

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Monday, August 13, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

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

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

Excused: Al Leone, Colleen Provost, Donna Wojtysiak, Dan McCue, Kent Renn.

Guests: Linda Taylor, Jenn Putney, Lauren Tomasek, Matt Liebetreu, Megan Tomasek, Brad Brenske.

2) AGENDA

Request under new business add emergencies during fair, as well as talk about a couple conduct issues in closed session. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Tomasek looking for all bills. Need to turn in bills tonight to be paid so there can be a reconciliation. A motion was made by T. Warhcuck, supported by K. Hetzel to donate \$1,500 each to Lenox EMS, Emmett Fire Department, and donate to Ken and Sarah Albertson \$500 each for their service above and beyond a superintendent's position for handling the parking lots.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenap, supported by A. Thueme to donate \$350 to the Civil Air Patrol for their volunteer service, and \$500 to B. Blumerich for the use of the Blumerich Farm Truck and trailer.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Brad Brenske talked about lighting for the crater, moving the poles back to the edge of the berms and making it wider and the overhead wires are starting to get bad. Phase 1 to get it in and hook up generator and get permanent power at a later time. Matt Liebetreu indicated a distribution center and everything underground would make it visually appealing. Visitors discouraged to view some events when large areas are taken up with tarps. Going to set up a meeting with health department to talk about gray water disposal. Carl's Septic may get temporary holding tanks for gray water to be dumped regularly. Chain link fence on the back side of crater discussed.

Megan Tomasek had a sample of the showmanship jackets that grand and reserve champions will be receiving.

Rich from Capac Schools discussed their parking job. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to pay Capac School \$6,000 of their contract.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch is entering fair results.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

State Shoot was a couple weeks ago, 60 youth, hosted here next year. Linda Taylor working on Council project and finishing that up. State dog show and horse show coming up. Operation 4-H Cares going to Selfridge to deliver their items and going to be getting a tour at the same time. Megan Tomasek will coordinate another community service project next year.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Trading cards and field trip worked well and plan to do it again next year. Tent went very well. Eat your Ag theme last year.

B) AWARDS

Crown Trophy did a nice job. Horse project looking for additional ribbons for their specialty classes for 2019.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Going to have something together for electrical for 2019.

D) CRATER ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Thueme said we need to find something different for drag races, not organized well, or work out the problems with that event.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

Big Blue Blocks were popular this year and sponsored by Ed & Donna Wojtysiak.

F) FACILITIES

Need to look at building one panel and two cords for vendors for Visitors' Center on the northwest side of the Visitor's Center.

G) LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Request advancement to pay the kids. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to advance the livestock committee funds to cover the checks to exhibitors in August if necessary.

Motion carried.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

Contract needs to be negotiated for 2019.

I) PERSONNEL

Meeting to be held on September 6th at Marysville office at 6:30 p.m.

J) PUBLICITY

TV coverage, radio stations almost every night. Spent about the same amount as last year, better value for our money.

K) SPONSORSHIP

Haven't received payment from Fifth Third Bank or Al Paarsh Oil. They need invoices. Some golf carts haven't been paid for yet. K. Hetzel inquired about scheduling a thank you reception for sponsors. Board would like to review profits versus expenses on sponsorships prior to scheduling an event like this. K. Hetzel to have that for the September meeting.

The Pond Guy has a couple things wrong with the banners that he ordered that need to be resolved.

L) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

Received the book for new directors from Jeff Schelske and Kristy Hardy has the disk.

M) SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

This committee to be rolled into personnel.

N) AD HOC

1) AUDIT

We will do an internal review of our finances. M. Tomasek would like everything turned in by September so he can prepare for this to be done by October.

9) OLD BUSINESS

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) EMERGENCIES

If we have an emergency with a person, fallen and need medical help, call 911 from site, not call office to call 911. Vet calls? Contact Bernie or Rob. Non-life threatening emergencies, don't just leave the child, the parent should be contacted. J. Putney asked the board develop a policy for superintendents that have injured exhibitors.

B) RETREAT/PLANNING MEETING

Scheduled for Saturday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m. To be done by noon.

11) CLOSED SESSION

Board went into closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss disciplinary procedures/action regarding events at fair.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary