

Minutes of Monday, June 12, 2023

1) ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Lois & Bob Podjorski, Tom Stickley, Yvonne Markel, Connie Murray, Megan Tomasek, Mark Pederson.

Excused: Kent Renn, Kim Hetzel

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

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Yvonne Markel, Saturday the 15th BMX requested us to have our concession stand over there because they're small and not enough people to run a concession stand. No 220 power. Do we get the big generators from AIS with lights on it, can we borrow it from 8-5 and put it back? We would be able to feed. They are going to need our wagons to put wheat on to store for the thrasher, I can't have straw and wheat on the wagon and we'd like some help, it's for sale if someone wants to take it, less I have to handle it the better off. Cutting off 7 acres to bale, someone to take the straw off. R. Ruemenapp said he would bale it and take the straw off. The field looks good and we'll need to seed it after fair. Dennis wanted it seeded and has a few drainage concerns.

Mark Pederson from the Monster trucks talked about the cost of the trucks, will have six trucks. Fair Board will reimburse him for insurance for the show, last year it was more expensive. Ride truck will be here all week. Will have stickers for sale. Everyone will have something tangible. Two mini monster trucks for intermission. Mark to bring the bleachers that we own for the fair.

Parking for open show, Connie Murray connected with Bob, planning on using parking for mini and open show, will that work for everyone. Before 8 a.m. is free. Farriers on and off the ground throughout the week, is there a place to park so it was here? Farrier east side of Quonset bathrooms. Monday 19th notified Parks and Rec will have paint and tools to paint the barns, talking about starting at 1 p.m. Goal to do one barn at a time. Starting Monday doing most of the week. Need community service hours, will get more definite on the times.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023 and May 8, 2023.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the treasurer's report.

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Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Need new locks on the metal cabinets. Going to order a Honda powered post driver through Northern Tool.

7) MSU EXTENSION

Phil Kaatz is interim District 10 director, 542 club members, 87 clover sprouts. Sending 27 to 4-H shoot on state level, 77 shooters this past weekend, up from 2022, 71 in 2022. 9 4-Her's to Exploration Days. Horse Leaders warm up show this weekend and 4-H trailer is at Image Authentics. Farm Museum trailer wrap done at Thorpe Printing in Marysville did a fabulous job. Capac FFA reached out and school board president in reference to development partnership with fair and 4-H, one suggestion one day volunteer ag on the move trailer and helping out with petting farm.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION

Last of the cards are being made, set and ready. Memphis wants to come for the week with their mobile library. Talked about paying them, library to be there. Mobile bus for 5 days, \$1600, 5 days 6 hours a day. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by R. Ruemenapp to have Memphis Schools bring their mobile bus for five days, six hours a day.

Motion carried.

B) ENTERTAINMENT

Need to eradicate the bees by the petting farm, need DTE to come out and open the box to do so. We need to shut the transformer off to turn on carnival. Lindsey is tent person, will make sure she's available on Wednesday. Ben is having a live auction. John T. will do the live auction. Need a sign about live auction on Saturday at 7 p.m.

C) AWARDS

Still missing a box of ribbons. Needed to order extra ribbons for the horse project. Will sort ribbons next Tuesday.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

E) CRATER

USA is doing 3 nights at the Crater. He has now bought out Unique Motorsports. Concerned about the promotion that he's doing for our fair, apparently not answer questions, website just recently updated. Will evaluate after fair what we do for 2024.

F) FACILITIES

Emmett Fire is going to handle the fair. Golf carts? Who's bringing them, Matt, Donna, Tom and Alan. Donna brings 2. Cut back on one yard loaders, don't know if we want a third one. \$900 for loader and \$200 for trucking. We will use it so we will get the loader for south lot.

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Overflow lot, lighting and path? Anyone talked to Prop buster people? R. Usakowski to call Cropbusters.

G) HANDICAPABLE DAY

200 people set to come out, ordered t-shirts. Lunches are set, hoping to park buses in the lot, 15 buses park so they can leave if bad situations arise, need a couple more people to volunteer.

H) LIVESTOCK – No report

I) PARKS & RECREATION – No report.

J) PERSONNEL

Ken Sieloff will take over the role of Ray Long. Looking for a sewing superintendent.

K) PUBLICITY

Got the video done for promotional TV. EBWTV interview scheduled. Doing an interview June 27th at 10 a.m. for Blue Water Healthy Living. Radio is between \$4000-\$8000, not going to do those this year.

L) STILL EXHIBITS

Help is needed on Monday.

M) SPONSORSHIP

Partnering doing fair basket giveaways. Family Farm & Home, Gasoline Gypsies, Shuck & Ladder at Pickeral Tournament, Sawmill, Vinckier's, Grace Performance. A lot of new sponsors this year.

N) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

O) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Sold \$3000 of tickets online so far. To print tickets we would have to do a ticket printer. Printing tickets off on different colored paper would be helpful. Dennis Delor called, one speaker is not working on the horse arenas. Took one out of the beef barn. Cost for new speaker is \$328, but we can tell them we won't pay for it.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) MOVING OFFICE

Moving office Sunday, July 9th at 7 a.m. A. Thueme bring a trailer.

Talked about getting a storage unit. Parks original idea is put a storage unit between the 2 barns because it will be inconspicuous and then they don't have to maintain that area anymore. They are open to other ideas.

10) NEW BUSINESS

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A) CATTLE PANELS

Will sell the unused cattle panels at the fair this year.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary