



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

January 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bruckman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

Present: Letitia Birchmeier, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, David LeCureux, Brian Mitchell, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Lavern Spolarich

Absent: Richard Borm, Howard Ebenhoeh, Keith Valentine

Guests: Pennie Tomac, Tim Rosencrans, Peggy Garikes, Bob Corrin, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan

Public Comment:

None

Additions to the Agenda:

- New Business – contract with Big Rock Amusements
- Committee Reports - Partnerships
- New Business – Spolarich with a request

Motion by Gengler and supported by Felton to accept the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the December 14 regular meeting and December 28 special meeting were presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by LeCureux to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- A treasurer's report for 12/1/17 – 12/31/17 was presented as well as a Income/Expense Comparison for 10/1/16 – 12/31/17. Motion by Frahm and supported by Copes to receive and file the report. Motion passed.
- Robinette reminded the board that they need to submit a store receipt or fill out a slip if money is taken from Petty Cash.
- Motion by Frahm and supported by Copes to engage Ken Berthiaume, CPA, to complete a GAS audit of the Agricultural Society as required by our USDA loan. Cost of the audit is not to exceed \$5,000. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – Mitchell reported that he has scheduled a meeting for February 8 at 6:00 pm and invites everyone to submit ideas or projects that need to be completed.

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Horse Department – Copes reported that she would like to apply for the smaller MDARD grant for livestock premiums. She is applying for \$2500 for a dressage clinic, premiums, and equipment. Motion by Frahm and supported by Felton to support the horse department in its application for the grant as described. Motion passed.

Dog Department – Copes reported that she would like to pursue a \$10,000 grant from Saginaw Community Foundation to purchase equipment and update the building. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Newton to support the application. Motion passed.

Livestock Department – Motion by Frahm and supported by Birchmeier to require all hogs brought to the Saginaw County Fair to have a 5-way vaccine including swine influenza no more than 45 days before the start of Fair. Motion passed.

Technology Committee – Engelhardt presented a report.

Santa's Village – Garikes presented an income and expense report. A big thank you to Peggy and Sandy and their team of volunteers for another great event!

Office Manager – Rosencrans reported that the first draft of the MDARD grant for the bleachers is complete, and it is due February 1. He has also been working on moving tools into the electrical closet and converting the tool closet in the office into a conference room. Motion by Copes and supported by LeCureux to authorize Rosencrans to spend up to \$60 to purchase a full set of wrenches for the tool room. Motion passed.

Entertainment – Newton reported that contracts have been signed for Lost Nations Rodeo (Saturday) and Unique Motorsports (Wednesday). Gas Guzzy Monster Trucks (Friday) is interested and she has called them. Last year's motocross company (Thursday) is no longer in business, so she is contacting other companies. Tuesday grandstand is the dog competition. On-grounds entertainment is Animal Oasis again. The committee is currently under budget.

Partnership – Copes reported that letters are ready to go out.

SVAA Report: No report.

President's Report:

- Contract discussion with Big Rock at convention went well.
- Motion by Frahm and supported by Newton to change 2018 gate admission price to \$10 on Tuesday-Thursday and \$15 on Friday-Saturday. Motion passed. The contract does include the stipulation that gate admission price will be reviewed annually.
- Motion by Felton and supported by Frahm to change the age for senior discount to 62. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 120 Day Report has been submitted.
- Nametags – Newton reported that they are at the printer.



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- Awards – Engelhardt and Rosencrans will follow up with Jennifer Carman and submit the ribbon order soon.
- Motion by Felton and supported by Copes to rescind the motion from the December 14 meeting regarding the purchase of a showcase for \$1400. Bruckman called for a roll call vote: 10 yeas and 1 nay. Motion passed. Felton will contact the carpenter to let him know.
- Motion by Robinette and supported by Felton to spend up to \$1400 to repair display cabinets in the exhibit hall. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Spolarich reported that he has a contact through the Service Officers who would like to hold a resource fair for veterans during Fair. He will have them contact the office.
- Convention reports were presented by Felton, Frahm, Copes, Newton, LeCureux, Engelhardt, and Bruckman as well as a written report from Tre Crook.
- Motion by Felton and supported by Mitchell to allow the executive board to finalize the contract with Big Rock Amusements. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- A letter from Letitia Birchmeier was read in which she resigns her deputy treasurer post.

Public Comment:

- Francis Sloan reported that there was an old quote for elevated, handicap-accessible bleachers for \$87,000.
- Bob Corrin pointed out the large amount of work that Peggy Garikes and her team put in to Santa's Village. He also asked about having another tractor during Fair for garbage removal.
- Peggy Garikes thanked Tim Rosencrans for his hours of work.

Directors' Comments:

- Spolarich offered his resignation from the board of directors due to other obligations.
- Mitchell offered to contact Card Brothers about another tractor during Fair.
- Copes submitted a bill for repairs to dog department equipment that the board had agreed to pay.
- Gengler reported that he had attended a Village council meeting and found that there are plans to repair the culvert under Peet Road this summer.

Motion by Gengler and supported by Copes to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary

APPROVED