

Minutes of Monday, June 12, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kim Hetzel, Kent Renn.

Guests: Linda Taylor, Jen Murray, Andrew Hanson, Megan Tomasek.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2) AGENDA

A request was made by B. Clogg to add horse project under New Business. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by A. Thueme to approve the agenda with the addition.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted invoice from Action Awards for ribbons, invoice from Sir Speedy for thank you cards and business cards, bill for Yale Steel for rehabbing the livestock pens and invoice for bleachers from Parks & Recreation. M. Tomasek indicated he didn't budget state grant amount and what's expected to be spent. Status of roofing project is we've received certificate for liability insurance from vendor, but waiting on Worker's Comp info that's been requested several times. Phone calls not being returned. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by C. Ruemenapp to approve the treasurer's report and invoices submitted.

Motion carried.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Andrew Hanson from CAP has spoken to Jeff Schelske and he will be here for the fair and bringing his trailer for storage of water and pop for CAP.

Lauren Tomasek as part of Extraordinary Explorers would like to do a community service project benefitting deployed military personnel. Fair Board has two iPads, one we're using for a fair survey and the other is available. She would like to use it as an incentive for people donating items such as small packets of tissue, local newspapers, small beanbag stuffed toys, powdered drink mixes, cocoa, instant coffee, tea bags, creamer, lemonade, iced tea, Ramen noodles, seasoned salt, individual hot sauce, ketchup, mustard and relish, energy bars, tuna fish, sardines, non-perishable beef jerky, beef summer sausage (USDA beef), small containers of chips, pretzels, nuts, cheese crackers, cookies, candy, gum, toothbrush, toothpaste, eye drops, baby wipes, lip balm, lotion, feminine hygiene products, aspirin, pain relievers, moleskin, medicated foot powder, athlete's foot ointment, hand warmers, goggle-style sunglasses, cotton socks, underwear, fingerless gloves, stocking caps, long underwear, paperback books, magazines, comic books, crossword puzzles, word searches, jigsaw puzzles, games, foam footballs & basketballs, Frisbees, hacky sacks, playing cards, yo-yo, portable DVD player, CD player, DVD's, CD's, handheld electronic games, batteries all sizes, disposable cameras, notepaper, envelopes, pens/pencils, stamps, phone cards.

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Items can be turned in at the Community Building for a ticket per item and a drawing will be held for the iPad. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to donate the iPad for this community service project.

Motion carried.

Jen Murray, member of Brockway 4-H club, has concerns over homegrown hog classes. In beef and sheep exhibitors show in homegrown class and a market class. Exhibitors were advised to sign up for one or the other in the swine project. Jen Murray doesn't feel this is fair and would like it modeled after beef & sheep. B. Dudek agreed to allow exhibitors to exhibit in both classes.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Barns will be bleached on July 9th, sprayed on July 12th. Phones will be turned on at that time also with numbers 325-1300, 325-1700 and 325-1800 (fax). Looking for office help Monday through Thursday 1-5 p.m. Looking for a copy machine for two weeks. Sir Speedy has one for \$350. They paid \$20,000 for it brand new, but it's well used. Fancy bird judge is \$300 plus mileage, .35 mile and hotel. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the payment for the fancy poultry judge.

Motion carried.

Al Leone suggested Michigan Office Solutions for a printer. A motion was made by A. Leone to purchase the Sir Speedy printer for \$350, supported by T. Warchuck.

Motion carried.

7) MSU EXTENSION

New district coordinator, still spots open for the fishing workshop and MSU would like to borrow fair board's EZ-UP on the 23rd.

There have been confirmed cases of strangles in horses locally. There are a lot of concerned volunteers. MSU talked to the state veterinarian and recommendation was that we proceed with caution with our events. Cancelled state qualifying show and warm up show for this weekend. Cancelled remaining ride outs for 4-H. Recommending to exhibitors they take temperature of horse prior to bringing it to the fair and/or don't bring horses that are exhibiting signs of illness. Check in will need to hire a vet to assist with that. Would like to have the stalls, barns, rails and arena bleached too. Young, old and unvaccinated horses are susceptible. Strangles is a reportable disease, send the horses home if confirmed. Not contagious to humans, not zoonotic but can be transferred from horse to human to horse. Disease dormant for two weeks prior to symptoms and can shed for 3 months after contact. By the time they have a fever people have probably noticed they're sick. Someone from horse project should be here July 9th while bleaching to make sure they hit all the appropriate areas in the horse project. Going to be doing email blasts and social media posts about biosecurity. Fair will be used as the state qualifying. Decision just made today to handle it like this. Bob Clogg will reach out to Stacy Schramm about expanding her duties at the fair. Will check the vendor ponies in at 3:00 p.m. and not mingle them with the 4-H horses. Rodeos are looser with their requirements, and

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fair rule will be exhibitors cannot use their horses from the fair at the rodeo. Stall count on June 21st. May not need to set up the portable stalls if there are enough horses that drop.

Poultry record books are considerably harder than in past years. Exhibitors are to contact the market poultry superintendents if they're having difficulties. Would like to have resources available to exhibitors to find the answers, but those materials haven't been provided.

8) COMMITTEES

a) AG EDUCATION

Committee working on trading cards and flyer for field trips, workers lined up for field trips. Cards are almost ready to go to the graphic people.

b) AWARDS

Trophies on schedule as far as we know.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Waiting on Worker's Comp info in order to start the project. R. Usakowski left two messages, not returned. Unsure if barn roof will be done for fair. Due to increase in steel costs, we will not be able to do the horse barn this year.

d) CRATER

Cement barricades were donated, approved \$4500 not needed.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

Contracts are in the office. Donna has added a woman to bring rabbits for the petting farm. Panels purchased to close the petting farm that need feet. T. Vincent will take them to Yale Steel for a reasonably priced foot project. D. Wojtysiak to provide Alan with a list of feed needed for the fair for Adair Grain. C. Ruemenapp send email to Don Strobl at Animal Oasis to find out what time they would be arriving for set up.

f) FACILITIES

Woodchips will be available and delivered on Friday the 13th. Will try to contact her tomorrow to get the price, close to the same price. Draft horses not coming back so we won't need that tent. A. Leone will get tram tractors and will get the Westview Orchard trams. Alan will ask Mike Pennazoli to haul the Westview Orchard trams. B. Blumerich got 3 tractors from Rosseel's and Bob may donate a tractor himself.

g) LIVESTOCK

Meeting on Wednesday of next week. Received invoice for the rehabbing of the sheep pens. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to pay that invoice. Motion carried.

There are 270 hogs, not the 216 that were previously reported.

h) PARKS AND RECREATION

No report.

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- i) PERSONNEL
Recommendation to approve Jenn Putney as scarecrow superintendent and Mark Taylor as superintendent for tractor maneuvering. C. Ruemenapp to give a list of new superintendents to L. Warchuck to do a background check. Recommendation to hire a videographer to put together videos for use in promotional materials. T. Warchuck to contact Sheriff and Emmett Fire Department. The balance of the jobs have been completed or are in the works.

- j) PUBLICITY
Radio script has been completed. 360 Productions trying to get us a spot to get onto Fox 2 chef cooking section. Yard signs available tonight.

- k) SPONSORSHIP
Rolling River, Rob Usakowski and Bob Blumerich would all like a golf cart for the fair, all without passes. Bolday Dairy Farm won't be a sponsor this year.

- 9) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) MINI HORSE STALLS
There are 19 minis coming. Horse Leaders will not pay the other half of the stalls. Horse leaders \$5000 in unexpected expenses in the last two years. A motion was made by D. Wojtysiak to approve payment in total for the mini horse stalls, supported by M. Tomasek.
Motion carried.

Total cost is \$4633. B. Clogg will order them and B. Blumerich will pick them up. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to reimburse B. Blumerich for his gas for picking up the gates.

R. Usakowski suggested we set up a long-term plan for how to deal with situations like this where there are project areas that need new equipment or gates that don't otherwise have fund balances available to pay for those supplies.

 - b) FAIR OFFICE MOVE
B. Clogg will bring his trailer for moving the fair office. Need as many people as possible to move the office. Starting on Sunday, July 8th at 7:00 a.m. at the fair office in Marysville, then out to Goodells County Park to unload. Need additional pick ups for larger items.

- 10) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) HOTELS
Anybody needing a hotel for entertainment or judges, contact R. Usakowski.

 - b) MARQUIS
We got a free light up board at Warchuck's. It needs some work, letters and moved out of Warchuck's garage.

 - c) BROCHURES
A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by M. Tomasek to hire someone to distribute the balance of the entertainment brochures for \$300 in St. Clair and surrounding counties.

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Motion carried.

d) IN-KIND DONATIONS/SERVICES/EQUIPMENT

C. Ruemenapp suggested to expand on a conversation we had earlier in the year that we institute a policy that Fair Board directors cannot accept donations, services, equipment for their personal use, such as golf carts, food, transportation, etc. for use during the fair. Food donated to the board or side-by-sides used for trams, etc. aren't a conflict because they're available for use by the board/fair, but items given to individuals for their use or to eat may cause a director to give a vendor, business or sponsor better service than others. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp adopting that policy, supported by T. Vincent.

Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Leone, supported by C. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary