

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes for Monday, October 14, 2024 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Vincent, Colleen Provost, Mike Tomasek, Bernie Dudek, Linda Taylor, Kylie Veldman, Donna Wojtysiak, Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Lindsey Uppleger, Rick Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Linea Burch, Robin Vigneron.
Guests: Tom Stickley, Chris & Abbie Summers, Megan Klemmer, Ken Sieloff.
Excused: Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck, Kent Renn, Kevin Smith, Jake Sieloff.

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

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to add under New Business a video for Leaders' Banquet and approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Received a list from Matt Liebetreu for additional electrical services above his contract of \$1,050.00. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

Thueme submitted a bill for \$18,000 for reseeding and tiling for the parking lots and camping area. Parks will reseed the field, broadcast it on. Might want to fertilize it in the spring.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch will check to make sure the furnace is working, it didn't appear as it was last week.

7) MSU EXTENSION – No report.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT – No report.

B) AWARDS – No report.

C) AUDIT – No report.

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - No report.

E) CRATER – No report.

F) ELECTRONIC TICKETING – No report.

G) FACILITIES

The electrical panels could be upgraded this year, cost of \$1500-\$2000 each. We have 10-12 panels and 4 have been upgraded. M. Tomasek confirmed we are all set on bleachers from Frankenmuth Bleachers for 2025.

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H) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report.

I) LIVESTOCK

Meeting held on October 2, only 3 people present. Travis Fahley from Capac FFA was present. Had a long talk about what their intent is for FFA at the fair. Their barn isn't quite done. Intent to show team projects, having a team of kids responsible for a hog or for a goat. Discussion held regarding how that might work and what changes would need to be made to our exhibitor expectations and classes.

J) PARKS & RECREATION

R. Usakowski spoke to Dennis Delor two weeks ago about the field and a letter that needs to be written. They will brushhog it prior to fair and cut grass prior to the fair, part of our contract. Brushhog once and knock down in a couple weeks later cut it again, talked about cutting it twice.

Discussion regarding golf carts as handicap vehicles and how that would have an impact. They are moving the balance of the equipment to the new storage barn. Horse leaders may paint the building and provide paint.

K) PERSONNEL

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve Danielle Dawson as the dairy co-superintendent and Kevin Smith as poultry barn superintendent.

Motion carried.

Veronica Dupuis has passed away, she is the folk pattern superintendent.

L) PUBLICITY

MDOT is requesting 700 cards for their rest stops.

M) SAFETY – No report.

N) SPONSORSHIP

Meeting on October 28th at 6 p.m. at Fair Office. Jeff's Rubbish will be the dumpster vendor for the 2025 fair.

O) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) AFTER-HOURS SECURITY – No report.

B) T-SHIRTS

We have designs to look at tonight.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) EVENTNY RENEWAL

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to sign a three-year contract for \$6000.

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B) MAFE CONVENTION

Anyone wishing to attend, make sure you sign up on the sheet circulating.

C) ELECTION COMMITTEE

L. Taylor, R. Vigneron, T. Vincent, L. Burch and L. Uppleger will count ballots prior to the November meeting. There were 244 ballots mailed out.

D) TRIBUTE VIDEO

Camelot has set up a Google Drive to upload photos and video of Lori Warchuck. It will be a 3-minute video, cost \$500. A motion was made by R. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to have Camelot Studios do the video.

Motion carried.

E) PARKING

Tom Stickley from CAP has a group that would do parking if we need them. At this point T. Vincent believes he has all parking positions covered.

F) PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting for Fair Board will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the fair office.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by C. Provost to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary