

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, May 12, 2025 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kent Renn, Tim Warchuck.

Guests: Megan Klemmer, Julie Sovis, Tom Stickley, Connie Murray, Bob & Lois Podgorski, Ken Sieloff.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

2) AGENDA

A request was made by B. Dudek to add to the agenda donation. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition by A. Thueme, supported by K. Smith.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Civil Air Patrol is good to go. We will be replacing 75 fence posts with a donation.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT – No report.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by R. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

L. Burch sent out passes to the trophy donors. She has arranged for spraying the fairgrounds on July 9th. MDOT was sent their cards, and set office hours for June into July.

7) MSU EXTENSION

L. Warchuck stated MSU is finishing up the classroom programming, has the 4-H camp and Exploration Days coming up.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT

Committee met and things are moving along. They ordered the new trading cards for the Farm Museum. They are going to do a dairy display to go with Maggie Mae. There is an opportunity to do a kayak simulator in the Kids Zone and a second duck race for the north side of the road. They will need 8 pumps and tubes.

A motion was made to spend up to \$700 for the new displays by C. Ruemenapp, supported by L. Uppleger.

Motion carried.

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The second basketball trailer is getting painted and sandblasted. We will need more basketballs. M. Tomasek will order 12 more balls.

b) AWARDS

Committee will meet to sort ribbons.

c) AUDIT – No report

d) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – No report

e) CRATER

Finishing up last details. A. Thueme will talk to Mark Pedersen about intermission entertainment for the Monster Truck show. L. Warchuck will acquire National Anthem singers. Shane would like a color guard for the rodeo. Shane is going to honor veterans and first responders, and A. Thueme will get more information from him.

Superior Motorsports is doing a raffle in association with our fair, and the winner gets to take a derby car out into a race.

MSU rodeo queen will be coming in for the rodeo. Slack is going to run after the rodeo.

f) ELECTRONIC TICKETING

R. Usakowski received an email from Sapphire, we had a 3-year contract with them and they expect us to honor the contract. Eventny doesn't have phones, so we can rent equipment through Sapphire in partial fulfillment of that contract. We will owe them \$10,000.

g) FACILITIES

Richmond Ford has 4 tractors for us. R. Ruemenapp to talk to Rosseel's and Tri County about tractors and the pedal tractor pulls.

Casco Rent All is donating \$20,000 worth of equipment. Make sure to thank them if you see them.

h) HANDICAPABLE DAY

Megan Tomasek will need 50 carload passes. Early On is coming in the morning with 30 families. Last year they had 15 families. They are partnering with RESA and ARC and they are going to bring 40-50 kids. They are looking for volunteers.

i) LIVESTOCK

There were 58 sheep, 206 swine, 5 goats and 6 veal tagged earlier this month. Some of the hogs will be sold on silent auction with these numbers this year.

j) PERSONNEL

A motion was made to approve Lynnea McFadden as goat co-superintendent by A. Thueme, supported by M. Tomasek.

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k) PUBLICITY

L. Taylor is working on signs and directional signs and has signed a contract with Thumbcoast TV/ebw.tv.

L. Taylor sent around a sheet for shirt styles and sizes for the blue fair shirts for fair volunteers to wear during the fair.

l) SAFETY

J. Sieloff is planning a meeting with the agencies. Talking more about blocking cars with car blockers that are parked in no parking areas. There is no trailer parking by the show arena or around any other barn.

m) SPONSORSHIP

Ordering banners in early June and working on getting sponsors locked down and coordinating with L. Uppleger, R. Vigneron or L. Pennazoli for Eventny.

n) STILL EXHIBITS – No report.

o) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT – No report

p) AFTER HOURS SUPERINTENDENT

J. Sieloff has talked to them and we just need to get something in writing with them now. C. Ruemenapp will work on that.

9) OLD BUSINESS – None

10) NEW BUSINESS

a) DONATION

B. Dudek asked to donate a basket to the Tommy Premier bowling event that is raising money. They donate the money to different organizations in memory of Tommy. If sums were donated to the fair, we would definitely do something in honor of Tommy. Currently the swine project has a sportsmanship trophy they award annually.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. by A. Thueme, supported by K. Smith.
Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary