

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, May 13, 2024 – Goodells County Park

### 1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kent Renn, Jake Sieloff, Colleen Provost.

Guests: Tom Stickley, Megan Tomasek, Connie Murray, Amber Patterson, Lois and Bob Podgorski, Mark Pederson, Dave Goretski.

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

### 2) AGENDA

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

### 3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Alyse Nichols from Health Department stated they have a lot of different programs at the health department, storm water, beach monitoring, environmental health, family-type programs like home visiting for new moms, nurses in school districts, outreach to tell them about services at Health Department. They will be at the fair Mon-Wed, Fri & Saturday. Will be set up in Community Building and patio. Trinkets and games to give away at their stations.

Civil Air Patrol is still working on landing Chinook helicopter landing, in the same area as the Black Hawk. It will carry 30 people, day TBD. Nothing interfering this year with Civil Air Patrol services.

Bob Podgorski for parking lots said he's ready to go this year.

Mark Pederson stated he has ability to bring 8 monster trucks, instead of the 6 promised, but the cost would raise our budget. Cost would go up about \$6,000. He would add a Lumberjack truck and Crustation. All 4 Kohler Trucks, Little Misdangerous and Colossis are planned to come. Mark Pederson will fill the intermission.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to approve the additional amount for 8 trucks.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by A. Thueme to approve a contract with the Mounted Shooters for entertainment in Ring 1 on Tuesday night for \$500.00.

Motion carried.

Connie Murray and Dave Goretski will put the mini horses in the horse barns with the clubs, instead of the Quonset Hut. The space in the Quonset Hut can be used for storage, storage for kids bringing driving carts, golf carts or something like that. They are hoping to eventually move to the Riverside Shelter. There are 14-16 minis.

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Dave Goretski indicated the robotics team from Armada will be here Thursday and Friday in the Community Building, but would rather be in the poultry barn if available. Dave Goretski will help with set up the week prior to fair.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the April 8, 2024 minutes.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report. Need to pay the county for their deposit for fair rental. R. Usakowski to get M. Tomasek the amount.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Entertainment brochures are done and L. Burch has them tonight for anyone wanting a box. There are 27 boxes left. R. Usakowski will print off admission passes for use. L. Pennazoli explained the problems she has had with getting a printer to print off tickets. Hopefully those problems will be resolved in years to come.

7) MSU EXTENSION

There is new office staff, Nicole. They have had Home School Resource Fair and Community Resource Fair. They are busy with classroom programming. There are 11 kids going to Exploration Days.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

L. Warchuck reported that Ag Ed is ready to go. Discussion regarding disc golf. The cost to have someone do it is \$125 an hour, would be behind the petting farm by the basketball wagon. Cornhole boards will also be set up during the fair for use.

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Warchuck to purchase a disk golf set and 2 dozen disks.

Motion carried.

Vern Preston will set up a photo booth, have music playing and movies in the entertainment tent, popcorn and cotton candy if we cover the cost.

Nick Garafalo is looking for sponsors for cornhole boards, sponsorship is \$300 for a set.

Shiny Rust Productions needs their deposit for the car show.

B) AWARDS

Committee needs to get together to do the ribbon bins.

C) AUDIT – No report

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report

E) CRATER – No report

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F) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Saffire purchased Starlink devices that we can rent from them instead of purchasing them.

G) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Everything is set up, needing additional help with the day, and t-shirt sizes for the volunteers.

H) LIVESTOCK

There were 191 pigs, 37 sheep, 2 goats, 7 veal tagged. There was a goat that was tagged after weigh in. Letter will be sent to superintendents and exhibitor notifying them the goat is not eligible for grand or reserve champion or rate of gain due to lateness of tagging and ownership requirements.

There are currently 40 kids registered for the fair with 400 projects. No news on exhibiting poultry at this time.

I) PARKS & RECREATION – No report.

J) PERSONNEL

We are looking for individuals to work on the trams at night to help people on and off, and to alert the driver if there are people jumping on and off for safety. Need them 6-10 p.m.

K) PUBLICITY

Will have signs that say No Vaping, No Smoking, No Alcohol. Will advertise during June for the fair. Courtesy carts will be flagged and there will be more courtesy carts this year.

L) SPONSORSHIP

There will be a meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Fair Office. There is one space available at the VIP tent, want to fill it with DTE for donating services to Goodells County Park and the Fair.

9) OLD BUSINESS – None

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) AWARDS CEREMONY

A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to purchase 40 championship shirts and do 3 different drawings during the awards ceremony for exhibitors winning awards in the still exhibit barn.

Motion carried.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by A. Thueme to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary