

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, January 11, 2021 – Via Zoom

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Ruemenapp, Linda Taylor, Scott Hill, Liz Pennazoli, Donna Wojtysiak, Jacqui Rabine, Linea Burch, Alan Thueme, Bob Clogg, Rob Usakowski, Bernie Dudek, Colleen Provost, Michael Tomasek, Lori Warchuck.

Excused: Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck.

Absent: Kim Hetzel, Mark Pedersen, Nate Havens, Tom Vincent,

Guests: Rick Ruemenapp, Megan Tomasek, Lucy Brown, Barb Hahn, Connie Murray, Barb Hurley, Tara Eldridge.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT:

J. Rabine said the members of the public and the excused members are intermixed in the December 14, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by S. Hill to approve the minutes with the amendment.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Clogg to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. There was a \$3,400 refund for the insurance out of the \$11,000 paid, even after not having a 2020 fair at the park. J. Rabine indicated this is a good reason why we need to shop around for insurance for 2021.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

The door on the office isn't working well, L. Burch sent a message to Ron and he's supposed to get it fixed. Everyone should pull it shut behind you. Received an invoice from Chamber of Commerce for renewal if we want to do that at \$577 a year. Pony Dynamometer sent us a note to book them if we plan to use them in 2021. Fair Board decided not to renew Blue Water Chamber of Commerce for 2021 due to no revenue in 2020.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Winter Achievement registration is open. No word on face to face. There is a committee discussing the plan for that, but not aware of progress. Status quo here. Registrations have picked up a bit, volunteers are getting their annual compliance stuff done and every day 2-3 kids enrolling, only 4 kids enrolled for Winter Achievement as of today. Council Auction will be virtual.

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8) COMMITTEES

A) AG EDUCATION

Nothing to report, need to meet via Zoom. Called about Ag on the Move trailer and asked to stay on the list and they're fine with that.

B) AWARDS - No report.

C) AUDIT

Everything is in place and ready to prepare the 120-day report. Need copy of the CD2000 corporation filing. Requested a copy of the check. We can file electronically. Want a copy of the filing. M. Tomasek printed the PDF. Looking to see if we can get someone to help us with the 990N and see if someone will file it electronically for us, which would eliminate the mailing issue where IRS said they didn't get the filings. IRS won't sign for it certified. J. Rabine searched for it on the IRS website and it looks like there's a way to do that on the website.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

R. Usakowski talked to Mark and they're replacing roofing on community building and that would be a good partner project and use that as the match for roofs on the horse barns. Grants have been funded for 2021. Revenue for state has far exceeded expectations. Have to submit the grant in March. Can talk about it on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Might as well submit for it, it's a reimbursement, have to front the money. Figure on how much expect the roof on community building to cost? No figures. L. Warchuck saw him last week and said Matt was getting the estimates and should have dollar figures for that soon. L. Warchuck will work on the narrative part of it.

E) CRATER - No report.

F) ENTERTAINMENT - No report.

G) FACILITIES

Dumpsters, who do we talk to as far as commissioners to get the fees waived at the dump? Start with Dave Rushing, Duke Dunn. One of our vendors would donate the dumpsters and we would like to get the fees waived which would eliminate that cost.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY - No report.

I) LIVESTOCK

Rick Ruemenapp would like to hold beef weigh in totally online. Plan for 2021 to do the same for swine tagging as in 2019 which is have them submit photos of animals and RFID tags. Bob Blumerich is unable to participate in tagging this year due to a surgery he's had. M. Tomasek asked if someone might be more apt to switch an animal if we do things online rather than in person. Exhibitors could do the same as swine, easier to do this on beef than swine due to RFID. Animals have to be tagged with RFID tags, tagging has already taken

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place. Required RFID tag in the animal already. This online registration for 2021 is a temporary situation. In the past there is a lot of people loitering around on beef weigh in anyway so that would eliminate that. Motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by B. Clogg to allow tagging and photos for beef weigh in for 2021. The processors will be contacted to update them on our 2021 status and that we plan to ship livestock from fairgrounds in 2021 rather than from homes as in 2020.

Motion carried.

J) PARKS AND RECREATION – No report.

K) PERSONNEL – No report.

L) PUBLICITY

There is a meeting tomorrow night at 7 via Zoom.

M) SPONSORSHIP

No report. Will meet the first week in February after MAFE and Jan 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

N) STILL EXHIBITS - No report.

O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) MAFE CONVENTION

The convention being held this weekend. Discussed mega raffle tickets. Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> for our annual planning meeting. Likely to be via Zoom.

10) NEW BUSINESS – None.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by M. Tomasek to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary