

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, October 11, 2021 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Jacqui Rabine, Kent Rent, Bob Clogg.

Guests: Megan Tomasek.

Absent: Mark Pederson, Kim Hetzel, Nate Havens.

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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT – None

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was emailed today, year-to-date and some items are not categorized yet. B. Clogg sent request to pay .50 per horse ribbons times 1,080 ribbons which is what the horses used. We agreed to pay \$540. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to pay the bill for horse ribbons.

Motion carried.

Trying to get everything together to do year-end reports. Anything that hasn't been paid should be submitted right away. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

Met with county parks and one item talked about was the bill for the restoration and got the details on what that was. It was \$1300 for labor and then material was another \$1300. We talked to them about chloride. They would have waived it since we didn't specifically ask them, but they did it so the parking lot wasn't dusty and if we didn't pay for it they wouldn't put it out there anymore unless requested.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT – No report.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Banquet invitations went out and currently working on background checks for everyone between now and December and that volunteers need to do that. If we send Lori and email she will do that for us and enrollments are up and ready to re-enroll.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

We'll have meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the fair office.

b) AWARDS

Doing December campaign this year for the discounted trophies.

c) AUDIT

Will hold a meeting after Lori's meeting on Ag Ed for Audit, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Haven't heard if they approved the budget line item yet. Horse barn roofs are bad, couldn't find a dry spot to sit in.

e) CRATER – No report.

f) ENTERTAINMENT – No report.

g) FACILITIES – No report.

h) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report.

i) LIVESTOCK

Committee met and they are recommending that the number of animals be reduced on the live sale. They would recommend limiting hogs to 120 hogs and 50 sheep at this time.

Anything above that amount would go on the silent auction. Overweight hogs would go on the silent auction. All underweight hogs recommended to go home.

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by L. Pennazoli to adopt the recommendation regarding limiting the number of hogs and sheep on the live sale and all others to the silent auction and all underweight hogs can go to Marlette or Croswell as an option to going home, but not to the slaughter house, at no charge to the exhibitor.

Motion carried.

j) PARKS AND RECREATION

Met with Brad and Nancy and had a good meeting, liked the bathroom staff. Talked about camping for one vendor on vendor row, hopefully we can allow him to stay there at the crossing. Talked about camping areas being uninhabitable, way too soft and they did say if we could find someone to put tile in they may be willing to buy it. A. Thueme said he had someone that will be down to look at it to give us a price. Talked about traffic issues, lane by the cemetery, sounds like Parks is willing to allow us to use it, wouldn't finish it, hard surface so if it rains won't be able to use it. Need to talk to the road commission about that, may need a deceleration lanes. Complaint from Parks about a lot of smoking throughout the fairgrounds, ask that we make more announcements and more signage to deter them. Parks asked that we don't bring anymore large tires, no more room for them.

k) PERSONNEL

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Going to post goats assistant superintendent opening and committee will be meeting before December meeting.

l) PUBLICITY – No report.

m) SPONSORSHIP

Meeting was held and committee went over last year's synopsis, recommending increasing a few prices to bring us closer to where we wanted to be on the bigger sponsorships.

Sending out mailers with the price sheets and highlights. Goal to mail by Nov. 1 and created a few new categories, Grand Champion sponsor VIP is \$3000. Will be holding a VIP night out for sponsors of \$500 or more and Fair Board directors and their spouses on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Everything due on March 1 for payments. We will have about 30 sponsors and it will be held at War Water Brewery. Cost is \$15 a person, 2 beers or a flight and appetizers. Want all board members to come too. 2 people from each sponsor and Fair Board director and a spouse. Each sponsor will receive a fair t-shirt. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by C. Provost to hold the sponsor mixer for \$15 per person. Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

n) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

o) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

None.

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) COUNT BALLOTS

Committee is Jacqui Rabine, Linea Burch, Tim Warchuck, Scott Hill and Linda Taylor. Meeting at 6:30 prior to November's meeting. There were 192 ballots mailed out.

b) T-SHIRTS

T-shirts will be sold for \$10 each. Cost is \$8.

c) SHOOTING SPORTS

Joe Provost and Jerry St. James went to Blue Water and secured the dates of June 25<sup>th</sup> at Blue Water, and June 26<sup>th</sup> Archery shoot in Goodells.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary

