

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, November 13, 2023 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Rick Ruemenapp, Kent Renn, Alan Thueme, Tim Warchuck

Absent: Kim Hetzel, Ken Sieloff, Kevin Smith, Tom Stickley, Bob & Lois Podgorski, Megan Tomasek, Abbie Summers.

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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Abbie Summers reported that due to the perpetual decrease in pigeon exhibits, as well as the superintendent's inactivity in the project area such as set up, tear down and acquiring a judge, Summers requested that pigeons be added to poultry. A motion was made by S. Hill, supported by L. Uppleger to move pigeons to poultry.

Motion carried.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by S. Hill to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Uppleger to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by L. Taylor to purchase a laptop for the secretary in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT – None.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Council meeting on Monday night. The regional director's position has been filled. Working on winter programming, including Winter Achievement. Leaders' Banquet was held last week.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Office at 7 p.m. Committee will also focus on adding nightly entertainment on the south side of County Park Drive. Horse Leaders will be brought into those discussions.

b) AWARDS

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Ribbons are counted and an order being compiled for convention.

- c) AUDIT  
Committee will be getting together on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Office to complete the 120-day reports.
  - d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
R. Usakowski met with Dennis Delore to discuss the lease with the park, as well as potential upcoming capital improvements. We had previously approved expenditures for additional tiling. Discussions held about replacement horse barns and those discussions included moving any equestrian facility to the north side of County Park Drive. Our lease payment in 2024 is going to be higher than in previous years due to increases in park rental fees.
  - e) CRATER – No report
  - f) FACILITIES – No report
  - g) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report
  - h) LIVESTOCK  
There was a buyer looking for her turkey this week from the fair. She was directed to Kay Smith. There was no reports of undelivered poultry from the two previous livestock meetings held. That will be on the agenda at the February livestock meeting.
  - i) PARKS & RECREATION – No report
  - j) PERSONNEL  
A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Vincent to give a bonus of \$3,000 to Linea Burch for 2023.  
Motion carried.
  - k) PUBLICITY  
A meeting will be held on November 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Office.
  - l) SPONSORSHIP – No report
  - m) STILL EXHIBITS  
Discussion held regarding input from exhibitors/parents regarding the proposed changes in judging dates and times. We will make an announcement via Facebook and collect remarks.
  - n) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report
  - o) ELECTRONIC TICKETING  
A meeting will be held on December 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Fair Office.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- a) ELECTION RESULTS

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Elected to the Fair Board is Tom Vincent, Kent Renn, Jake Sieloff, Bernie Dudek, Robin Vigneron, Kevin Smith. 139 ballots mailed out, 56 returned.

### 10) NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Zone Meeting Report

Our fair was fortunate compared to our Zone's fairs. We were one of only a couple that had a good year due to weather. Some fairs had to evacuate their fair, others dealt with flooding and significant rain. Generally speaking, anyone who had "big-name entertainment" did not do well.

#### b) MFEA CONVENTION

L. Taylor, D. Wojtysiak, C. Ruemenapp, B. Dudek and L. Uppleger attended. L. Taylor reported on a session she took about security at events. Discussion about Berkley Days having to close early due to youth activities spurred on by a TikTok challenge.

#### c) MAFE CONVENTION

Held on January 11-13. Need to have confirmations to C. Ruemenapp by November 30<sup>th</sup> for anyone who is planning to attend.

### 11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Vincent, supported by C. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Vincent to nominate M. Tomasek and C. Provost as co-treasurers, and close nominations. Motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Taylor, supported by B. Dudek to nominate C. Ruemenapp as secretary and close nominations. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennezoli to nominate T. Vincent as vice president and close nominations. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by B. Dudek to nominate R. Usakowski as president and close nominations. Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Goodells County Park