

Minutes of Monday, May 13, 2019

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Kristy Hardy, Liz Pennazoli, Jacqui Rabine, Colleen Provost, Linea Burch, Scott Hill, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Tim Warchuck, Alan Thueme, Tom Vincent, Bernie Dudek, Nathan Havens, Bob Clogg, Donna Wojysiak, Kim Hetzel, Mike Tomasek

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Linda Taylor, Jennifer Murray

Excused: Kent Renn.

Absent: Dan McCue.

Meeting called to order at 7:03

2) AGENDALIC

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:

Jennifer Murray from Brockway 4-H Club asked why hogs are still being brought in on Tuesday. Our fair chooses to follow as closely as we can MDA's guidelines which is hogs on display at fair 72 hours or less. There were 3 incidents last year of swine influenza in Michigan and for us it's a means of protecting ourselves and the public from possibility of illness. By having the hogs on display Tuesday-Saturday reduces that chance. Jennifer Murray feels it's a hardship for the beef exhibitors. The fair realizes it's inconvenient to bring in animals midweek, but that's been balanced against the overall desire to provide protection. If an event happened at our fair like swine influenza it can be devastating to a fair, exhibitors and the public trust.

Megan Tomasek is doing the spin club partnership between Fair and 4-H Council. This will wrap up June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Palms, Gardens in Marysville, Kimball and Garfield Schools involved. Done with Kimball for 4 weeks. Palms had 38 kids, Gardens 41, Kimball 25 and Garfield 28. They completed 5 projects fiber, holiday decorations, cake decorations, herb gardens and canvas art projects. Couple kids at Kimball were so excited to take home vegetable gardens, taking a project home was important to them. Hourly cost broken down and projected total is less than \$5,000. Reaching over 120 kids. Packet with cheat sheet how to sign up will be distributed. Kim Tomasek has been helping at Palms and Lori Warchuck helping at Gardens, 40 kids is a lot of kids to teach cake decorating in a library. Kids seem to be enjoying it. Did informal survey, half the kids never heard of 4-H and never been to the fair, 8 kids in a 4-H club in those schools. Kimball administration said it was one of their favorite things, wished they would have done it all year, maybe could have worked it out with their summer program and brought a bus out here.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by B. Clogg to approve the April 15, 2019 minutes.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report tonight. Bills submitted for payment.

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Donna Wojtyiska, Evelyn and Ed Weber, Tim & Lori Warchuck, Luke Weber and Ian Grettenberger went to pick up the equipment for rope making. Request for reimbursement for gas from Fair Board for \$75. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to reimburse the Webers \$75 for gas for going to pick up the rope equipment.

Motion carried.

IAFE membership renewed.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Brochures are available tonight. Working on trophy thank you notes and passes.

7) MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Day camp was held with 98 kids, good day, worked with 4-H alumni teaching classes.

8) COMMITTEES

A) AG EDUCATION

Working on getting school groups settled. Port Huron Rec wants to come back and Lori is working on the YMCA for Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Finalizing trading cards for this year. Teen leaders from Macomb Co. working with tour groups, sheep herding and cop and border patrol dogs. 4-H dogs to do scent training demo on Wed 4-6 p.m. Farm Bureau trailer and shooting sports trailer will be here and need volunteers to work.

B) AWARDS

Couple boxes of ribbons have been delivered. J. Rabine to pick up the engraved insulated coolers for sale, \$20 each.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

They've been working at the muddy Crater. DTE came in and set the poles, took out old poles and demoed wiring so we're committed to the project. It will be 80-100 feet wider entertainment area upon completion. Needing to confirm cement blocks. Thursday night one of the tents is open, want to give that to DTE because they've donated over \$20,000 now. Going to work on getting permanent power over there for next year. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli to give DTE Thursday night at the Crater in trade for their services performed.

Motion carried.

D) CRATER

Monster and mega trucks are set. Scholtz going to try to get vans instead of school buses. Lots of excavation work needed. Kent Renn talked to Gary Bertossi to come out and help. Parks has a big pile of dirt that we could use. Brad's been good through this whole thing. Talked about water line to move carnival northwest of pit area and do water line from maintenance barn to the dairy wash rack. DeLude was here quoting it and Parks is paying for it. Going to make caps for the sewer so vendors can put their waste water in there. Parks might be working on that.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

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Donna Wojtysiak still open for ideas for animals coming to the petting farm. Would like someone to come in in the morning for busy few hours to help out. Melinda Clouse is unavailable. Laurel will pick someone to work with. Becky, Melinda's mother, would be fabulous. We paid Laurel \$500, would like to be able to feed Laurel and Sam by giving them food vouchers. Need more high school kids for service hours. Cadets said they would have 2 workers, but will not include them as help we need. Mike Tomasek will ask Cardinal Mooney kids if they could come. Bryant Sebastian will coordinate schools so send him the info. Memphis, Capac, Port Huron are possibilities.

Farm Bureau celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requesting to purchase 100 vehicle passes to give out to their members as part of that. They would like an area in the afternoon, evening to use to serve free cake and drinks, ag facts. Free kids games, activities, one afternoon and evening. Friday and Saturday has Big Blue Blocks in entertainment tent. Monday noon until 7:00 p.m. it's busy. Mud volleyball tent, just not Monday. Wednesday would be good and Thursday night. Not Friday or Saturday in Mud volleyball tent.

Rope material picked up today. Webers took the materials. Ian, Tim, Lori, Donna, Evelyn, Luke and Ed all learned how to make ropes. Possible that a Boy Scout or church groups would like to learn this skill and come here and do it and use it at their events, anybody's got ideas any groups that you know of to put on a workshop. Will do jump rope and a lead for a dog with a snap for fair. Going to need help, may only be open a couple hours at a time. Need to find an enclosed trailer to store them and that might be most of Donna's donation this year for a trailer and Donna would store the trailer and available for whoever needs it.

#### F) FACILITIES

Amish asked if we have any projects for them to work on, they're scheduling their year. Horse barn roofs would be next.

#### G) LIVESTOCK

Theresa Whitenight did the parent/leader workshop a couple weeks ago, it went well. Friday night set up between Rick Ruemenapp and Pat Bolday got \$1000 grant through MMPA for ice cream during set up on Friday night at 8:30 p.m. Swine down 40 animals, sheep down 20, goats down a lot, veal up. Livestock committee set the menu. Next meeting Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### H) PARKS AND RECREATION

No update. Waiting to hear about possibly a waiver on our rent in exchange for the work that we've put into the Crater.

#### I) PERSONNEL

Matt Robertson was at the meeting last month and he would be available the entire fair for \$900 to work on parking and whatever else we needed him to work on. Discussion held. A

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motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by L. Pennazoli to offer Matt Robertson \$500 to work each day, when he's available, preferably later in the day and set up and tear down, and give him a camping spot.

Motion carried.

The sound guy will be onsite each day this year and would like a camping spot. He's paid \$595.

J) PUBLICITY

Video from all groups to put together commercials. Need a list of sponsors for the website, advertising and for the Crater ASAP. J. Rabine requested it be typed so she can forward it to Julie Law. Commercials are going to be made. Lawn signs to be ordered similar to two years ago.

Insurance policy effective to May 1<sup>st</sup>, need insurance certificates email Jacqui, whose name needs to be on it and we'll get you insurance certificates.

Lori & Carol to do cooking spots on Channel 2 if that's available. Radio ads going to be running after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

K) SPONSORSHIP

Mounted Patrol not coming this year. A. Thueme will contact DTE about their tent. He'll let K. Hetzel know what they need. A. Thueme will contact Clancey's also. Truck and tractor pulls starting at 6:00 and added semis. Sign up for IAFE website and read the magazine. Articles about sponsorships, educational type stuff, articles searching for in their library. Recent magazine article about sponsorships, interesting and thought we were unique and don't think we are unique. Recommendation around 30% give back to sponsors. A. Thueme currently has \$58,000 in sponsors on the Crater project.

Need signs and a banner printed to let people know not to leave their chairs, blankets, etc. at the crater each night.

9) NEW BUSINESS

A) SURVEYS

Discussion about a survey, possibly at the end of ShoWorks. Could do raffles daily, possibly t-shirts for surveys turned in. Talked about doing non-attendance survey through the chamber of commerce.

B) ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH

Matt Liebetreu would like to build a new booth and was going to take it back home if necessary each year and bring it back. Alternatively Fair purchase it and store stuff in it, between the 2 buildings, 8x12. Tossing around idea of doing fence around inside of crater, mentioned to Brad and he was all for it. 6' tall for more safety, approximate cost is \$7500. Don't buy anymore snow fence, hold off a year.

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C) COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTERS

Cowboy Mounted Shooters want \$200 to do demo. Purchased 20 stalls for miniature horses last year, 4 stalls unuseable due to poles. We have 21 minis and need 4-6 new stalls plus another long panel.

D) EZ-UP TENTS

Need to purchase a couple EZ-Up tents, blue ones, 3 more. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to purchase 3 more to be used at shooting sports and during week of fair Size 10x20.

Motion carried.

E) TIM'S PROMOTION CEREMONY

Tim is being promoted at Selfridge and his ceremony is Snday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

F) SHADE CANOPIES

Ray Long would like to have shade canopies on the tractors to avoid sunburn. He would like to purchase three. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Hetzel to purchase 3 shade canopy for the tractors.

Motion carried.

G) LADDER

R. Usakowski will purchase a step ladder for the office to replace the wooden death trap we currently have.

H) ONLINE TICKETS

R. Uskadowski would like to look at online ticket sales for 2020. Eventbrite may be a possibility.

10) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by T. Vincent to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Motion carried.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary