

# St. Clair County Agricultural Society | 2018

Minutes of Monday, February 12, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Linea Burch, Donna Wotysiak, Bernie Dudek, Jacqui Rabine, Lori Warchuck, Bob Blumerich, Mike Tomasek, Scott Hill, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Tom Vincent, Alan Thueme, Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck, Bob Clogg, Kristy Hardy, Kim Hetzel  
Excused: Dan McCue, Al Leone.  
Guests: Nathan Havens, Linda, Taylor, Colleen and Joe Provost.

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

2) AGENDA

A request was made to add bleachers and Achatz Catering under New Business and add Haflinger's under Old Business. A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by Scott Hill to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by J. Rabine to approve the December 2017 and January 2018 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report this month. M. Tomasek received a bill from Regalia for \$962.00. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the bills as submitted.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

6) MSU EXTENSION

L. Warchuck reported that MSU will be allowing people to pay participation fees online in the fall. Career Fair last weekend. Sale bill for Council Auction available.

7) FAIR OFFICE

No report.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

May provide 6 stations for field trips, 10 minute rotations, two hour block on Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. Going to add trading cards. Meet the local farmer displays and herding demo for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> and working on details and blacksmith.

b) AWARDS

Placed the Regalia order. Will be using Crown Trophy for trophies this year.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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State increased size of grant from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and they hope they have enough applications to fill all that. We should hear back on the grant by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Need to get Monster Trucks a signed contract. B. Clogg will get that contract. KOI Drag Racing contract, let people bring whatever they wanted to bring to drag race. There are 30 different classes, snowmobiles, ATV's. Price is \$3500 and he guarantees if it rains we don't have to pay him. Everyone pays at the gate to get in. Speed competition, time trials on Wednesday night. A motion was made C. Ruemeanpp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the KOI Drag Races contract.

Motion carried.

K. Hetzel has estimates for the horse barn roof replacements and will provide those to L. Warchuck.

d) CRATER

Need to get a tractor pull contract. Discussion about running a Saturday afternoon event such as bump & run. Cost about \$5,000 for a Saturday afternoon show. With considering other entertainment events this year, Fair Board won't act on that this year.

Draft horse pulls same as last year \$775 and we pay premiums \$325, \$300, \$275, etc. Seven teams last year.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the contracts.

Motion carried.

Request for Tuesday and Saturday monster truck rides, and will provide 10% after first \$1,000. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the monster truck ride contract.

Motion carried.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment tent will host Monday night game night, Tuesday DJ and dance party, Wednesday bingo, Friday night talent show. Ronald McDonald isn't available.

Request to contract with Dwayne Spaw on Monday and Tuesday for two hours total for \$1,700. Will be available to open for Rodeo and Monster Truck show. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to approve that contract.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to sign the Animal Oasis contract for \$1800.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the BD Pedal Pullers contract for \$946.87.

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by T. Warchuck to approve the contract for Tootsie the Clown for \$330.

Motion carried.

- f) FACILITIES  
No report. B. Blumerich will work on getting road closures and digital sign.
  - g) LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
There were 56 steers, 11 alternates tagged and weighed, down 5 or so from 2017. Done by noon with help from Tim Warchuck, Bob Blumerich and Rick Ruemenapp. Ashley Sebastian can no longer act as co-chairman with Rick Ruemenapp and looking for someone to take that committee over. Any interest in helping us in that area, let us know. T. Warchuck will be co-chairman.
  - h) PARKS AND RECREATION  
USDA want us to have a longer contract if they're putting money into this facility. Require 5 year contract. R. Usakowski had a brief conversation with Mark Brochu about this.
  - i) PERSONNEL  
Will publicize need for farm equipment maneuvering superintendent.
  - j) PUBLICITY  
Meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
  - k) SPONSORSHIP  
Passed around list of sponsors from 2017 for additions or corrections. Going to wait until fall to do sponsor thank you mixer. K. Hetzel has offered Mark Pederson a crater sponsorship for three nights for \$6,000. Discussion held regarding sponsorship prices. Committee will meet.
  - l) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT  
Going to have a meeting on a still exhibit auction exploration committee on Thursday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m.
  - m) SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS  
Richmond Schools will not be returning for parking cars. Capac Athletics are interested in replacing them.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- a) MARKETING PERSON  
K. Hetzel has someone interested in informing us as to what the position should entail. K. Hetzel to invite her to the March meeting.
  - b) ADMISSION DISCOUNTS

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Volunteer opportunities can be made available for anyone wishing to earn a weekly admission pass to the fair. B. Clogg doesn't feel that will be accepted by the group who have expressed a concern over the cost of the admission. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to not charge at the west gate for exhibitors until 8:30 a.m. C. Ruemenapp will prepare a letter for L. Warchuck's group that she's been working with on this issue.

Motion carried, with opposition.

c) HAFLINGER'S

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Clogg to approve a contract for the Haflinger's.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

There is a seat available with the resignation of Jeff Schelske due to his move to South Carolina. Nathan Havens, Linda Taylor, Beth Sawdon and Colleen Provost have expressed a desire to fill that position. Secret ballot election held. Colleen Provost appointed to fill the vacant position.

b) WEBSITE

Request to contract with godaddy.com for \$2,500 to develop a website for us. This will entail meeting on the phone with a designer to let them know what we want, they will build the website, get our feedback and make corrections and then hold a training session so that we can manage the website. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve that expenditure.

Motion carried.

c) BLEACHERS

Bavarian Bleachers has two more sets of bleachers they can rent which will hold another 500 people. One for the north and one for the south side of the Crater. A motion was made by A. Thueme to rent those two bleachers, supported by M. Tomasek. M. Tomasek will handle that contract.

Motion carried.

d) ACHATZ CATERING

Achatz would like to offer a booklet of meals that can be sold prior to fair to be purchased in advance for a discounted rate. The fair office will sell these.

e) EDUCATION (DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)

T. Warchuck is recommending that we have a police officer come out and talk to Fair Board directors and the people that are cleaning the grounds regarding drug paraphernalia that they should not be touching when cleaning the grounds.

f) SHIRTS

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Request made that Fair Board directors be supplied shirts to wear during the fair so that we match daily, would need a new shirt each day. Request made to provide shirts to the gate workers so they match and look consistent.

g) POWDER COAT

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp to get the panels for the still exhibit barn powder coated.

Motion carried.

h) VENDORS

Nonprofit vendors need to be identified and placed by Alan Thueme. If contracted groups need a vendor spot, make sure A. Thueme knows.

i) OTHER

Charles Winn and Cathy Kimberley passed away this past month.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary