

Minutes of Monday, May 10, 2021 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Nate Havens, Mark Pederson.

Excused: Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Kristy Hardy, Bobby Skerbeck, Carly Skerbeck, Lucy & Carrie Brown, Connie Murray, Bret Angove.

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

2) AGENDA

A motion as made by M. Tomasek, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bob Skerbeck and Carly Vertz from Skerbeck Family Carnival indicated they are set up in Imlay City currently and their Saturday was outstanding, almost more than they can handle. Believes we will have a great opportunity to have a good fair as long as it's not raining and not too hot. The event, Imlay City Community Days, only did advertising on Facebook and has had an excellent attendance. They will be updating their health plan as the season goes on.

R. Usakowski met with the health department and Parks and Rec and submitted a tentative plan. New outdoor event guidelines have come out. We will update the plan and will make changes and send it out. Basically it's the same plan, will speak to the capacity and send it out to us. By the time our fair kicks in, we will have new mandates. Utilizing QR codes might be the best way to direct people around the fair. Contact tracing discussed and possibility of having people register to come to fair online so we have their information. We will need hand sanitizer at every entrance, A frames saying if you're sick don't enter. Skerbeck Family Carnival provides masks in ticket offices.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the secretary's report of March 8, 2021.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Vincent to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

No report. Will be publishing office hours soon.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

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MSU staff working from home, county people in the office, virtual programming and kits are popular. Leadership team started a roll out of back to face to face plan and first step volunteers need to take communicating through conflict before we can take the second step.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION

Will be planning a meeting

B) AWARDS

Received crowns and sashes in the mail. Banners sold in 2019. B. Dudek will be ordering banners for swine that were sold.

C) AUDIT – No report.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We haven't heard on the grant that we applied for yet.

E) CRATER

Entertainment has been lined up. A. Thueme will contact TPPA. A. Thueme has been in contact with M. Pederson regarding the monster truck show. We will have monster truck rides. Need singers for the National Anthem during the fair. Unsure about helicopter rides.

F) ENTERTAINMENT

Tootsie the Clown is coming. Ben Risney is coming, will do percentage of sales.

G) FACILITIES

Anyone bringing a golf cart let A. Thueme know. D. Wojtysiak will bring two. Discussed purchasing radios last year, unsure if they are still available online. Cost is \$2,000 to rent them versus purchasing them for \$10 each. We will be looking into purchasing them for 2021. Port Huron will do parking, Capac backed out.

C. Ruemenapp will check on availability of Blumerich's truck and trailer.

B. Clogg handles woodchips. R. Usakowski will check with the Farm Museum on manure removal.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Will not be doing this in 2021, resume in 2022, due to health risks for individuals who may not be in the best of health and with limited extracurricular school functions.

I) LIVESTOCK

Meeting on June 2, 2021.

J) PARKS AND RECREATION

R. Usakowski is meeting with Nancy Wizner and Brad Brenske in the next couple of weeks. We signed a 5-year contract to better enable our grant opportunities. We need to send them a check for 2021 rent. R. Usakowski to let M. Tomasek know how much.

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K) PERSONNEL

Amanda Leach sent in an application for superintendent for cake decorating. A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by C. Ruemenapp to prove her as a superintendent.

Motion carried.

Still looking for several people to clean bathrooms. Hannah Tomasek would like to be added as a co-superintendent on Sweepstakes Showmanship.

L) PUBLICITY

Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to purchase stickers to cover the dates on the 2020 yard signs.

Motion carried.

M) SPONSORSHIP

Currently organizing banners, brochure ads have been lined up. VIP tent is pretty much lined up. Working on increasing the number of banner sales for 2021.

N) STILL EXHIBITS

Plan to give judges a pass to come back to the fair since they will be judging on a non-fair day. Superintendents have been contacted regarding their 2021 duties.

9) OLD BUSINESS

None.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) COMPUTER

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Provost to purchase a new laptop for L. Burch. Her laptop is currently about 6 years old and cannot be updated due to it not having Windows 10.

Motion carried.

B) HORSES

There are currently under 100 horses registered for the fair, which may require a revamping of their schedule to reduce the number of judges needed.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Clogg, supported by C. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary