

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Monday, July 9, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Hetzel, Bob Blumerich, Bob Clogg, Chris Ruemenapp, Bernie Dudek, Tom Vincent, Donna Wojtysiak, Alan Thueme, Mike Tomasek, Linea Burch, Lori Warchuck, Colleen Provost, Tim Warchuck Jacqui Rabine, Kristy Hardy, Al Leone, Scott Hill.
Guests: Abbie Sommers, Linda Taylor, Dr. Robyn Childs.
Excused: Rob Usakowski, Kent Renn.
Absent: Dan McCue.

2) AGENDA

Added under old business will be still exhibit auction, Farm Museum passes, food for Saturday, power washer and miniature horse pens, animal health plan. Under new business horse check in. A motion was made by B Clogg, supported by K. Hetzel to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to approve the minutes of Monday, June 11, 2018.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Note from Jeff Schelske that the Black Hawk helicopter is not available, but there will be a Chinook helicopter.

Dr. Robyn Childs presented a donation for \$4,000 for the miniature horse pens.

Abbie Summers got 4 rolls of tar paper donated from ABC Supplies, would like to give them a weekly pass. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Clogg to give them a weekly pass.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch reported everything is ready for the fair, barns have been bleached.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Exploration Days went well. L. Warchuck will be doing the awards program and has Cindy Lane & Mike Wendling confirmed as presenters.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

T-shirts have been ordered with the project logo on them. Blacksmith has canceled. Summer school program set up and will get a backpacks sponsored by Farm Bureau.

B) AWARDS

Ribbons have been sorted. Received ribbons from Action Awards and Hodges and an additional box from Hodges. Trophies have been delivered.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Show Arena has a new roof and taking bids for gutters. Lights donated to redo the lights in LED, will be done before fair.

D) CRATER ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Thueme indicated we need a fire hose from Emmett Fire Dept. and an air conditioner for the sound trailer. B. Clogg will donate one. This is so the booth can be closed up so that the sound equipment doesn't have as much mud and dirt build up. A. Thueme needs a list of sponsors from K. Hetzel to announce at the Crater.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

T. Warchuck will be the emcee for opening ceremonies. Petting farm chicks are starting to hatch. Need help setting up Saturday. D. Wojtysiak has some medical appointments for her husband during the fair and will require some assistance and has most bases covered at this point.

F) FACILITIES

Tents will be set up and 1/3 of the pavilion can be used for tack stalls. Woodchips coming Friday and will sell for \$5. Chairs, tractors will be delivered. Drug training by the Sheriff's Dept. on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

G) LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Need to get a Greenstone banner, they are donating \$200 for water. K. Hetzel will order the banner.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

No report.

I) PERSONNEL

T. Warchuck has resigned as shooting sports superintendent. Ken Albertson may be done as parking superintendent also.

- J) PUBLICITY
Radio ads are starting on the 14th. WYCD will be here Monday 3-7 and need a location for radio stations to set up. WRIF will be here Tuesday and they need power. Going to spend up to \$1000 on Facebook advertising.
- K) SPONSORSHIP
K. Hetzel is trading Timbers on Saturday and Jeremy's Automotive. K. Hetzel ordered feather flags for all three entrances.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
 - A) HORSE PENS
The pens should be delivered in Delaware, OH tomorrow. B. Clogg to check to see how much they'll charge to deliver them versus picking them up. B. Blumerich volunteered his truck to pick them up, but we'll need a driver. T. Vincent said he can pick them up.
 - B) STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION
T. Warchuck called the auctioneer, he's concerned it's not being advertised, not in the flyer. Reluctant to put in the flyer or advertise since there's been no concrete plans on how to run this auction. A motion was made by B. Dudek, supported by B. Blumerich to not hold a still exhibit auction.
Motion carried.
 - C) ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN
B. Dudek and K. Rowbotham willing to put together a quarantine box. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Clogg to pay for the expense to put the box together.
Motion carried.
 - D) FARM MUSEUM
They've requested 15 daily ticket a day to start with. They're doing manure removal.
 - E) FOOD VENDOR FOR SATURDAY
Currently we have no food vendors open on Saturday. Everyone to work on getting someone. C. Provost to get subs from Walmart and order subs for the Judge as a last resort.
 - F) HAFLINGER PULLS
A member of one of the families that pull has went in for open heart bypass and asked his family not to come without him, which then causes a rippling effect, so whether the show will happen is up in the air. B. Clogg will keep everyone posted.
 - G) POWER WASHER

We have a need every year for a power washer. B. Clogg will bring his power washer to clean banners and carts on Sunday during clean up.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) HORSE CHECK IN

B. Clogg reported they are not going to temp the horses as they come in unless there's a concerned identified by the vet.

B) HOTEL ROOMS

A list was sent to R. Usakowski to reserve the hotel rooms.

C) DOG EQUIPMENT

The dog teeter-totter is split and needs replacement. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Blumerich to purchase a new teeter-totter for the dog project.

Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will be continued on Monday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes of Monday, July 16, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Members of Fair Board come and go as they're duties require them.

Alan Thueme, Tim Warchuck, Bob Blumerich, Rob Usakowski, Colleen Provost, Bob Clogg, Bernie Dudek, Tom Vincent, Kent Renn, Rob Usakowski, Scott Hill, Mike Tomasek, Tim Warchuck, Chris Ruemenapp, Kim Hetzel.

Guests: Mike Pratt, Victoria and Ben Pratt, Cindy Leone, Sue Cook, Linea Burch, Karlie Gest, Mrs. Gest, Marina Fuga, Brad Brenske.

2) SHEEP PROJECT

Victoria Pratt: Would request that they be exempted from the Fair Board policy of being ineligible for grand and reserve champion and not being paid premiums for failing to register their projects by July 1st. They have never registered for the fair, came to set up on Saturday and didn't have stalls because they have never registered.

The Fair Board will follow their policy that exhibitors are ineligible for grand or reserve champion and do not get premiums when they miss a deadline, which includes registering for the fair by July 1st.

Ian Mitchell: His lamb is in the feeder lamb class. It made weight of 90 lbs., but did not gain enough weight per day. Lamb weighs 138. Requesting to auction off the lamb. Fair book does not give latitude to not enforce our rules.

The Fair Board will follow the rules as stated in the fair book which make the lamb ineligible for sale.

3) HORSE PROJECT

Sue Cook: Ponies were measured, they were allowed to let go in years past by being grandfathered in. It was announced in 2017 that the horse project was purchasing a new measuring stick so every horse will be measured by the same stick. Karlie Gest's horse is an inch and a half taller than what a pony should measure. She has to move into the horse division.

Karlie Gest: My pony's shown here five years and I wasn't told until I arrived at the fair about the new stick. Ponies are 56" with the shoes which are allowed. He's an inch and a half too tall. He measured at 57 ½. They broke the rule in the past and let it slide, the rule should indicate no exceptions if they weren't going to make exceptions. We talked about this with our leader, Cindy Leone.

Oftentimes the measurements can be skewed by trimming hooves and their shoes. That may have happened in the past, however trimming hooves too short can cripple the animal so that's not an option.

The Fair Board will follow the rules in the horse project and Karlie Gest's horse will not be allowed to show as a pony.

4) PARKS AND RECREATION

Brad Brenske indicated the lane by the windmill needs to be kept open. Water pressure is up, a lot of draw on the community building and running hose to the beef arena. A call that we had a wet ground issue around the community building has been handled.

5) EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Request to purchase tracks for a cable across the road for \$912. This will be used in the vendor lane. There currently is too much power draw. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to purchase the tracks.

Motion carried.

6) VENDORS

Health Department out today and will need to come up with a plan for gray water in 2019.

7) POULTRY PROJECT

Kay Smith and Tracy Dewey indicated six projects given B ribbons, which under the fair book rules makes them not marketable. Do they have to go to slaughter or can they go home. Poultry is not a terminal sale, they can leave Thursday when the balance of the market poultry projects leave.

8) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST

There were eight people who attended.

Minutes of Tuesday, July 17, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

2) Members of Fair Board come and go as they're duties require them.

Alan Thueme, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Tim Warchuck, Scott Hill, Brad Brenke, Bob Clogg, Colleen Provost, Kim Hetzel, Kristy Hardy, Kent Renn, Jacqui Rabine, Tom Vincent, Bob Blumerich,

Guests: Dawn Kargula, Brad Brenske, Cindy Sullivan.

1) PARKS AND RECREATION

Brad Brenske asked that we take the mud off equipment prior to it getting to the road, there was a pile of mud on the road. Parks found their tractor in the crater, clay all over it. Parks allows horse shows to use the tractor for the horse rings, not to be used anywhere else.

2) SWINE PROJECT

Cindy Sullivan reported she thinks here two animals' weights were switched and asking to have them re-weighed. The fair book says that they are sold by the weight at the time they're taken off the trailer. There are no provisions at this point for re-weighing animals. C. Sullivan concerned that the animals are obviously different in weight and it would be fraud to the buyer if not corrected. B. Dudek and K. Rowbotham to look at the animals to see if there was a possible error.

Dawn Kargula would like their hogs reweighed since they didn't make weight. There are no provisions in the fair book for reweighing animals at this point. Rules clearly state weight is as of the time they are taken off their trailer. Hogs will not be reweighed. Exhibitors are given an opportunity to have their hogs weighed on both scales, which they did. Scales were certified on Friday.

Minutes of Wednesday, July 18, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Members of Fair Board come and go as they're duties require them.

Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Kristy Hardy, Alan Thueme, Linea Burch, Mike Tomasek, Tim Warchuck, Colleen Provost, Donna Wojtysiak,

2) PARKS AND RECREATION

Put up new signs at the park. Monster truck show was great, great crowds, parking lots were packed all the way out to Lapeer. Something to consider for next year, need additional parking to be mowed. Bathrooms need work in the Visitors' Center. C. Ruemenapp will talk to Susie about that. Need to work on hours of bathroom coverage.

3) HORSE PROJECT

T. Warchuck asked for clarification on portable horse stall cleaning. Brad Brenske asked that the heavy stuff is cleaned off. Concern that Parks and Recreation personnel are telling the horse exhibitors/parents that they don't need to be cleaned because they're going to be power washed. Brad Brenske said clumps need to be cleaned off by exhibitors. Little stuff doesn't have to be worried about, don't have to be polished.

4) GATES

When we close gates we need to send those people to the other gates that are opened or let them know and they can schedule more personnel. The gate(s) that remain open are overwhelmed. Concern to get the cars off of M-21 as quickly as possible and into the lots. Need to make sure that we have police directing traffic at the end of the night on M-21. That was bottlenecked there with people getting out. Police on site didn't have proper equipment to direct traffic safely.

5) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Great experience for the summer school group, another positive aspect of the fair. All the kids participating got backpacks from Farm Bureau. Goal to reach out and get more kids involved in 4-H and the fair, hope things like this will help. Trading cards going well.

6) PARKING

Capac is going to have a hard time getting enough people for Saturday. He had Memphis lined up but they backed out. Will advertise it on Facebook looking for a group. Having a 4-H group is difficult for Saturday due to projects being released at the end of the evening. Would like to purchase equipment to count cars for 2019.

No meeting tomorrow due to livestock auction.

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Minutes of Friday, July 20, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

Members of Fair Board come and go as they're duties require them.

Tim Warchuck, Rob Usakowski, Jacqui Rabine, Kent Renn, Scott Hill, Chris Ruemenapp, Kristy Hardy, Alan Thueme, Bernie Dudek, Linea Burch, Colleen Provost, Bob Blumerich, Tom Vincent, Mike Tomasek.

Guests: Rachel Harmon, Alexa Pastoria, Dawn Nowicki. Matt Liebetreu.

2) CAT PROJECT

Rachel Harmon present to request that cats be included in the Sweepstakes Showmanship in future years, and that they be eligible for the Showmanship prizes that other livestock projects are eligible for. Target number discussed on how many projects would be required in order to qualify for those two. Use of a stuffed animal instead of a cat suggested by the exhibitors. Discussion about others handling someone else's cat and whether that would be a disadvantage to the exhibitors. No decisions made.

- 3) HORSE PROJECT
Dawn Nowicki came to the board with her concerns regarding incident in the Quonset Hut.
- 4) CARNIVAL
Carnival ticket sales up 62% over 2017. Down 67% on Monday, up 44% on Tuesday, up 59% on Wednesday and up 71% on Friday over 2017. Advance ticket sales down 19% and online sales down 10%,.
- 5) WOOD CARVINGS
Wood carving auction scheduled for 7:00. Donna Wojtysiak has left the grounds due to her husband's health. T. Warchuck will gather her items.
- 6) TICKET BOOTH
The ticket booth that B. Blumerich redone this year looks great.

Minutes of Saturday, July 21, 2018

- 1) ROLL CALL
Members of Fair Board come and go as they're duties require them.
Tim Warchuck, Rob Usakowski, Jacqui Rabine, Kent Renn, Scott Hill, Chris Ruemenapp, Kristy Hardy, Alan Thueme, Bernie Dudek, Linea Burch, Colleen Provost, Bob Blumerich, Tom Vincent.

Donna Wojtysiak has left the grounds due to her husband's illness. Tim's going to pull her items.
Wood carvings scheduled for 7:00.
 - 1) TICKET BOOTH
Ticket booth redone by Bob Blumerich looks great.
 - 2) CAR PARKING
We have a group coming tonight to park cars. Due to the weather we might have a lighter crowd tonight. Sanilac County Sheriff's Posse has expressed an interest in helping out at the fair, but cannot help today. Capac has tried really hard to get enough people out here tonight.
 - 1) BATHROOM CLEANING
Brad Brenske asked that we discuss hours and locations of bathroom cleaning crew for 2019. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by K. Hardy to approve additional payment to the bathroom crew of \$600.
 - 2) SOUND
This needs to be a topic of discussion for 2019 and a plan put in place.
 - 3) CRATER

Need to put a policy in place for tarps and chairs for the crater. Currently those are being set up on the hill in some cases on Monday and removed on Saturday. This is causing problems with larger crowds with empty tarps and chairs sitting there and not enough room for the current crowd.

4) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Dudek to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary