

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, January 8, 2024 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Donna Wojtysiak, Linda Taylor, Rob Usakowski, Lindsey Uppleger, Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Rick Ruemenapp, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Tom Vincent, Jake Sieloff, Linea Burch, Bernie Dudek, Robin Vigneron, Colleen Provost.

Excused: Kent Renn, Kylie Veldman, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck.

Absent: Kevin Smith.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Tom Stickley, Ken Sieloff.

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

2) AGENDA

Add ShoWorks under New Business. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to approve the agenda with the addition.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

4) SECRETARY’S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by J. Sieloff to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the treasurer’s report and deposit for ABO Tents. Reminder that goats need an additional tent this year.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

We had an additional \$1,900 come in for awards this month.

7) MSU EXTENSION – No report.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION – No report.

B) AWARDS

B. Dudek has the order ready for Regalia. Need ideas for trophies.

C) AUDIT – No report.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Need for a copy of the bills we had for the last grounds improvement project to finish off the grant paperwork.

E) CRATER – No report.

F) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

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Eventry may be an option for ticketing in the future. Approved Starlink for the gates at the last meeting and Eventry offered to purchase Starlink for us to let us use.

G) ENTERTAINMENT – No report

H) FACILITIES

Going to have a meeting prior to the February meeting at 6 p.m. The cost of a storage container is probably less than \$2,000, but we would need to paint it. T. Vincent made a motion, supported by R. Ruemenapp to purchase a storage container from Marysville Storage, with a cap of \$2,800. R. Usakowski will talk to D. Delor about the location placement and paint it in the spring.

Motion carried.

I) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report.

J) LIVESTOCK

The new beef scale has been delivered and at C. Ruemenapp's house until room for it in the storage barn.

K) PARKS AND RECREATION – No report.

L) PERSONNEL – No report.

M) PUBLICITY

L. Taylor is working on the advertisements with MDOT. Cost \$428 for 2000 cards for \$316 for 2500 cards, for \$490 for 5,000. Recommendation to order the larger amount of cards, and lower amount of brochures.

Camelot Studios is going to connect with L. Warchuck and do filming at Winter Achievement for promotional video. They will also film From the Forest to the Table and fair. Effecttv will air that also if we go with them this year.

N) SAFETY

Will set a meeting for Emergency Management soon.

O) SPONSORSHIP

Meeting on Friday, January 26 at 5:30 at the Marysville Office.

P) STILL EXHIBITS – No report

Q) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) PARKING GROUPS

T. Vincent said he got 6 responses on the parking lot volunteer group push and only 2 replied after he sent them additional information. Stacy Gerbie would like to do the whole thing. Marysville Band has a meeting tonight to see if they can do it also.

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B) CARRIAGE RIDES – Tabled

C) THEME

Collected ideas that have been sent in and sent around a list for review. Decision to be made in February if we have a theme.

D) MAFE CONVENTION

M. Tomasek will take whoever needs a ride to Grand Rapids. Van holds 9.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) SHOWORKS

ShoWorks was bought out and they have a new version of software which cost an additional \$2,000 and a yearly support fee of \$590 which is applied towards our entry fees cost. This would allow anyone access to ShoWorks because it would be in the Cloud and updated after being used. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to purchase the upgraded version.

Motion carried.

B) STARLINK

May be used by vendors potentially to access internet to run credit card payments.

C) POST POUNDER

One post pounder broke last year, cost to fix it is comparable to a new one. We rented a second one last year. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by T. Vincent to purchase another post pounder not to exceed \$2,000.

Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Beef weigh in January 27th. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary