

St. Clair County Agricultural Society | 2017

Minutes of Monday, August 14, 2017

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

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

Excused: Bob Clogg, Cindy Leone, Lori Warchuck

Absent: Dan McCue.

Guests: Emma Grettenberger, Mary Grettenberger, Melanie Heitz, Mark Pederson, Gayle and Kaylee Rowbotham, Jacqui Rabine, Jodi Veldman, Tom Vincent, Bill Schultz, Diane from South Park Lions.

2) AGENDA

No agenda.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Renn to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Lost 5 ear pieces for the radios at \$70 each. Will look at purchasing some on ebay since we've had to purchase them in the past. Tri-County bill submitted for \$1750 for John Deere tractor for seven days. Al Leone will call Tri-County to attempt to resolve the outstanding bill. S & S Towing for \$500 for storage boxes. Invoice from Parks and Recreation for chloride. One of the windows was broken on a machine we rented for \$500.00. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by J. Schelske to approve the payment of invoices.

Motion carried.

J. Schelske submitted a spreadsheet for payment of the tram drivers with hours and each one to M. Tomasek.

M. Tomasek would like to open a separate livestock account to zero fund the amount of what our livestock checks will be for ease in bookkeeping. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to open a new livestock account for the livestock checks to be written out of.

Motion carried.

D. Wojtysiak turned over money from the petting farm. L. Warchuck submitted request for expenses for the movies and ag tent. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to pay the outstanding bills.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Diane from Port Huron South Park Lions reported they did kid sight screening, 156 kids this year, for a total of 979 total kids done at our event, 10 referrals this year. South Park would request to do it again next year. Fair Board approved that request.

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Bill Schultz, Farm Museum, appreciate you having the museum open and they have a show coming up in a few weeks, wondering if they could borrow the electrical box for the Crater that they had last year, along with benches for the trolley. R. Usakowski will look for the benches they want to borrow. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to allow them to use the benches and electrical panel as long as Matt Liebetreu sets up the electrical panel.

Motion carried.

Mary Grettenberger requested that exhibitors not have baby oil on the pigs. Request that that be added to the rules in swine.

Mark Pederson, St. Clair Collision, is interested in having a monster truck show in the 2018 season. Mark Pederson would be the promoter, he would negotiate the appearance fees. Thursday nights would be the best night to have the Monster trucks. Mark can come up with a number and will use Alan's help to do that. Can pull it off with 4 trucks. A. Thueme and A. Leone will work with Mark Pederson.

Ride truck did very well. After \$1000, Fair Board would get 10% \$3120. We received a check for \$400.

6) FAIR OFFICE

No report.

7) MSU EXTENSION

St. Clair County was the top sellers of Clovers in Michigan. Joe Bixler would like to hire two more persons for the MSU Extension office in Port Huron.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AGRICULTURAL TENT

Liked the ag facts. This year was more a pass-through event and it worked out better than sitting and having a presenter.

b) AWARDS

Still working on replacing trophies.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Need to put something together for our next round of USDA grants. Blue Water Roofing is putting together a rough estimate for a roof on the beef arena, but he ball parked it at \$42,500 to do a roof on the beef arena and fix trusses.

d) CRATER

May need a different fence, tire bounced off and went between two vehicles.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

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D. Wojtysiak needs someone to take over entertainment tent Thursday-Saturday, the tent needs new life. Melanie Heitz will be chairman of committee and clubs can take over days. Kaylee Rowbotham is very artistic.

f) FACILITIES

Al Leone may work on a prearranged price at TSC for woodchips to back up what we order so we don't run out. Will talk to Carl's Septic about adding additional hand washing stations. Need two more at the petting farm and re-service during the day.

g) LIVESTOCK

There is \$155,000 outstanding, right on track without what we took in today. Committee would like to hand out checks at the September meeting. Intention is to have premium checks and livestock check for next Fair Board meeting.

Received additional pens from Complete Livestock from Charlotte, MI. He didn't have the pens done for fair. Total job was \$12,050, we owed him \$5,050. Due to the pens being delivered late and not of the quality that we ordered we have not paid him the additional money. We will need to hire someone to fix the pens so that the kids can use them without being cut by rough metal edges.

Livestock meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Couple birds condemned during the fair. Animals may be bruised due to pullorum testing. T. Warchuck asked for a count on how many wings were cut off birds. Justin Warchuck's boss is asking the State why are they requiring pullorum testing when there hasn't been pullorum in Michigan for 10 years.

h) PARKS AND RECREATION

Brad Brenske came over on Sunday at the end of teardown and said they wouldn't accept the stalls not being power washed. The pens were never power washed in the past when they were put away. We told Matt Liebetreu to stop tearing down the pens and that Parks would have to finish because it was never our plan to power wash the stalls. They were not being put away dirty and we are the only known group that uses the portable horse stalls that we gave to Parks and Recreation. We will look for a solution to this ongoing problem in the months to come.

i) PERSONNEL

We received one horse superintendent application to date.

j) PUBLICITY

R. Usakowski talked about building our brand and something we need to work on. Mary Grettenberger talked about partnering with schools and reward kids for their attendance or grades and she would be willing to work on that project.

The bus advertisement worked very well and would like to do that again in 2018. Discussion held about ordering shirts with the fair logo as opposed to the fair book design and just change colors annually.

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k) SPONSORSHIP

K. Hetzel talked to Nate at Image Authentics about possibly having someone sponsor our advertisement on the buses. Nate could give us a lay out. Will talk about that at a future date whether we want to incorporate our sponsors in advertising on the buses.

9) OLD BUSINESS

a) CIVIL AIR PATROL & OTHER PARTNERS

A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to give the annual donations to Civil Air Patrol, Emmett Fire Department and Richmond Lenox.

Motion carried.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) PLANNING RETREAT

Scheduled for Sunday, September 17th at Noon.

b) HORSE STALLS

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to pay Matt Liebetreu \$1,700 for the set up and partial tear down of the horse stalls.

Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary