

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Jacqui Rabine, Donna Wojtysiak, Kristy Hardy, Lori Warchuck, Linea Burch, Scott Hill, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Tim Warchuck, Alan Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, Colleen Provost, Bob Clogg, Bernie Dudek, Dan McCue, Kim Hetzel, Tom Vincent. Excused: Nathan Havens and Kent Renn.

Guests: Brad Brenske, Matt Liebetreu, Mike Stockwell, Megan Tomasek, Linda Taylor, Edna Saseen.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2) AGENDA

Request to add to agenda Mini Horse Stalls by B. Clogg. Request to add a banner for the Project Pantry by T. Warchuck, as well as addition to Maintenance Barn. A motion was made by T. Wachuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Edna Saseen exhibits at the fair in the adult exhibit barn. Edna is the oldest exhibitor at 87, arthritis in her hands but does needlework. Edna wishes there were more people to bring items to the fair in the adult exhibit barn. Edna's been grand champion at every fair she's been to. She brought her project to show, it's similar to the two previous projects she's exhibited, but she's doing a needlework flag for each of her 3 children.

Megan Tomasek is looking for a sponsor for t-shirts for superintendents in the still exhibit barn. It would be a bright color, approximate cost of \$300. Thueme Hog Farm will sponsor the shirts for \$300. A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the purchase and sponsorship of the superintendent t-shirts.

Motion carried.

Brad Brenske updated board on electrical upgrades going on, south and north side done before fair. Water lines are being voted on by the Park Board Wednesday and should be calling the contractor on Thursday. Approaches weren't able to get done, want to do the walkways and will put down stone to fill in the trip hazards. Got matting to put over those. Asked if we wanted Parks to set up and tear down stalls, and about passes for his staff. He will need 20 passes. Some areas of the park haven't been mowed yet due to rain. There is a pending camping policy, may want to institute it, which has cut out areas, nothing behind historic village. There is a Parks meeting where they are adopting that policy on Wednesday night at 4:30.

There is a horse show scheduled the same day as the archery shoot and they are using the grove area. Will have to look at moving archery shoot due to conflict, despite our lease with the park and a contract. Request refund for moving the location of the archery shoot for having paid for the pavilion to reduce possibility of overshots and for public protection.

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B. Clogg requested that in past horse leaders gave up a portion of open show proceeds. It was approved that they would give up half of open show, gave up \$2,700 2 years ago, and \$2200 last year. We need to pay ½ of the money back to the horse leaders. They have a new treasurer, Cheryl Thuma.

B. Dudek has ordered a machine to post numbers for the second swine barn. EZ Up tents are ready to be picked up at Menards.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to approve the secretary's report from May 13, 2019

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

Motion carried.

M. Tomasek has check request forms and product request forms here. Asking that anyone responsible for a contract fill one out so that the check can be ready for vendors.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

The numbers for the office will be 810-325-1300, 1700 and 1800. Schedule for spraying is set. Passes are being sent out to superintendents and vendors necessary to have passes. Need judges for beef, goats, fancy chickens, rabbits and walking fleece. Anyone that needs a hotel for a judge, let R. Usakowski know since he's making those arrangements. Copy machine to be delivered on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Exploration Days is coming up. L. Warchuck's supervisor is leaving to take another job, so that position will be filled soon. The State Shooting committee is requesting to use a tram for the state tournament in August. Parking at Blue Water Sportsman's Club is at a premium, asking for a tram to transport people. Fair Board will let them use a tram. Discussion about using the Whitenight bus.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION

Committee working on trading cards. Meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Added Sheep Shank Sam, he is a lumberjack and will come for 2 days, agreed to try him out and his cost is \$800 which will come out of their budget. He will be scheduled same day as author and field trips. Confirmed both field trip groups, SONS and same group as last year. Shooting

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trailer lined up and in the process of getting volunteers. Farm Bureau is going to provide Ag on the Move trailer. Looking at banners for inside the beef arena on sportsmanship.

B) AWARDS

Working on sorting ribbons.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Gary Bertossi is going to be dozing in the Crater another 1-2 nights leveling it out. Sanitary sewers were raised up.

D) CRATER

Cost of Crater improvements for us was 32,844 and \$62,000 of services and materials donated. This is phase 1 of 2 phases. A. Thueme needs to work on a load sheet study for DTE for phase 2. Request to have driver and one pit person admitted at the gate for Friday and Saturday night shows. Tractor pullers get in free with their TTPA card. Rodeo contestants get in free. Draft Horse pullers are allowed in with 2 people.

Looking for longer and taller barriers. Found them locally for \$8,000 and requires trucking. A. Thueme got Casco Rental to donate trucking. A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by C. Ruemenapp to approve the purchase of the barriers for up to \$8,000.00.

Motion carried.

Monster Truck guys will be paid in cash for gas money and prize money. Pit party will be free in the crater. No public access to the pits if you're not a driver or crew in the pit area. Pit party 4:00, and clear out Crater at 6:15 for the 7:00 show. Mark Pederson will be appointed superintendent for Monster Truck Show. He will then be covered under our insurance for a volunteer.

Fire and rescue to be down at Crater at 5:00. Meeting on Tuesday & Wednesday prior to the show with EMS to discuss safety, shut off switches, fire/safety team. Guy in loader needs to be in the loader the whole show and extinguishers readily available. The ride truck will be here all week with Bill & Joe.

Sound trailer discussed. Matt Liebetreu is working on a new one, but not complete. Will use the older trailer for this year.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

D. Wojtysiak needing additional help in the petting farm and will pay Sammy, the daughter. Ed Weber is practicing ropes and lining up help. Some of the people driving handicap trams will help with ropes. Would like to purchase big totes with wheels for the rope materials.

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Farm Bureau will serve ice cream on Thursday night at 7 p.m. There are three sponsors for the sensory friendly activities. Skerbeck Family Carnival will be providing rides for participants for sensory friendly day.

F) FACILITIES

Bob Blumerich's truck is needed. Carl's Septic needs to be contacted about tanks for vendors for their waste water. Discussion about obtaining tractors. N. Havens handling tents, will be ordering what we had in 2018.

G) LIVESTOCK

No report.

H) PERSONNEL

A motion was made by S. Hill, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the creative writing superintendent and the passport to understanding superintendent.

Motion carried.

I) PUBLICITY

Yard signs coming this week, can be picked up at the office. Pig with a Purpose receiving some email that's pro-vegan.

J) SPONSORSHIP

Received carnival passes from Skerbeck Family Carnival. Fair bucks will be ready in about two weeks. Discussion held regarding keeping a log for carnival and fair bucks distributed. Getting requests for sponsorships via Facebook, website and email. K. Hetzel handling golf cart sponsors.

C. Ruemenapp stated there has been \$11,000 in sponsor money turned in with \$13,000 in product requested tonight to give to sponsors. M. Tomasek requested any product from anyone requested that isn't distributed is to be turned in prior to the start of fair, along with a log where the product was distributed.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) MINI HORSE STALLS

We have 24 minis registered, getting a quote for 10 more stalls delivered of \$2650, \$450 delivery. A motion was made by B. Clogg to purchase the stalls, supported by C. Ruemenapp.

Motion carried.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) PANTRY PROJECT

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There's a request to hang a banner in the show arena. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Ruemenapp to charge \$200 for that banner, consistent for the cost of other non-profit groups in hanging a banner.

Motion carried.

B) ADDITION TO MAINTENANCE BARN

T. Warchuck has been approached about requesting Fair Board to support an addition to the maintenance barn on the north side so that we could eventually have a champion row. This is a building owned by the county, would have to go through Parks and Recreation.

C) MEETINGS DURING FAIR

A request made to move meeting from 2:00 til noon each day.

D) FLAGS

We need new flags for directing traffic. Matt Leibetreu will order them and additional paint for parking.

E) SPARTAN SPECTACULAR

Will be held in Ag Education tent, condensed version.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Motion carried.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary