

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Tim Warchuck, Kent Renn.

Guests: Megan Tomasek, Tom Stickley, Lois & Bob Podgorski, Ken Sieloff, Randy Adams.

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

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Uppleger to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Randy Adams from Shiny Rust Productions has a proposal to run the car show on Saturday of fair. In the past he's had as many as 600 cars at his events. He believes he will have between 50-100 at our fair, but dictated by the weather. He has a following at his events. Check in will be 8:00 a.m., will run 9:00-1:30 with awards at 1:30.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to sign a contract with Shiny Rust Productions for \$1,458.

Motion carried.

We are purchasing another post pounder for parking set up, and we will also rent a pounder from Casco Rental so that we have 3 on site for set up.

Tom Stickley reported there are no conflicts in the Civil Air Patrol's scheduling, so they should have a good turn out for fair.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch received the carnival posters, wrap cards to go to MDOT. Mailed out 1400 to the MDOT Welcome Stations. Want to finalize the entertainment brochure by the weekend. Need to add no solicitation at fair. Going to get a sign for the gate regarding uninviting solicitors.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

L. Warchuck reported there are 458 youth 4-H members, 94 clover sprouts, 245 leaders at gold level. Currently their office is doing classroom programming, Earth Fair, workshops,

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TSC Paper Clover Campaign. Presenting at the Home School Resource Fair. Interviews for secretarial position, Nicole is the temp filling it and has applied for the job. The promotional video is done.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Next meeting is April 23rd. They will be using the Ag on the Move trailer from Macomb County. Will have the Pheasants Forever Shooting Sports trailer for the fair.

B) AWARDS

Trophies will be ordered, as well as banners. Ribbons are coming in and counted. Working on awards criteria for the Leaders' Banquet.

C) AUDIT – No report

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We applied for a MDARD grant.

E) FACILITIES

Currently working with DTE on 2 potential electrical projects. If they approve partial funding, we would need to pay about ½ of the cost, which would be significant, but at a vastly reduced cost to us. It would be electrical to the Crater. Dennis Delor and A. Thueme met with Julie, the Senior Service Planner at DTE. These projects could be partially completed with future work down the line.

Starlink requires power at the booth, test it out to see how it works. Alex Vigneron to work on that. East booth has power, but if booth moved to overflow lot there's no power.

F) LIVESTOCK

May 4th is Discovery Day.

G) PARKS & RECREATION

We have to put down gravel for the trailer that we will purchase for overflow storage. T. Vincent is working on the trailer, R. Ruemenapp to contact Parks about location of pad and talk to Siegel's about installing the pad. The trailer is not brand new, C. Ruemenapp offered to paint it upon arrival. There will be an exchange for services for a banner. They will also bring a 20' trailer for the fair, free of charge.

4-H is working on relocating their gymkhana equipment. Temporarily we could move that equipment to the trailer. Discussions held about selling the portable horse stalls and allowing the gymkhana equipment to be placed in that location after modifications to that space. Need to be in place by 5-20-24.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Currently have one donation, lunch covered. Looking for 10 volunteers to help with getting the kids where they need to go. There will be 200 people at the carnival. Can accommodate another 60 besides Woodland students.

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- I) PERSONNEL
A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp to approve Leah Vandewarker as the goat co-superintendent.
- J) PUBLICITY
Contracted with Cumulus Media for publicity. They will start running their campaign May 15-July 18th. They have markets they will be focusing on with targeted advertising.
- K) SAFETY
Currently going over the safety plan.
- L) STILL EXHIBITS – No report
- M) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
 - A) PASSES FOR FARM BUREAU
K. Veldman will ensure that the daily passes are given to the Farm Bureau. Want to make sure they get to them before the end of the school year.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
 - A) FAIR BOOK CHANGES
A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the changes for the 2024 fair book.
Motion carried.
 - B) ROPE MAKING
A motion was made by L. Taylor, supported by M. Tomasek to allow our rope making equipment to be used for the Earth Fair.
Motion carried.
 - C) PROP BUSTERS AND RC FIELD
R. Usakowski will talk to them about use of their areas for parking during the fair.
 - D) WOOD CHIPS
Cost of wood chips will be \$6 a bag.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary