

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday, August 9, 2021 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Linea Burch, Colleen Provost, Donna Wojtyisak, Rob Usakowski, Scott Hill, Bernie Dudek, Linda Taylor, Kristy Hardy, Tim Warchuck, Chris Ruemenapp, Tom Vincent.

Guests: Tom Stickley, Brad Brenske, Megan Tomasek

Excused: Kent Renn, Mark Pedersen, Mike Tomasek, Bob Clogg.

Absent: Kim Hetzel, Nate Havens.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., porch behind Community Building.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

B. Brenske reported that final electrical readings have been done, working on final restorations and adding top soil on the mud volleyball area. This will be the last year for mud volleyball due to increasingly less teams signing up. Parks director would like to meet with fair board representative next month to go over future plans. A. Thueme will be getting a quote on tiling the north lot swales and parking area. We need to work on drainage in the old campground area and north lot.

Tom Stickley inquired how CAP did at the fair in 2021. Everyone felt this was the best year ever and very appreciative of the work CAP did.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by A. Thueme to approve the minutes from June and July 2021.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Provost to approve the treasurer report submitted.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Suggestions collected at the fair were passed out. L. Burch is requesting to purchase new phones for the office. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to purchase new phones.

Motion carried.

7) MSU EXTENSION

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The indoor mask mandate was reinstated for 4-H clubs. They are working on a program at Selfridge for September 11. Dog show will be held October 9th. Shooting sports will be held September 28th.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION

We had Ag on the Move, and L. Warchuck will get it on the calendar for 2022. Going to work on some new things for the committee. Requesting to have all the area around petting farm to set up as a kid zone for new displays and interactive activities.

b) AWARDS

Going to order trophies from Jack Fistler again in 2022. We were happy with the trophies this year.

c) ADUIT

Going to meet in October to prepare required state reports.

d) CRATER

We have one year left in the rodeo contract and likely that Shane won't be doing rodeo events like ours anymore. Crazy Chaotic cars went very well, but we need a different name. Cyclone fence between pit and north side of bleachers, to secure the pit is needed because it's hard to maintain the current fencing, people knock it over and walk in. Brought in \$3500 in pit passes in 2 days, and if the pit area was more secure we could do better and manage it better. In 2022 we need to work at getting the cattle panels over to the barn quicker, will need a rack of some sort.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

Hannah Tomasek did a great job with the entertainment tent this year. Workers in the petting farm need two passes, one for the kid and one for their driver. Animal Oasis would like to be set up by the carnival instead of by the petting farm. Lori Brockdorff was in the petting farm with therapy dogs this year. Eliminated the corn box this year and it made for a quicker clean up so that will be eliminated in the future.

f) FACILITIES

We have 22 light towers this year, usually got 24. We need one at the intersection of vendor alley and County Park Drive. That was a dark area this year.

g) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Working on 2022 and will have the day scheduled.

h) LIVESTOCK

The sale went very well this year, everyone liked the shorter sale, number of animals sold. Will be looking at possibly expanding the silent auction with potentially larger animals and/or overweight hogs in order to keep the numbers on the live auction down to about

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where it was in 2021. Request was made to sell prospect beef, which will be discussed further in October. Committee recommends raising the minimum hog weight from 220 to 230. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to raise the minimum hog weight to 230.

Motion carried.

i) PARKS AND RECREATION

Places designated as camping areas must be suitable for camping. In 2021 there were designated campsites in the south campgrounds (old campgrounds) that was under water when they pulled in and when they pulled out. These are campsites that Parks uses for camping. Proper drainage is needed.

j) PERSONNEL

Will be reviewing superintendents because there were a few that either didn't show up in 2021 or indicated they no longer wishes to be superintendents. Will get a bid for 2022 from Dusty Corners Cleaning Service again to clean the bathrooms.

k) PUBLICITY – No report.

l) SPONSORSHIP

Two checks need to be collected from sponsors, Jeremy Auto and R & R Fireworks, so less than \$1000. Everything else has been collected. A meeting will be scheduled to go over what worked in 2021 and what needs improvements. We need to work on getting paperwork and rental agreements from vendors for 2022 so we can appropriately add them to the insurance in a timely fashion, which was new for us in 2021.

m) STILL EXHIBITS

Projects were down, but quality of projects was up. It was nice to add adult exhibits in that barn, people enjoyed looking at them, and it was nice to use the adult exhibit barn for picnic tables for people to eat at.

9) OLD BUSINESS

a) WOOD CARVINGS

There are two wood carvings that didn't get sold/picked up and we sold carvings this year for \$11,685. We will set the other two carvings on Facebook for bids.

b) MONSTER TRUCK RIDES

We should be receiving about \$1400 for the monster truck rides as our percentage. That has not been received yet.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) DIRECTORS

We won't take action at this point regarding Nate Havens' seat. Up for election in 2022 is L. Pennazoli, A. Thueme, M. Tomasek, C. Provost, N. Havens and R. Usakowski.

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b) FAIR BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Scheduled for Sunday, September 26th at 9 a.m.

c) PAYMENT OF VENDORS/NON-PROFITS

Discussion was held regarding payment of vendors. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the following amounts: Mike Thornhill \$595; Mike Pennazoli \$200; Blumerich Farms (Bob Blumerich) \$500; Civil Air Patrol \$800; Emmett Fire Department \$1,500; Richmond Lenox EMS \$1,500; payment to Civil Air Patrol for 540 bales of wood chips sold; Ray Long a total of \$595 which includes any hours he may submit for payment; Vern Preston \$2,000; Ken Albertson \$125; Joe Whitenight \$300; Matt Liebetreu \$4000 in lieu of payment of \$2,500 for cleaning up the park.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by T. Warchuck to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary