

Minutes of Monday, May 14, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Hetzel, Dan McCue, Tom Vincent, Lori Warchuck, Alan Thueme, Bob Clogg, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenap, Mike Tomasek, Scott Hill, Bob Blumerich, Kristy Hardy, Colleen Provost, Jacqui Rabine, Bernie Dudek, Donna Wojtysiak.

Guests: Kayley Rowbotham, Linda Taylor, Delena Austin, Barb Schember.

Excused: Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck

Absent: Al Leone

2) AGENDA

Request under new business to add sound equipment and mini horse pens. A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by J. Rabine to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by Bob Blumerich to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 9, 2018.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Received sponsorship checks of \$1,050. M. Tomasek proposes to amend the budget to indicate the state grant for \$23,550, and park rental of zero for 2018. C. Ruemenapp submitted bills for reimbursement for service on a small claim, purchase of plastic boxes and keys for the office. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report and reimbursement.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Delena Austin from Wisdom Counseling and The Ranch offers counseling and education services to anyone needing it through horse therapy. Did a team building exercise with Delena Austin. They have mini therapy horses. They specialize in working with Veterans. Not a non-profit, LLC. Would like to be a commercial vendor at the fair. We will contact them.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report.

7) MSU EXTENSION

There were 89 participants in day camp. New starting 9-1-18 4-H age will be 8-19, regular 4-H age. Will schedule a dangerous drug training Thursday prior to fair at 6:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to learn about recognizing drug paraphernalia and how to handle it.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AG EDUCATION

Meeting on Friday this week to work on the flyer for our field trips, working on trading cards.

b) AWARDS

No report.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Parks agreed to waive our rent for 2018 in lieu of putting a roof on the show arena. We have to spend over \$47,000 in improvements. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to roof the show arena and the gold horse barn. Rob Usakowski will be the project manager for the board.

Motion carried.

d) CRATER

Alan Thueme found a place to get concrete barriers, bigger ones to enclose the ends, brand new to do both ends would be \$4,500. Shirts for parking and gate workers any color but orange. Want to make arena bigger and use some of the other blocks for security. Will be purchasing 6-8 blocks, 22' long. They'll truck them in. A motion was made by C.

Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the purchase of concrete blocks for \$4,500.00.

Motion carried.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

New event for Saturday in entertainment tent, no chicken flying contest, Big Blue Blocks. Six hours and D. Wojtysiak will sponsor this for \$750.00. Will need snow fence around the entertainment tent so the blocks don't walk off. Will have honor society kids man the gates and have a big building party from 1-7. B. Clogg said horse teen leaders will be available to help also.

Will be holding a frozen t-shirt contest also. Discussion held regarding coloring sheets. There's free coloring sheets with fair themes. Suggest uploading them to the website and people can print it off, color and bring to the fair for prizes.

f) FACILITIES

Looking for additional UTV's, so far only 12 secured.

g) LIVESTOCK

Paid from Amy Pratt Farmer's Insurance of \$1700 in satisfaction of her livestock purchased, but the check was returned NSR. A. Thueme talked to Achatz about the livestock dinner and there's really not a choice, they work that menu into their other meals. Achatz will provide meal booklets for 10 meals which is \$5.00 savings.

h) PARKS AND RECREATION

No report.

i) PERSONNEL

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We have two superintendent openings, Farm Equipment Maneuvering and Scarecrows. We had two people inquire as to scarecrows, Jenn Putney and Kathy Renn. C. Ruemenapp reached out to Jenn Putney to submit an application. Kathy Renn is currently superintendent of another project area so to get a new superintendent would be helpful. Will have a meeting before fair to make sure we have everything covered. C. Ruemenapp to send a list of the current superintendents to L. Warchuck to do background checks. Capac and Port Huron High School to do parking lots.

j) PUBLICITY

Julie Law will be doing the radio buys this week. Julie Law procured a new graphic designer who will get the work turned around in 24-48 hours. Yard signs will be ordered tomorrow.

We will put a survey together, short, and filled out you can drop it off at the Visitors' Center, Community Building and Roadhouse and will draw out a winner for an iPad.

B. Blumerich is checking into car counters.

Marine City Parade will be on Memorial Day weekend and pass out entertainment flyers and candy. Everyone welcome, as many horses as can come.

k) SPONSORSHIP

K. Hetzel is ordering feather flags for the big sponsors to be placed on the drives. Every night at the Crater is double booked.

9) NEW BUSINESS

a) SOUND EQUIPMENT

Request for \$600 for sound equipment and purchase of two metal cabinets for storage. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the purchase of sound equipment for \$600 and purchasing two cabinets, for an estimate of \$1,100.00.

Motion carried.

b) MINI HORSE PENS

There are 19 mini horses signed up. Cashman's have goat & sheep pens for \$4633 which will be 20 stalls, 38" high. They are 4x8 pens. There are 210 horses registered currently. B. Blumerich will pick up the stalls. A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by B. Clogg to pay for ½ of the purchase price of the pens, and request the horse project to pay for the purchase of the other half.

Motion carried.

c) ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN

B. Dudek has a copy of the animal health plan and it needs to be updated, and plan to meet with the vet to go over the plan.

10) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by C. Provost to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

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Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary