

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, June 14, 2021

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Rob Usakowski, Tom Vincent, Chris Ruemenapp, Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Mike Tomasek, Jacqui Rabine, Scott Hill, Bob Clogg, Tim Warchuck, Bernie Dudek, Donna Wojtysiak, Kim Hetzel, Linda Taylor, Colleen Provost.

Excused: Kent Renn.

Absent: Nate Havens, Mark Pedersen.

Guests: Kristy Hardy, Megan Tomasek, Rick Ruemenapp, Connie Murray, Ray Long, Tom Stickley.

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

2) APPROVAL OF 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

Civil Air Patrol would like to know what we are requesting of them this year. Request to camp with the same sites as in 2019. Anticipating running the fair as in the past.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Rabine to approve the minutes from Monday, May 10, 2021.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

No report.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION

We may not have Ag on the Move trailer.

b) AWARDS

Banners ordered for any missing banners.

c) ADUIT – No report.

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

e) CRATER

Request by A. Thueme to purchase cattle panel to line the crater. More likely to keep people back because they can't push over the snow fence and easier to hang banners on which there are a significant number of banners to be hung.

f) ENTERTAINMENT

Rope making, Big Blue Blocks will be available this year. Planning a car show for Saturday. Clydesdales will be here, as well as she will be the vet on call. Cost is \$200 per day and

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Clydesdales are \$8,000. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by C. Provost to have the Clydesdales and on-call vet.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by S. Hill to have Big Blue Blocks.

Motion carried.

Petting farm will have chair caning, corn box and much of what they had in the past. Lori Brockdorff will bring her therapy dogs one day. Currently signing up helpers to work in the petting farm.

g) FACILITIES

Won't have horse drawn tram this year, but all the motorized trams. Will get a U-haul truck for taking the office back on Sunday. There will be 1 VIP tent.

Requesting a 10x10 EZ Up for the tram stop by beef barn.

h) LIVESTOCK

C. Roy's are setting a limit on how many animals they will take to process. They will be sending a letter. A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by C. Ruemenapp to make swine not a terminal project for 2021.

Motion carried.

i) PARKS AND RECREATION

Reports are they are short staffed, at about 50%.

j) PERSONNEL

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the superintendent applications of Kylie Veldman for collections, Cheryl Thuma and Olivia Child for mini horses and Hannah Tomasek for sweepstakes showmanship. Pending applications (have not received them) Becca Graebert for cake decorating, Emma Rabine and Rachel Harmon for cats, and approve the contract for Dusty Corners Cleaning Service for cleaning of bathrooms for \$5400.

Motion carried.

Tram drivers are paid \$10 an hour.

k) SPONSORSHIP

We have ½ the cart stickers sold at \$150 each. Crater banners we have 26 sold so far and also some for sale at \$500. Tram banners are all sold. Arena banners are all sold. 6 VIP tent sponsors. Requesting help from cadets with VIP in the evenings. CAP raises the flags too.

l) STILL EXHIBITS

Not doing interviews for 2021. Quite a few superintendents haven't responded and 2-4 resigned since letter went out. If superintendents reach out for help they will receive help covering those times.

m) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report

9) OLD BUSINESS – None.

10) NEW BUSINESS – None

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by L. Pennazoli to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary