

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Monday, September 10, 2018

1) ROLL CALL

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

Present: Bob Blumerich, Colleen Provost, Alan Thueme, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Scott Hill, Kristy Hardy, Linea Burch, Tim Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Dan McCue, Al Leone.

Excused: Bob Clogg, Tom Vincent, Donna Wojtysiak, Kent Renn, Bernie Dudek.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Rick Ruemenapp, Liz Pennazoli. Linda Taylor, Matt Liebetreu.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda with the addition of copier under new business.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to approve the July 2018 and August 2018 minutes.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Advertising was budgeted at \$32,000 and came in at \$39,000. A. Thueme asked about expenses related to sponsorships. \$14,299.00 was banners and feather flags, Image Authentics, fair bucks were put under that, \$1400 in Viney t-shirt, BLB, \$2265 of banners and plaques. Food was \$1449. That doesn't include fair passes, carnival or tents. Questions arose as to how much sponsors are being given back for their sponsorships.

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

Received a bill from Parks and Recreation, we're going to ask what was included in the park restoration for \$2,000.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Megan Tomasek emailed her proposal for the still exhibit barn yesterday. Would like to eliminate judging on Tuesday of the fair. Would like to have someone in the barn monitoring what's going on. Barn duty for still exhibit barn was discussed. R. Usakowski, would like input from exhibitors on how they feel about moving judging to Saturday.

Rick Ruemenapp is requesting a check to send out livestock and premium checks for postage. There is \$26,000 outstanding in livestock funds with about 20 people owing money.

Matt Liebetreu would like to see classic tractors and will talk to the Farm Museum to get that going. Harvest Days has a good display of classic tractors. We would like to see TNT put tractors on display or local dealerships. Richmond New Holland is looking to help out in the Crater.

Genesee Farm Bureau has a trailer that's farm related that would need to be reserved. Peters Bros. could bring a combine or tractor.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Premium checks, 663 checks for \$14,654.50.

7) MSU – No report.

8) COMMITTEES

A) AG EDUCATION – No report.

B) AWARDS – No report.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

R. Usakowski hasn't done anything on the gutters yet, but could possibly include exhaust fans to move air out which would be a good idea. When requesting bids for steel will ask for fans with and without. R. Usakowski will take care of the update for the grant.

D) CRATER – No report.

E) ENTERTAINMENT – No report.

F) FACILITIES – No report.

G) LIVESTOCK

Plan to have a parents/leaders meeting in April.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

Our contract is up this year and will need to be negotiated. Discussions in August as to additional parking space, space for parking carnival equipment.

I) PERSONNEL

Need to schedule a meeting

J) PUBLICITY – No report.

K) SPONSORSHIP

K. Hetzel reported there was \$45,962 collected with an additional \$16,627 in inkind trade totaling \$62,489. Committee spent \$14,034.54, for a profit of \$48,454.56. Discussion held as to what goes into expenses and offsets profit and percentages. Value of admission passes, carnival passes and food to be added as an expense. K. Hetzel said the flags cost \$6,000, but we won't have that expense next year if those sponsors return.

Wojtysiak and Dr. Robyn's donations should not be considered sponsorships since they were donations. K. Hetzel stated that D. Wojtysiak was given two weekly admission passes for

her donation. Discussion about additional in-kind sponsors and how to determine their value. There are several sponsors who haven't paid yet. Committee reports there is a 30.5% return to the sponsors, however there was dispute as to what expenses are calculated in that. Value of radio advertising has not been figured into this percentage.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) CLOVER SPROUTS

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by support by A. Thueme to eliminate Senior Clover Sprouts and adopt the 4-H age for fair of 8-19 as of January 1.

Motion carried.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to nominate Mike Tomasek, Rob Usakowski, Al Leone, Colleen Provost, Alan Thueme Bob Blumerich, Beth Sawdon, Linda Taylor, Nate Havens and Elizabeth Pennazoli as Fair Board Directors.

Motion carried.

11) FAIR BOARD RETREAT

The Board of Directors will meet on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Fair Office in Marysville.

12) CLOSED SESSION

Fair Board Directors went into closed session and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary