

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Taylor, Bernie Dudek, Liz Pennazoli, Tim Warchuck, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Colleen Provost, Scott Hill, Lori Warchuck, Rick Ruemenapp, Tom Vincent, Donna Wojtysiak, Kim Hetzel.

Excused: Linea Burch, Mark Pedersen, Kim Hetzel, Kent Renn, Bob Clogg, Jacqui Rabine.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Andy Northrup, Kylie Veldman, Jodi Veldman, Ray Long.

First Impression presentation given by Andy Northrup. The presentation was emailed to anyone who did a survey after the presentation.

2) AGENDA

Request to add nominations to the New Business. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the agenda with the addition.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT – None.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Tomasek emailed the report. There was a problem with the draft horse pay outs. M. Tomasek will check on that. A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by S. Hill to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

M. Tomasek has checks for Greenwood Farms, Richmond Lenox, Emmett Fire if anyone would like to drop them off in person.

6) FAIR OFFICE – No report.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Enrollments are coming in for 2022. L. Warchuck handed out 4-H enrollment numbers from 2015 to present. In 2015 there were 1359 enrolled and today there is 655. New director, new campaign for recruitment for 4-H. National 4-H week October 2-9 and 4-H paper clovers. November 4th leaders banquet, open house coming up. Farm Museum event had a nice turn out, nice amount of foot traffic. Classroom programming starting with bees and Project Red on September 28th. Revising leadership project and shooting sports looking to set the dates for 2023.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION

Going to do an ag ed meeting again soon.

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B) AWARDS

Meeting in October to decide on awards.

C) AUDIT

Schedule a meeting whenever M. Tomasek is ready to do 120 day report in October.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Cook Drainage will be out next week to tile. R. Ruemenapp will talk to Peters Bros. about leveling off the tile field

E) CRATER

Everything in Crater worked well except Wednesday night. K. Renn talked to his nephew about chainsaw competitions, Stihl timber shows, axe throwing, cross cuts, 14 events. Have to buy the wood, pay announcer and prize money. Cost is \$10,000-\$18,000 range, pull people from out of state.

Saturday event time discussed. Push back an hour or two, too hot at 4 p.m. Vendors complained that people left early on Saturday night, lost out on night business. Carnival liked it, tapered off earlier than usual.

F) ENTERTAINMENT

Discussion regarding moving of entertainment tent for 2023.

G) FACILITIES

Sunbelt bill doesn't say there's a discount. Electrical panels, want to make spares and cords. Panels are going to be donated, may have to buy cords. Definitely need more power on the vendor lane. Currently 2 vendors on west side running off generators.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report

I) LIVESTOCK

Handing out livestock checks and premium checks tonight. Not a great turnout and going to MSU extension for 2 weeks with jackets to pick up. There have been other fairs having problems with non-leaders clipping animals and it has turned into a big mess. Now influx in people becoming a leader to clip animals. Need to broaden or review our rules on that, restrict it to age appropriate help.

Berrien County had a problem with swine flu in a person from the fair, and there is current an outbreak of bird influenza in Ohio.

J) PARKS AND RECREATION

There is a meeting at 1 p.m next Wednesday. Discussion will be fence at Crater, PA system and wi-fi at the park, water refiling stations at the Visitors' Center.

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K) PERSONNEL – No report.

L) PUBLICITY

L. Taylor did an inventory of banners.

M) SPONSORSHIP

There was a 1.35% increase in sponsorships. Brought in just under \$100,000, decreased in number of sponsors a bit. Will be revamping how and when we approach sponsors and getting information out to them.

N) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

O) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Meeting date to be set.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Set for Sunday, October 23 at 9 a.m. at Fair Office.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) NOMINATIONS

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli to nominate the following people for 3-year terms on the Fair Board, to run for election: Kevin Smith, Kylie Veldman, Lindsey Uppleger, Matt Duetsch, Chris Ruemenapp, Donna Wojtysiak, Scott Hill, Tim Warchuck, Mark Pedersen, Linda Taylor.

Motion carried.

Anyone nominated should return their bio to C. Ruemenapp no later than Monday, October 10 to be placed on the ballot.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary