

Monday, October 14, 2019

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, Tim Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Lori Warchuck, Linea Burch, Colleen Provost, Scott Hill, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Kristy Hardy, Donna Wojtysiak, Dan McCue, Bernie Dudek

Excused: Kent Renn, Nate Havens, Bob Clogg.

Absent: Kim Hetzel, Tom Vincent.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Cathie Usakowski, Linda Taylor, Sarah Case.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by J. Rabine to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Sarah Case presented a letter in response to comments made at the September meeting to back up what she stated at the previous meeting. A copy of the letter was presented to all Fair Board Directors regarding showmanship score cards being distributed to exhibitors.

R. Usakowski apologized to Ms. Case for responding stronger than possibly necessary in September because he felt these issues had been addressed previously. L. Warchuck said there are several issues, tags on rabbit books, showmanship score cards and rubric that need to be resolved prior to 2020 fair. The tag on an exhibit is required for all projects, whether it's penalized is the superintendent's call. L. Warchuck would like to see the other two issues addressed because they're valid concerns. R. Usakowski stated the project had a meeting several weeks ago and brought a lot of Ms. Case's concerns to the meeting. At the meeting it had been resolved that there's an existing rubric. R. Usakowski said some rabbit judges request that the showmanship score cards not be passed out. The project area is looking at options to resolve the issues addressed by Ms. Case.

Cathie Usakowski said she's been contacted by Ms. Case and Ms. Case was given an answer and when she doesn't like the answer she continues to ask the same question.

Megan Tomasek updated Fair Board on the afterschool spin clubs, there are four schools 206 kids. Palms Elementary has 78 kids. Gardens Elementary has 61 kids. Morton has 29 and Gearing Elementary 38 kids for five weeks starting Wednesday. Met with parents, pushed 4-H and registration on the website. Scheduled Belle River and Washington Elementary in the spring.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as presented.

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Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Tomasek has received a bill for grounds repair from the county. Expect to receive a bill for electrical. We didn't have any chloride during fair and that was included on the bill so that needs to be adjusted. Received a bill for manure removal. L. Burch continues to get calls from Sunbelt regarding applying checks received to the bill. The open horse show reconciliation needs to be made from 2018 and 2019.

A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

There is \$5,058.50 outstanding livestock funds. L. Burch said she would still have the ribbons delivered to her house.

7) MSU EXTENSION

New background checks are annual. Anyone who hasn't done that should do that by the end of October. If you don't want to do that online, there is a paper form. Once accomplished, must re-enroll online. Michigan is #5 in TSC paper clover campaign. New shooting sports rule changes, 8 years old can participate in shooting sports, but ages 5-7 cannot participate in shooting sports, handling live fire including BB and archery and that applies at a club level. L. Warchuck's new supervisor is Betty Jo Krosnicki.

4-H Open House had 248 people participate and they had planned for approximately 50 people and it was poor weather. Most people heard through bookmarks or Facebook. Got a lot of people who had no idea what to expect and plan to register 4-Her's next year. Fantastic participation, at least 100 club volunteers. Sold quite a few fair shirts and hung banners and would like the pens to pass out in 2020. People disappointed that they couldn't sign up for 4-H. Ordered blow up archery range with St. Clair County 4-H on it.

Leaders' Banquet is November 1 at 6 p.m. at Alexander's, need to RSVP.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

No report, but will be setting up a meeting.

B) AWARDS

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Will be having a meeting. Dudek contacted exhibitor about the banner that was broken and come to find out the tassel came off, picked it up and went to the office and got a cord from a previous banner. Exhibitor under impression she was getting a new banner.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

R. Usakowski reported the line item for the budget got axed, hoping to meet with Shane Hernandez about this issue, but this doesn't mean that it won't happen, part of the political process. Don't anticipate it will be a million, but they're in the negotiation process.

Alan Thueme stated Steve from DTE contacted us about getting the ball rolling on getting permanent power out to the Crater. DTE would donate everything up to transformer. Transformer to cabinet which would be \$5,000.

D) CRATER

No report.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

F) FACILITIES

No report.

G) LIVESTOCK

Meeting to be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Ashley Decock called and asked why she wasn't paid for her pen of ducks and told to come to Fair Board if she objected and she isn't here tonight. She was called and did not deliver her birds to the buyer. The poultry superintendents know the problems with buyers picking up birds and delivery continue to be a problem, and the committee is working with superintendents to work out those problems for 2020.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

BMX has a new president. They have made a lot of improvements, renewed interest in BMX. Thought that the president would be here tonight, but isn't. Linda Taylor said they have a big following, young and local competitors. Parks and Recreation are going to remove the play scape by the pavilion.

We've been contacted from a helicopter vendor about rides on a percentage basis. There wouldn't be a cost to us. \$700 check from monster truck vendor this year.

I) PERSONNEL

No report.

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J) PUBLICITY

A motion was made by T. Warhuck, supported by A. Thueme to purchase 2020 pens for an amount not to exceed \$700. K. Hardy to order the pens.

Motion carried.

K) SPONSORSHIP

R. Usakowski reported there was a meeting held last week. Progress on committee has been good, set deadlines for sponsorships of January 15<sup>th</sup> is when sponsors must have a contract signed and 50% paid for main event sponsors. By April 1<sup>st</sup> having the balance paid, otherwise you are not published as a sponsor in the entertainment brochure. L. Pennazoli is going to keep a database of all sponsors and who has paid. Logos due at time of signing contract. Talked about in-kind contributions, person working with that vendor will make determination and reviewed by committee for validity and must be on the form. Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Want to talk about sponsor appreciation mixer for 2020 be a part of our plan, snack and cash bar. Will be able to get to our key partners, Farm Museum, County Parks, non-fair types to talk about impact of the fair. Vendors of \$1101 or more to be invited for October 2020. A motion was made by K. Hardy, supported by S. Hill to move forward on the mixer for October 2020.

Motion carried.

K. Hetzel going through and reducing things to the 30% mark. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Ruemenapp that the fair will no longer supply tents to vendors after 2019. Vendors will have to independently order their own tents and pay for them independent of the fair.

Motion carried.

L) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT

R. Usakowski stated we should schedule something for superintendents specifically. We do a meeting for exhibitors, need to do something on superintendents. He will send out the superintendent handbook for review.

9) OLD BUSINESS

Nothing.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) ELECTION COMMITTEE

Need to meet prior to the meeting to count ballots, A. Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, J. Rabine, C. Provost, L. Burch, 6:30 p.m.

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B) RETREAT MEETING

Come with ideas and thoughts, extended to noon.

C) MAFE CONVENTION

January 9-11. Encourage if you haven't been try to attend.

D) LEADERS' BANQUET

Skerbeck Family Carnival won the Friend of 4-H Award for Business and would L. Warchuck would like to invite them and have them stay for the night. Fair Board will pay for their hotel room if they can come. Doubletree in Port Huron. L. Warchuck will invite them.

11) ADJOURNEMNT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.)

Motion carried.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary