

MINUTES OF MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, Tim Warchuck, Chris Ruemenapp, Lori Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Colleen Provost, Linda Taylor, Donna Wojtysiak, Linea Burch, Scott Hill, Mark Pedersen, Tom Vincent, Rob Usakowski, Bob Clogg, Kim Hetzel, Mike Tomasek, Bernie Dudek.

Guests: Rick and Mary Ruemenapp, Jack Fistler, Megan Tomasek.

Excused: Nate Havens, Kent Renn.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Request to add under old business chloride. Liz Pennazoli asked agenda be corrected to state Livestock Meeting 2-5-20, date is wrong. A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda with the changes.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Rick Ruemenapp spoke about the ShoWorks software and the new version/upgrade. Cost is \$1,399 which runs our fair office. Changes made include virtual prizes that kids can post online, can generate emails to kids and has a new online piece, clears their cart of profile each year currently and this will keep profile from year to year. Enhances sale for shirts and hats. Auction side when we do banking piece, taking numbers from buyers it's more Excel spreadsheet friendly and fixes split capability. One-time fee of \$1,399.00. We have 7 licenses and use 2-3 full time and additional 4 used during fair. 2021 hog tags will be RFID tags and will need a reader so one will need to be purchased this year for next year. One livestock bill outstanding for Dunrite Roofing from Avoca for \$772.00. Sending them bills and trying to contact him. A motion made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Rabine to purchase the ShoWorks upgrade.

Motion carried.

Jack Fistler is looking for a third motorsports event. He's suggesting Crazy Car Races, blindfold races, driver and co-pilot and do backwards races and one driver involved using a rearview mirror to race around and three man team bump and run. Use the demo cars for that event. 24 car limit, 2.5 hour show. Discussed Mark Pedersen changing the date of Monster Truck and we might lose a truck or two. Locked in our lineup for this year. Contract is \$6,000, 3 different events, 3 heats out of blind fold race, backwards race 3 heats, 3 man team with all 24 cars on the track at the same time and pay the top team. \$2900 payout. Driver and 1 pit pass. We sell the extra pit passes and keep 100%. Brought in about \$2000 on pit passes in 2019. We had 72 cars for the derby last year on an oval track. A motion by L. Pennazoli, support by B. Dudek to sign the contract for this third event with USA Demolition.

Motion carried.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

November and December minutes to be approved. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by C. Provost to approve the November 2019 and December 2019 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report for tonight's meeting. We have request to renew for Blue Water Chamber of Commerce for \$577.00, do we get our value out of being a member? A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to pay the invoice.

Motion carried.

Invoice submitted for Detroit Lions, can use Roary Mascot documentation. Mileage for reimbursement of fuel costs for convention submitted. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by B. Dudek to pay for mileage to convention, and pay invoice for Detroit Lions.

Motion carried.

Room reimbursement for those that had their own room is \$204 for the full stay. If you haven't taken care of that, take care of that with M. Tomasek.

120 Day report is due and association needs to know impact of grant money we received by February, for up to 2-3 years back. Attendance for 2019? 85,000. Ag education, she said she submitted for the trading cards, resent him a payment.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Getting sponsor cards back for extra postage required, need to check that for 2020 make sure cards have enough postage.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Liane Allen left the office for employment at MI Works, hopefully they fill her position. Winter Achievement this weekend, building issue with North Street Methodist and moved to Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church at the end of Krafft. Shooting Sports Regional workshop at 4 Square upcoming. Auction donation items coming in. February 29th is the auction.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION

Met 12-12-19, planning for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday including petting farm, poultry and rabbits and dairy, beef, sheep and light horse on Wednesday. Inviting Salvation Army, Port Huron Area Recreation program, adding new trading cards, of apples, beef and chickens. Sheep demo confirmed for Saturday, and will be celebrating 100 year of the tractor.

b) AWARDS

Placed our order with Regalia, one more ribbon to be ordered, need to send over the logo to Fair Publishing. Received bid for trophies from Crown Trophy and from Jack Fistler. A motion was made by D. Wojtysiak, supported by M. Tomasek to go with Jack Fistler. Jack Fistler's proposal is \$9.50 for large trophy and \$9.45 for small trophy. Crown is \$11.25 for large and \$10.75 for medium. Victory is \$8.50 from Jack Fistler.

Motion carried.

Fair received award at convention for our advertising specialties, 1st place and 3rd place on program and 3rd on the photo. Linda Taylor and Bernie Dudek received awards at the convention, as well as Ania Grzeszczak.

c) AUDIT

120 day report is time consuming, a committee would help with that report. How many volunteers? 425, 20,000 community service hours. Committee will meet January 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at fair office.

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Not likely to have anything added into the budget for 2020. Need to try to be in a mode to move forward, but this year is probably not the year to move forward on capital improvements. Layout on DTE project would be under \$10,000.

e) CRATER

Check paid to Shane Engwis for Monday Rodeo. Tuesday will be Monster Truck show and cost is \$18,000, two more trucks for total of eight trucks. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by K. Hetzel for Monster Trucks.

Motion carried.

TTPA contract received. Need to figure out what we're doing for intermissions, Dwayne Spaw or someone else. Cost of Dwayne is \$750 for one night. A motion was made by M. Pedersen, supported by A. Thueme for the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday shows with USA Demolition.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to sign the tractor pull contract for a price of \$3500 for Thursday night.

Motion carried.

C. Ruemenapp to send Don Strobl an email. Horse pull will mail our contract and pedal tractor contract will be mailed. Draft Horse pull will pay them directly if we pay them the money, cost went up.

f) ENTERTAINMENT

Library will be in the Visitor's Center 11-5 Mon-Friday and not Saturday. 5-9 open in Visitor's Center Mon-Friday. Stacy Schram will cover the vet position, horses and sponsorship and she said they will do 6 horse hitch of Clydesdale horses daily which will include mare and foal at a cost of \$6000. Would need electric for fans, string lights and \$2500 horse tent near carnival and put motorhome along the fence line of wood carver. They would like to sell ice cream so they will need a vendor site, frozen custard and hand dipped ice cream, and will sell photos for \$1 2 hours per day. Split proceeds of that and sell t-shirts with their logo and our logo on it. We can approve t-shirts prior to printing. They will buy the shirts up front. We paid for the tent in the past, want the ice cream site on vendor row. Will have to give her a camping spot, will be on call.

Cost would be \$1837 to us. Contract will be drawn up and bring it over. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to lock date in, but not sign contract until we see it. Ag Education will add a Clydesdale trading card for 2020.

Motion carried.

g) FACILITIES

No report.

- h) HANDICAPABLE DAY
Meeting to be held on February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at fair office. Skerbeck's agreed to expand this to 150 people for 2020.
 - i) LIVESTOCK
Shane Tesluck looked at the barn on Champion Row, can't get anyone to do it to raise the roof up high enough to add a side addition. Discussed pollorum testing at fair, MDARD may waive testing for 2020 if serum is not available.
 - j) PARKS AND RECREATION
No report.
 - k) PERSONNEL
Ken Albertson and Cake Decoration superintendent resigned. Going to publicize them.
 - l) PUBLICITY
Lisa at Radio First was contacted and meeting 2-3-20 at 7:00 in Marysville
 - m) SPONSORSHIP
Lakeside Pediatric and Greenwood committed and Jeremy's Automotive still up in the air. Meeting 1-22-20. Reached out to everyone to get a head count on. Received 3 yeses to come back before they seen the changes we made to the packages. January 15th is deadline for these people to say yes or no. No radio ads for \$2500. They can pick and choose what they want for 30%.
 - n) STILL EXHIBIT
Auction, use committee to help set that up, do it the same way, changes, staffing. Judging schedule, will seek feedback from people, whether working or not working. Survey for Saturday. Meeting 2-17-20 at 6:30 p.m.
 - o) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT
Meeting on 2-19 at 6:30 p.m. at fair office.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- a) ROBOTICS PROPOSAL
Talked about this on Saturday. Need to contact Dawn Nowicki about use of adult exhibit barn.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
- a) CHLORIDE
Parks paying for chloride in driveway and we drive around chloride in horse rings. Not paid for second application. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by B. Clogg to pay chloride bill submitted.
Motion carried.
 - b) HANDWASHING STATIONS
Need handwashing stations outside of every animal barn. R. Usakowski will contact Carl's Septic to look at options.

- c) 501c3 APPLICATION
Want to move on that quickly. A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by L. Pennazoli for C. Ruemenapp to contact Kellen Elliott at Kelly Law Firm to get a quote.
Motion carried.

 - d) BARN ENVIRONMENT
Colleen Provost went to a session at convention that discussed swine barns. Swine quality, recommends wetting show arena to reduce dust and dampening pens with sprayers the kids use, light layer of water over the wood shavings. Capping waterers discussed, bucket over waterer so dust doesn't settle in water. Dust carries disease and fans distribute dust.

 - e) MINI HORSES
Mini Horse superintendent would like to clean and set up on Thursday. Don't see why not.

 - f) OPEN HORSE SHOW
Been discussed and they're interested in taking a stab at doing payback for speed classes and discussed following what bump and run has which is one rider and one person coming in for the open horse show for free at the gate. No opposition to allowing the trailer with driver and one person in for free at gate on Saturday morning.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by M. Pedersen to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary