

Minutes of Monday, October 10, 2022 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Hill, Linea Burch, Jacqui Rabine, Donna Wojtysiak, Mike Tomasek, Lori Warchuck, Linda Taylor, Bernie Dudek, Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Rick Ruemenapp, Chris Ruemenapp, Tom Vincent.

Excused: Kent Renn, Bob Clogg, Colleen Provost, Rob Usakowski, Tim Warchuck, Mark Pedersen.

Absent: Kim Hetzel.

Guests: Austin Saab, Todd Visga, Marianne Moskal, Connie Murray, Lindsey Uppleger, Tom Sticklely.

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

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Connie Murray had questions from the Horse Leaders regarding showmanship jackets. They would like to know if the horse exhibitors will be getting them every year, and they will be. They are requesting to bring back the open horse show on Saturday. Request that horse exhibitors that day be allowed to enter into the fair free since they're paying for their classes. Fair Board would like to see the open horse show back, possibly a shift in horse classes to later in the day to allow for classes in the ring at night. Discussed holding opening ceremonies in the horse ring. We will need to discuss any admission exemptions for exhibitors.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the July, August and September minutes.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers collecting information for the 120-day report. Need check log for exhibitors, Linea has exhibitors, Rick has livestock. We have purchased emergency vests. There may be additional expenses for the drain tiles due to them having to remove their equipment from site to allow for cross country meets.

Who will be filing paperwork for the grants? L. Warchuck will use a copy of the invoice and whatever other expenses and get with Dennis Delor to get their matching stuff for the drainage. Lori Warchuck will work on compiling that.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Burch picked up the items left over at the 4-H office. Mailed out 180 premium checks and 11 livestock photos.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Interviewing for Lori Brockdorff's vacant spot currently. 4-H open house on October 15th and looking to move Winter Achievement to River Church, old Kimball School. Working on outreach stuff, Capac Science night at Woodland and two outreaches in Ira Township Pumpkin Festival and another one for recruitment. Re-enrollment underway.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) AG COMMITTEE – No report.
- B) AWARDS – No report.
- C) AUDIT – No report.
- D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

E) CRATER

Parks is going to be okay with the fence on the inside of the Crater, but not the pit area. A. Thueme will work on quotes. A. Thueme suggested purchasing temporary fencing for the pit area. Wednesday entertainment will be changed to a team demo night with team derbies, redneck truck racing.

F) ENTERTAINMENT

D. Wojtysiak talked about a new location for the entertainment tent, south of the poultry barn. We will be looking at large flags for animal barns, tram stops. L. Burch to work with Heather at Sir Speedy on getting a better map together.

G) LIVESTOCK

L. Taylor will talk to Olivia Child about any services that she can provide to us during the fair as a veterinarian.

Discussion at livestock meeting about potential that someone might not show up at fair at the designated time for weighing in livestock and how our current policy of not eligible for grand/reserve champion and premiums is not a deterrent if your animal needed a day or two extra weight.

A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme that any market livestock that do not get checked in and weighed at the designated times are not eligible for show or sale. Exceptions made if a car breaks down and they contact fair personnel.

Motion carried.

In 2022 we utilized sheep pens for goats. We are short pens for goats in order to have them all permanent-type pens and not have to utilize the cattle panel pens. Livestock committee discussed and the goat project is not a livestock auction project to the extent that other projects are and feel the Fair Board should bear a larger burden for the cost of pens. There are about 20 pens that need to be purchased. Cost would be approximately \$13,500 without shipping. Sponsor discussions held for cost of goat pens.

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Currently outstanding \$6,643 from the 2022 sale.

An exhibitor has loaned money through an FSA program and they are requesting that when/if they sell their livestock at the auction that it be a two-party check so that they can secure their loan. Discussion held and Fair Board is not a party to this program or transaction so we're not sure what obligation we should take on or allow to ensure repayment of a loan. Potentially set precedence in the future. No action taken tonight because we don't have any animals registered for the 2023 fair on this date.

- H) FACILITIES – No report
- I) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report.
- J) PARKS AND RECREATION – No report.
- K) PERSONNEL – No report.
- L) PUBLICITY – No report.

M) SPONSORSHIP

The committee will be giving 10-18 2023 shirts out to sponsors in recognition of their sponsorship in 2022. Committee will be meeting October 25th at 6 p.m. at the fair office.

- N) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.
- O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

M. Tomasek needs someone else to chair the committee. Fair Board appointed R. Usakowski.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) ELECTION COMMITTEE

Committee will be R. Ruemenapp, L. Pennazoli, C. Provost and L. Burch, committee to meet early for counting ballots.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary