

Muskegon County Fair Association

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2017

Directors present: *Scott Erdman, Christy Deal, Jason Deal, Shirley Thompson, Alicia Kantola, Stacy Skilling, Cindy Rhine, Sarah Knight, Christ Knight, Tanya Horne, Amy Gerwig, Brian McFarren, and Nancy Smith*
Directors absent: *Josh Mueller, Kelly Johnson, Jenny Erffmeyer, Melissa Morgan, Heidi Raap*
Fair Association members present: *Marve Engle*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Scott Erdman, followed by roll call.

Secretary's Report: Emailed out by Christy Deal. Sarah Knight made a motion to accept the secretary report; Shirley Thompson supported. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Treasury Report: Presented by Brian McFarren. Income was basically winter storage and haunted hall. Expenses were utilities and taxes. Motion made by Jason Deal to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Shirley Thompson. All were in favor, motion was carried.

Special Speaker:

- Matt Farrar – New Director of Public Works for Muskegon County, came to introduce himself.
- Kathy Waldecker / Christi Rosema – Country Dreams 4-H Club – Christi and Kathy came to request permission for a foreign exchange student (will be staying with Christi) who is a current 4-H member in her home country be allowed to participate in Fair with their club. Christi's son Thomas will be her mentor in the lamb project. A motion was made by Alicia Kantola to allow Thomas Rosema as a mentor in the sheep division for 2017. This was seconded by Brian McFarren. This was unanimously approved and motion was carried. Discussion followed about allowing youth with disabilities over the age of 19 to participate in additional aspects of the Fair outside of the current projects allowed. 4-H members with disabilities are allowed to be enrolled as 4-H members until age 26. More information will be gathered in order to submit a rule change to our current fair rules in the fall of 2017, and allow changes for the 2018 and future fairs.
- John Cramblett – Sportsman for Youth representative confirmed that the SFY contract had been received back with approval by SFY. The event will be on September 9, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Online Administrator – Jenny has been making updates to the website. ☺

Finance Committee – Sponsor forms and checks are starting to come in.

Vendor Committee – Nothing to report.

Awards / Premiums – Nothing to report

Arts & Talent Committee – Kay Rhodes will be the Talent Show Superintendent for 2017.

Shooting Sports – Nothing to report

Small Animal Committee –

Livestock Committee –

- Livestock Committee will meet April 20 at the Fairgrounds office at 7:00 PM.
- One unpaid large animal auction bill from 2017 (Plumb's). This is still being worked on.

Fair Event Committee –

- Inanimates will be moved to Saturday July 22 from 1 pm – 5 pm instead of Sunday. Motion made by Brian McFarren, Seconded by Christy Deal. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Need someone to run Ag Olympics, Joleen Cejmer is not able to do it this year due to other commitments.

Public Relations & Service – Liquor License application for the Horse Committee Party in the Park in Muskegon’s Hackley Park approved, motion made by Brian McFarren, seconded by Jason Deal. All 13 members present voted in favor. Motion was carried.

Horse Committee:

- Party in Park - June 2, 2017, the horse committee will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. The Stolen Horses band has been booked.
- Horse Area Clean up – April 23 1-5 pm
- Spring Clinic and Shaggy horse show coming up.

Site & Grounds-

- Fairgrounds Clean up Saturday April 22, hot dog lunch will be provided.
- Hero Mud Run Parking – May 6 – Parking will be used as a fundraiser for the Dog Committee. Kris Fitzgerald will be in charge of that.
- The Haunted Hall has requested permission to begin moving in on August 12. That is the move on date on their contract, so no approval needed.

Fair book –

- Complete and posted on the Fairgrounds website.

Fair Camping–

Will be the same as last year. Christy will send to Jenny for posting on the website. Brian Wolford and Autumn Borgman has confirmed their return, Nancy Smith will take over the horse area from Kelly Johnson.

Fairgrounds Calendar – Pheasants Forever may not be occurring.

Volunteer Time Sheets – Turn them In.

NEW BUSINESS

Campground Grant – We received a \$20,000 MDARD Grant for finishing an additional section of camping.

County Picnic – August 5 the county will host their Employee Picnic at the Fairgrounds. They will require use of 1 bathroom and will remove their own garbage. Motion made by Sarah Knight. Seconded by Jason Deal. All voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Shirley Thompson at 8:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jason Deal. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds office.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christy Deal*