



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

April 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bruckman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

Present: Letitia Birchmeier, Dick Borm, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, David LeCureux, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Keith Valentine

Absent: Howard Ebenhoeh

Guests: Jim Askins, Bob Corrin, Tre Crook, Beth Ann Miller, Sharon Miller, Brian Mitchell, Tim Rosencrans, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan, Pennie Tomac

Public Comment:

None

Additions to the Agenda:

- Ticket booth – unfinished business
- Medical Marijuana – unfinished business
- Storage – committee reports
- Entertainment – committee reports

Motion by Borm and supported by Copes to accept the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the March 8 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by Felton to accept the minutes. Motion passed. Approved minutes will be posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

An unreconciled treasurer's report for 3/1/18 – 3/31/18 as well as an income/expense comparison for 10/1/16 – 3/31/18 were presented. Motion by Borm and supported by Birchmeier to receive and file the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – LeCureux provided a report.

Horse Department – Copes provided a report. Motion by Felton and supported by Newton to allow the Horse Department to begin fundraising to cover the arena. Roll call vote will all present voting yea. Motion passed.

Livestock Department – Frahm had no report.

Technology Committee – Engelhardt provided a report.

Partnerships – Copes reported that \$7,750 has been received.

Office Manager – Rosencrans provided a report.

Dog Department – Copes reported that they have received a \$10,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Junior Fair Board – Crook reported that the committee would like to recognize an Outstanding Youth Animal Exhibitor. Motion by Copes and supported by Gengler to allow the committee to move forward will developing the award for 2018. Motion passed.

Storage – Frahm reported that April 28 is move out day. He will need help beginning at 9 am.

Entertainment – Newton reported that she has received a contract from the rodeo and they need a \$1000 deposit. She has not heard from the motocross company and is wondering if we should book a tractor pull instead. Because advertising has already begun, it was suggested that we pursue some kind of motocross event. Motion by Frahm and supported by Valentine to send Lost Nations Rodeo the \$1000 deposit. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed.

SVAA Report: Copes provided a report.

President's Report:

- We have received the matching grant from MDARD for \$40,000 for bleachers. We are waiting for written confirmation on receipt of other grants.
- Cost of aluminum and steel is going up, so the cost of the bleacher project may change. The bid from Southern is good until April 15, but there is 2-3 months lead time. We do not have enough money to do the elevation project yet. Motion by Borm and supported by Gengler to utilize the MDARD grant money for bleachers and allow the executive board to accept bids and place an order. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm with Ryan Luft to look over the site and begin planning.
- According to camera work there are joints in the sewer line up near building M1 that are leaking.
- Ag Society newsletter has been mailed out.

Unfinished Business:

- Frahm reported that emails have been exchanged related to the audit.
- Nametags have been received and Newton will contact the company to fix problems.
- Copes reported that there will be an advertising committee meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:15 pm. They have signed a contract to use the digital billboard on I-75.
- Valentine agreed to chair the front gate ticket booth again this year.
- Vacancies on the board need to be filled. Submit names for consideration to the secretary.

New Business:



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- Bruckman will contact Lisa Reiff at MAFE to see what options we have regarding relationships with local medical marijuana businesses. Board consensus is that we do not want to be involved.

Correspondence:

- Engelhardt has sent several cards.
- A letter has been received from the Barb Smith Suicide RESOURCE & Response Network. Motion by Copes and supported by Borm to donate \$200 to their Walk for Hope event.
- Some Ag Society members have requested copies of the meeting minutes. After the minutes are approved, Engelhardt will send a copy to Rosencranz to post on our website.

Public Comment:

- Comments were received from Bob Corrin, Tre Crook, and Francis Sloan. Questions from Beth Ann Miller were referred to the Livestock Committee and Treasurer.

Directors' Comments:

- Comments were received from Borm, Felton, Birchmeier, and Gengler.

Motion by Gengler and supported by Newton to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary