

Minutes of Monday, September 9, 2019

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kristy Hardy, Jacqui Rabine, Nate Havens, Scott Hill, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Alan Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, Donna Wojtysiak, Tim Warchuck, Tom Vincent, Kim Hetzel, Lori Warchuck.

Excused: Bernie Dudek, Colleen Provost, Kent Renn, Dan McCue, Bob Clogg.

Guests: Tom Stickley, Cathie Usakowski, Megan Tomasek, Mark Pedersen, Sarah Case, Ashleigh Miller, Stacy Stein.

2) AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Letter was received and read from Sarah Case regarding rabbit showmanship and request to have showmanship score cards passed out to exhibitors. R. Usakowski said Armada doesn't pass out score cards and allow kids to talk to the judges, parents reserved until after judges on Wednesday. Cathie Usakowski said guide put out by MSU gives breakdown of all points and responded to the comments made. R. Usakowski stated that comparing us to other counties is not a fair comparison because St. Clair County has a long history of having excellent showmen. Pre-fair meeting held to assist exhibitors for rabbit exhibitors. L. Warchuck suggested in the past a rubric was helpful in solving some of these issues in the horse project.

Megan Tomasek spoke regarding allowing 8-10 year olds exhibitors to participate in sweepstakes showmanship, possibly to allow the parents to have discretion.

Stacy Stein submitted a letter regarding the rabbit barn.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary reports were presented for June, July and August. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Rabine to approve the June, July and August secretary reports.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Thueme recommended grouping bump and run and figure 8 in the budget. Still waiting on final invoice from Sunbelt.

T. Warchuck made a motion, supported by L. Pennazoli to pay CAP \$350.00, Lenox EMS, Emmett Fire Department, Blumerich Farms \$500 for the use of their truck and trailer.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

M. Tomasek requests that all invoices for 2019 be submitted prior to the October meeting. Outstanding bill from Parks. Farm Museum held monster truck rides in the same location as we

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held the monster truck rides, so we both shouldn't have to foot the bill for reseeding. After reconciliation of bills and income, we lost money this year.

R. Usakowski recommends that we reapply for 501(c)(5) and the cost is \$600 to reapply. In the future we will submit with requirement of signature. You can do it online, but we're not big enough to do this online. Check to U.S. Treasury needed. A motion was made by K. Hetzel, supported by K. Hardy to approve the payment of the application fee.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report

7) MSU EXTENSION

Currently working on 4-H Open House, eight clubs participating. Will be doing yearly background checks as required by MSU Extension. Will need to contact the administrator if you receive an error.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

No report. Going to have a meeting soon.

B) AWARDS

Banners were sold to exhibitors, however no one has any idea how that worked. Currently request that a banner be replaced. Exhibitor paid \$40 for a banner and she said she didn't receive it and requesting a new one. Cost of banners are more than \$40. C. Ruemenapp will contact B. Dudek to have this taken care of. Will need to order banners for 2020.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We have an opportunity to apply for grants if that program is continued. Encourage you to look at the horse barns, they need painting and roofs look rough. It might be in our best interest to roof the building if grants are available.

D) CRATER

No report.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

F) FACILITIES

No report.

G) LIVESTOCK

Stacy Williams would like to support some program to promote some cow breeds locally, possibly have exhibitors raise heifers. Submit flyer about learning about breeds. Possibly look at a place to have exhibitors show the more uncommon breeds.

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There is an outstanding balance of \$13,611, and exhibitors are being paid currently for their livestock. Committee discussing purchasing new goat pens. There are continued issues with picking up poultry and notifying buyers and superintendents are going to work on a solution and bring it back to the committee. Veal project need more fans. Meetings will be changing dates to 1st Wed of month in 2020 and Friday set up mixed bag.

H) PARKS AND RECREATION

Discussed the new camping signs in the park and whether they apply to the fair. The meeting was left off that they would be having a Park Advisory committee meeting to discuss this plan with the user groups and then the signs appeared in the park.

I) PERSONNEL

Committee met tonight and a motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by C. Ruemenapp to give a bonus to L. Burch consistent with prior years, to be paid in December.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the superintendent applications for Rick Ruemenapp for swine and Debbie Block for horses.

Motion carried.

L. Warchuck will be doing an iChat background check on superintendents that don't go through the 4-H Volunteer Selection process annually. L. Burch to submit the names of superintendents to L. Warchuck on February 1st each year.

Ray Long indicated he would be a superintendent for the trams and he would be responsible to get drivers and the trams ready, as long as he gets a golf cart to be able to check on them.

J) PUBLICITY

No report.

K) SPONSORSHIPS

Next meeting October 7th at 7:00 p.m. Missing Lakeside Pediatric's check. Not going to do a sponsor cocktail party this year, will discuss that for 2020. At the last meeting discussed cost versus value to a sponsor and worked on pricing.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) CARNIVAL

Received feedback from a conservator home schooling group that there was a ride that had explicit pictures on it and requested that that not happen again. It would be helpful if Fair Board knew about these comments during fair so that could be addressed with the carnival, not afterwards.

B) CIVIL AIR PATROL

Tom Stickley asked for any feedback that we have. K. Hetzel said the CAP person manning the VIP tent did a great job.

10) NEW BUSINESS

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A) NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Rabine to nominate Chris Ruemenapp, Dan McCue, Kristy Hardy, Tim Warchuck, Donna Wojtysiak, Jake Sape, Scott Hill and Linda Taylor for three-year terms for Fair Board.

Motion carried.

B) RABBITS

Sarah Case expressed that she felt that the subsequent discussion regarding rabbits was an attack on her character and implied that she was difficult. Discussion held regarding the rabbit project, unresolved.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by S. Hill, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.)

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary