

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, September 9, 2024 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Donna Wojtysiak, Linda Taylor, Liz Pennazoli, Alan Thueme, Rick Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Colleen Provost, Tim Warchuck, Kevin Smith, Lori Warchuck, Lindsey Uppleger, Jake Sieloff.

Excused: Bernie Dudek, Kylie Veldman, Tom Vincent, Robin Vigneron, Kent Renn, Linea Burch.

Guests: Abbie & Chris Summers, Terry Dunn, Bob and Lois Podgorski.

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) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Terry Dunn from the Farm Museum wants to know what we're going to do with the field. The tiling is now done. Steve Thueme is going to work the north lot and the old campgrounds. R. Ruemenapp said he would pay for the seed. Terry Dunn will check with Fred Peasley to see if they can do it. They don't have hay equipment. Farm Museum concessions did wonderful at the fair. They were paid for manure removal. Would like the manure pits cleaned out earlier in the week in 2025.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by R. Ruemenapp to approve the July and August secretary's report.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report this month. Gate total for this year \$326,626.57. Higher than other years. \$65,000 pre-fair, \$22,000 online during fair come through. Bob Blumerich donated back his donation to us for use of his truck and will store bleachers and bring them back on the truck and take them home and store them indoors each year.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch printed 485 checks for \$11,817 this year. Last year it was \$11,642.50 and 489 checks. Premium checks and showmanship jackets are being picked up tonight.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

4-H is open for re-enrollments. Project Red on Wednesday. Banquet awards due October 1st. Open House October 19th. Fall Extension conference, awards at 4 p.m. on the 16th. More info coming on that. Held back rooms for us. Leaders' Banquet November 1st. Invitations going out in October.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT – No report.

B) AWARDS – No report.

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- C) AUDIT – No report.
 - D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
The fields were tiled and leveled off.
 - E) CRATER
L. Taylor did the Harvest Days rodeo, not near as big as fair, but did the prep and set up. They set up opposite the way Flying Star does, exit for animals at the other end to leave the way we set it up.
 - F) FACILITIES – No report.
 - G) ELECTRONIC TICKETING
R. Usakowski working on getting it set up and switching to Eventeny. Should be cheaper for us than Saffire.
 - H) PARKS AND RECREATION
R. Usakowski plans to attend the October meeting to make a presentation.
 - I) PERSONNEL
Julie Tesluck resigned as woodworking superintendent. Will advertise for a replacement.
 - J) PUBLICITY
Cumulus media is going to come to a meeting, will be at the fair office.
 - K) SAFETY – No report.
 - L) SPONSORTSHIP – No report.
 - M) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.
 - N) HANDICAPABLE DAY – No report.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- A) AFTER HOURS SECURITY
Port Huron has a volunteer organization that does security. A. Thueme will check with Matt Duetsch for more details. Security cameras were discussed, discussion that it is very expensive to rent security cameras.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
- A) T-SHIRTS
Discussion about purchasing t-shirts and other options for merchandise. Will do a variety of styles of shirts/sweatshirts. Will advertise for designs.
 - B) BILLBOARDS
Discussed having the billboard contest morphed and/or additional class where it would be a design contest and we would have those designs transferred to corrugated plastic boards to be reused year to year.

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C) NOMINATIONS FOR FAIR BOARD

Up for re-election this year is Liz Pennazoli, Colleen Provost, Rick Ruemenapp, Rob Usakowski, Alan Thueme and Mike Tomasek. Nominations received from Chris Summers, Joel Pieprzak and Nick Neibauer. A motion was made by T. Warchuck, supported by K. Smith to accept the nominations.

Motion carried.

Nominees and/or the persons nominating them were given info/bio sheets to direct them to turn in acceptance of nomination and bio by October 4 so ballots can be mailed. Nominees must be members of the SCCAS, which it states on the info/bio sheet given to nominees.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Uppleger, supported by C. Provost to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary