

Muskegon County Fair Association

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2017

Directors present: *Scott Erdman, Christy Deal, Jason Deal, Shirley Thompson, Alicia Kantola, Stacy Skilling, Cindy Rhine, Christ Knight, Amy Gerwig, Brian McFarren, Sarah Knight, Melissa Morgan, Tanya Horne and Nancy Smith*
Directors absent: *Josh Mueller, Kelly Johnson, Jenny Erffmeyer, 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. Jason Deal made a motion to accept the secretary report; Shirley Thompson supported. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Treasury Report: Presented via email by Brian McFarren. Motion made by Jason Deal to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Nancy Smith. All were in favor, motion was carried.

Special Speaker:

- Bill & Dave – Sportsman for Youth representatives. Bill brought a banner to hang up during fair week and requested to put some signs up by the fair games tent. Sportsman for Youth is a fair games sponsor.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Camping– Pole 8, plug 6 needs to be replaced. That will be done on Wednesday (7/19). Katrina Wetmore (Golden Clovers) has agreed to man the fire pit for the South Campground.

Online Administrator / Advertising – Complaints have been made to the extension office about inanimate judging moving from Sunday to Saturday. It was requested that all fairboard meeting minutes be uploaded to the fairgrounds website.

Finance Committee – Brian will update the sponsor list based on all of the checks he has received to date.

Vendor Committee – We have 6 food vendors for the Fair. We have 6 commercial vendors.

Awards / Premiums – ribbons are present, all trophies are on order

Arts & Talent Committee –Nothing to report

Shooting Sports – Competition was this past Saturday, it went well.

Small Animal Committee – The Fair Open Dog show was July 8. The event was very successful.

Livestock Committee –

- The cement is finished for the show arena area. The posts are going in for the fencing for this area.
- Thursday night there will be 10 yards of mulch spread around by the Livestock division.
- The fairgrounds clean up on July 15 was a success, several things were completed.
- Alicia Kantola has received a phone call requesting information on the swine Influenza A. All swine are vaccinated that are coming to the fair. There have been no reported cases of swine Influenza A reported in Michigan at this time.
- There will be a post fair open forum for the livestock division on August 24, 7 pm, at the fair office.

Fair Event Committee –

- Motion made by Christy Deal to allow Stacey Hichue/ Spur of the Moment 4-H Club to spend up to \$250 for Ag Olympics. Seconded by Brian McFarren. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Wrist Bands / Grand Stand Events – Brian checked, we have plenty of wrist bands.

- Tuesday Night 6 pm – Tractor Pull – Brian McFarren, Jason Deal
- Friday Night 6 pm– Horse Pull – Christy Deal, Sarah Knight
- Friday Night – 6:30 - 10 Beverage Tent –Band “The Big Love Band” – Melissa Morgan, Amy Gerwig, Sarah Knight (need a couple more)
- Saturday Night – 6:30- 10 Beverage Tent- Band “Number Two” – Jason Deal, Chris Knight , Rob Smith (need a couple more)

Public Relations & Service – Scott Erdman will be on the I Heart Radio show Monday AM to kick off fair week

Horse Committee:

- Open horse show on Saturday before Fair.

Site & Grounds-

- The red metal fence for the SJO track is back up.
- Brian McFarren ordered the Mosquito Spray for fair week.
- Dumpster, porta johns are ordered.
- The phone in the Fair office is working. Sue Green will be stationed in the fair office, Monday thru Friday, from 9 am – 2 pm. We will pay her \$10 per hour.
- Brian McFarren and Matt Farrar went to the township planning commission meeting to discuss the site plan changes for the camping additions, new entry booth and removal of the fuel tanks. The township is requesting a walkthrough of the grounds before approving any of these things.
- The tarp on the roof of the swine barn will be replace before fair.
- Nancy Smith was able to arrange getting the driveway brined before Fair week also.
- A new pole was put in by the dump station to life the power line up higher so that it is not catching on campers.
- The inanimate tables were put back in the correct location by the tractor guys.
- The Circus that was schedule for Aug 12-14 has cancelled.
- There will be a circus on Sunday of Fair week in the front of the Updyke building parking lot. Show times are at 1 pm and 4 pm on Sunday.
- TSC donated a box of figurine toys that the 4-H Ambassadors will set up and sell at the Vendor Show. There were also 3 large winches donated.

Fairgrounds Calendar – No changes

Volunteer Time Sheets – Turn them In.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Set up – Brian needs kids to meet him at the pavilion Thursday night during setup at 6:30 to help set up recycling bins, etc around the fair grounds. Kids of a variety of ages and sizes will work.

Motion made by Shirley Thompson at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jason Deal. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christy Deal*