

Muskegon County Fair Association

MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2017

Directors present: *Scott Erdman, Christy Deal, Jason Deal, Shirley Thompson, Alicia Kantola, Stacy Skilling, Cindy Rhine, Christ Knight, Melissa Morgan, Amy Gerwig, Brian McFarren, and Nancy Smith*

Directors absent: *Josh Mueller, Kelly Johnson, Jenny Erffmeyer, Heidi Raap, Sarah Knight, Tanya Horne*

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. Brian McFarren made a motion to accept the secretary report; Jason Deal supported. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Treasury Report: March / April Presented by Brian McFarren. Motion made by Chris Knight to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Melissa Morgan. All were in favor, motion was carried.

Special Speaker:

- John Cramblett – Sportsman for Youth representative. The event will be on September 9, 2017.
- Matt Farrar – (Not present via email) stated that the leaf pile has been removed but the Township would like the remaining area smoothed out.

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 (Amy Gerwig is working on)

Arts & Talent Committee – Nothing to report

Shooting Sports – Nothing to report

Small Animal Committee – Dog Committee wanted to express appreciation for being allowed to use the Hero Mud Run parking as a fundraiser. It was fun and a successful fundraiser.

Livestock Committee –

- Livestock Committee will meet in June at the Fairgrounds office
- Great Lakes Foods has made a donation to the Livestock Committee in the amount of \$1000. They are not paying the Plumb's bill, but making a donation as a good will effort within the community.
- The Swine Divison would like to cement the area from the wash racks out 15 feet and even to the show arena. This will allow staging of classes to move the swine show along faster. Brian will take it to the County for approval.

Fair Event Committee –

- Jeff Jacobson is working on the beer for the beer tent, Jeff/Nancy Smith are working out who is working on the bands.

Public Relations & Service – Nothing to Report

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.

- 2 clinics were successfully completed. 2 horse shows were completed. The second show was held in the Beef Barn. Horse committee has proposed working on the footing in the Beef Barn to allow us to hold indoor horse shows, livestock shows, events, etc in that barn going forward. Horse Committee will work on getting a quote for footing/work to present at the next meeting.

Site & Grounds-

- Circus will be coming in mid August (rental)
- Fire Inspections for Haunted Hall have revealed that a fire suppression system must be installed. There are some options being looked into. This may cause the Haunted Hall to have to change locations.
- We are required to have Road Commission approval for all signage facing the roadway.
- Brian Attended the Board meeting for the antique tractor club. They will be helping with mowing before events again this year.
- Winter storage – there are 2 vehicles left. Brian is working with their owners.
- Roof quotes are coming in for multiple barns.
- Brian Made a motion to have the septic pumped in the west bathroom and the Updyke bathrooms. Jason Deal seconded. All voted in Favor. Motion was carried.

Fair book –

- Complete and posted on the Fairgrounds website.

Fair Camping– Form is on the Website, Brian has received 2.

Fairgrounds Calendar – Circus in August is the only addition.

Volunteer Time Sheets – Turn them In. Chris Knight submitted 1 form. Be like Chris Knight.

NEW BUSINESS

Campground Expansion Plan – We received a \$20,000 MDARD Grant for finishing an additional section of camping. Brian McFarren will be in charge of managing the location of those 50 campsites. The sight plan will have to be updated, then a DEQ Construction Permit will be obtained, and then work will proceed.

Motion made by Chris Knight at 7:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shirley Thompson. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds office.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christy Deal*