

Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2025 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kent Renn, Jake Sieloff,

Guests: Tom Stickley, Melissa Wilson, Benjamin and Michelle Weston, Ken Sieloff, Michelle McKee, Crystal Blumerich, Selby Wetherford, Joe Provost, Sarah McKee, Rhonda Keuning.

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

2) AGENDA

Moved by A. Thueme, seconded by T. Warchuck to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Sarah McKee exhibited in the market beef project in St. Clair County and Lapeer in 2024. This fair's rule at the time she purchased and tagged her steer was that exhibitors could not exhibit in 4-H in two different counties. The rule was changed in the spring of 2024 to exhibitors could not exhibit the same project area in two counties. S. McKee was unaware of the rule change, and was informed of it at beef weigh in this January, that there was a violation of the rules and she would need to come to Fair Board to have them determine if she could exhibit in 2025. Sarah was informed that now that she knows the rules, and with the unfortunate timing of the change in rules in 2024, that if she decides to exhibit a steer at St. Clair County, and then Lapeer, that would be a violation of the rules and she would be ineligible to exhibit at the 2026 fair. This is Sarah McKee's last year in 4-H, as she will be aging out.

Ms. Wetherford requested that the beef scale and tagger be disinfected between animals, claiming that one of their steers got ringworm. This is the responsibility of the beef superintendents to ensure that this process is conducted in a safe manner.

Crystal Blumerich stated she is unhappy with the rule of not being able to exhibit livestock at the fair that have been at an exhibition in the prior 14 days before this fair. This rule was instituted several years ago due to biosecurity concerns with animals passing disease, viruses, etc. from one exhibition to the next, such as ringworm.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved by A. Thueme, seconded by T. Vincent to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025.

Motion carried.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by C. Provost, seconded by T. Warchuck to purchase a Point of Sale system, including handheld devices, for the fair office and the 4-H office for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

Motion carried.

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Moved by C. Ruemenapp, seconded by A. Thueme to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

Moved by M. Tomasek, seconded by B. Dudek to approve the contract of Ben Risney.

Motion carried.

R. Usakowski has the Michigan Pony Dynamometer contract and B. Dudek is waiting for the draft horse contract to come into the office.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

L. Warchuck gave an update on volunteers, 4-H members and new clubs. 4-H Council Auction February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are a variety of workshops being planned and advertised.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Committee investigating a tractor simulator. There are two options, one that is more portable is \$15,000-\$20,000, and another one that is a tractor and very expensive. Discussion held about storing that in the 4-H trailer. Meeting planned to work on the trading cards.

Moved by T. Warchuck, seconded by C. Ruemenapp to purchase a circulating milking cow for an amount not to exceed \$7,100.

Motion carried.

B) AWARDS – No report

C) AUDIT – No report

D) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

E) CRATER – No report

F) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

Meeting for February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

G) HANDICAPBLE DAY

M. Tomasek needs a sponsor to cover the cost of stuffed animals being provided by the carnival. Tom Vincent and the Weston family have offered to donate for those items.

H) LIVESTOCK

There were 55 primary and 10 alternate market beef weighed in. Next meeting is April 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

I) PARKS AND RECREATION

R. Usakowski has a meeting with Dennis Delor on February 26<sup>th</sup> to talk about permanent lighting as one of the topics.

J) PERSONNEL

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Moved by C. Ruemenapp, supported by T. Vincent to approve Shane Tesluck as beef co-superintendent and Alyssa Newberry as sewing superintendent.

Motion carried.

Currently have a creative writing position open.

K) PUBLICITY

L. Taylor will be picking up the fair shirts and delivering them to the office. Printer is starting to work on yard signs and decals for the cement for directional purposes.

L) SAFETY

J. Sieloff is working with the Sheriff and Emergency Management to have a meeting. Ordered additional radios for safety for grounds, some of ours last year stopped working.

M) SPONSORSHIP

Meeting on February 26 at 6:00 p.m. to go over the brochure. Need artwork finalized by February 24<sup>th</sup> for the brochure.

L. Pennazoli is working with College Hunks and Jeff's Rubbish on in-kind services in lieu of sponsorship dollars.

N) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

O) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report.

P) AFTER-HOURS SUPERINTENDENT – No report.

9) OLD BUSINESS – None

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) CAMPING AREA

The generator camping will be moved from the north lot to the old campground on the south side of County Park Drive in the area that was tiled in 2024.

B) IAN HILL WORKSHOP

M. Tomasek offered to drive anyone wishing to attend the workshop in Midland. Everyone must sign themselves up.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Thueme, seconded by L. Pennazoli to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary