off admission of a weekly admission pass for exhibitors.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) RESIGNATION OF JEFF SCHELSKE

Jeff Schelske is resigning due to a change in his employment and relocation to South Carolina. Fair Board will take nominations for the February meeting. Anyone wishing to be considered for appointment to fill J. Schelske's term should submit a bio and come to the meeting.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Schelske to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary