

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday, December 13, 2021 – Goodells County Park

1) CALL CALL

Present: Jacqui Rabine, Scott Hill, Linea Burch, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Rick Ruemenapp, Tim Warchuck, Alan Thueme, Donna Wojtysiak, Mark Pedersen, Linda Taylor, Liz Pennazoli, Bernie Dudek.

Excused: Bob Clogg, Kent Renn, Colleen Provost, Tom Vincent.

Absent: Kim Hetzel,

Meeting called to 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

4) SECRETARY’S REPORT – None.

5) TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer’s report.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

There are two wood carvings that are remaining in the office that need to be sold at some point. We advertised one, but no one was interested. Jim McKinney who has done the horse-drawn trams has ill health and gotten rid of most of his horses. Applegate tree farm has horse-drawn trams, we may want to find out who does those.

7) MSU EXTENSION – No report.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION – No report.

B) AWARDS – No report.

C) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

D) CRATER

M. Pedersen indicated he has 4 trucks and Jim Kohler’s for a total of 8 trucks, which are 3 more than most shows. Some of the trucks will be different this year, likely not to have Muddy Girl and Backdraft. Jim Kohler brings 4 trucks for the price of 3. Currently M. Pedersen is building a new ride truck to have 2 instead of one. Plan to run in the same area.

We have a contract for the rodeo, \$11,472. We have a contract from USA Demo Derby for 4 years for ’22 through ’25 for \$18,150 for 3 nights. We would run the same as in 2021, just renaming Wednesday night.

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A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Ruemenapp to sign contracts for the rodeo, monster trucks with 8 trucks and tractor pull contract.

Motion carried.

Discussion held about tiling several areas around the park, such as the north parking lot. Concern is it's not a quick answer. Slowly take the water out, need retention basin for the north lot. A. Thueme will talk to Clancy and Grosso about doing the tile lines and basins. A lot of tile laying around in the area, but it's going to require labor and trucking to get everything here. Likely cost is \$1,000 an acre.

E) ENTERTAINMENT

Big Blue Blocks are available Thursday and Friday and will sign a contract with Animal Oasis, and they do not want to move by the carnival as previously indicated.

F) FACILITIES

Paid deposits for bleachers and tents.

G) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report

H) LIVESTOCK

100% of 2021 sale has been collected. Purchased RFID tag reader for livestock. Beef weigh in is January 29th.

I) PARKS & RECREATION – No report.

J) PERSONNEL

Committee met. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Pedersen to have Stacie Hartman serve as trash barrel superintendent and recommend \$1000 bonus to Linea Burch for her work in 2021.

Motion carried.

K) SPONSORSHIPS

Tri County is our first official sponsor for 2022, doing the \$1000 level. The mixer has been scheduled for 2-3-22 and everyone should RSVP. Mixer meeting to be held 1-24-22 at War Water at 6:30 p.m.

L) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS – None.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) SHOWWORKS

ShoWorks was bought out by an event management company that also does electronic ticketing, convention management and they have merged them together. Will need to talk about money fees currently being charged.

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B) SANDBLASTING

We got a wagon donated for the childrens' area of the fair and St. Clair Collision has done the sandblasting and it's appreciated.

C) METAL RACK FOR GOAT GATES

Steel is expensive. Need to put a materials list together so that rack can be built if it's cost effective.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary