

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, June 10, 2024 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Rick Ruemenapp, Kent Renn, Bernie Dudek.

Guests: Lois and Bob Podgorski, Kristy Hardy, Tom Sticklely, Megan Tomasek, Connie Murray, Ken Sieloff.

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

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Connie Murray will let us know how many mini horse stalls are available. Tom Sticklely from Civil Air Patrol would like to put a trailer alongside the barn. We will work out the logistics of that during set up. There are 20 mini horse stalls.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by T. Vincent to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024.
Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by L. Uppleger, supported by K. Smith to approve the treasurer's report.
Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

The phones are being hooked up, same numbers as previous years.

7) MSU EXTENSION

They are preparing for fair, have new office staff in place.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION

L. Warchuck would like to add duck races, cost would be \$850. Requires 4 pumps on each side. A motion was made by R. Vigneron, supported by K. Smith to approve the purchase of equipment for the duck races.

Motion carried.

We are going to order a banner for the back of the new barn backdrop. Farm Museum is going to use the stage pieces and will store them for us. We don't plan to use them during the fair.

Car show flyers are available and have been widely publicized.

B) AWARDS

Ribbons have been sorted, except still exhibit barn.

C) AUDIT- No report

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

R. Usakowski signed an agreement for the grant, moving forward. The grant is \$15,000 for tile work in the north parking lot and south campgrounds. This work will be done after fair, so there's not a disruption in the use of that during fair.

E) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Everything is going well, selling tickets.

F) CRATER

DTE is moving forward with the electric, wire and setting transformer next week, cost will be under \$5,000 for us, DTE is donating the rest. We gave them VIP tent for Monday night. After fair planning to do the one on the north lot. Will be done sometime this fall. Want to purchase a couple pumps, \$350 each, paying for themselves next year. A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to purchase pumps not to exceed \$1200.

Motion carried.

Bump & Run will be limited to 125 cars, got to be too much last year with 145 cars.

G) FACILITIES

Need to approve costs for projects relating to electrical, boring for a couple spots, which has an added cost of \$2000-\$3000, due to upgrades. Motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by L. Pennazoli to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

Motion carried.

C. Ruemenapp to ask Skerbeck's when they plan to bring trailers into the park for park administration.

H) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Megan Tomasek received a \$500 donation, so everything is covered. Still looking for 3-4 volunteers.

I) LIVESTOCK – No report.

J) PARKS & RECREATION

A motion was made by T. Vincent, supported by L. Pennazoli to donate \$250 to People for Parks in support of the upcoming millage for maintenance of the parks.

K) PUBLICITY

We need to distribute signs Goodells north. We will distribute 100 signs and College Hunk to do the balance. Organizing interviews. Cumulus TV going to be starting shortly

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here. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to do a EffectTV campaign similar to last year for \$1700.

Motion carried.

L) SAFETY

J. Sieloff would like a map of the campsites. Planning a large meeting with all the agencies to coordinate efforts.

M) SPONSORSHIP

VIP tent is sold out for the week. Carts almost sold out, currently 5 available. Banners available. Extra golf cart, Donna is only bringing one. Packets are being put together for sponsors.

N) STILL EXHIBITS

Received an email from a family over concerns of the Sunday judging. Exhibitors that have conflicts in their schedule will be able to submit their projects for judging ahead of the time for judging. They will not receive an interview. Crafts and arts judges are needed.

O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) MAJESTIC CARRIAGE

They have another proposal to do Friday and Saturday for 5 hours in the evening. Discussion held, resolved that we would take a year off from any carriage rides and scope out a different route for them.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) ROPE MAKING MATERIALS

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Vigneron to purchase rope making materials in an amount not to exceed \$800.

Motion carried.

B) CORNHOLE BOARDS

A motion was made by K. Smith, supported by M. Tomasek to purchase cornhole boards and bags in an amount not to exceed \$1500.

Motion carried.

C) FAIR OFFICE MOVE

Plan to meet at the park at 8 a.m. to move things from barn to Community Building. College Hunks will meet Linea and Chris at the office and move to Goodells.

D) HORSE PRESENTATION PARADE

The awards program is normally held in the pavilion where we are talking about moving walking fleece. Those details will need to be worked out, pending numbers in project areas.

E) OVERFLOW PARKING

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A plan needs to be developed to use the overflow parking area of the Farm Museum's.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Pennazoli, supported by T. Vincent to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary