



# Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

July 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Second Vice-President Copes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

**Present:** Letitia Birchmeier, Dick Borm, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, David LeCureux, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac

**Absent:** Donna Felton, Terry Henne, Keith Valentine

**Guests:** Bobbi Bruckman, Bob Corrin, Teresa Crook, Layla Kettler, Rich Koski, Shannon Meyer, Tim Rosencrans, Ron Sholtz, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan, LaVerne Spolarich, Mike Weisenberger, Grace Wendland, Lloyd Zimmerman

#### **Public Comment:**

Sholtz commented on gate concerns.

Meyer expressed concern about camping during Fair.

Spolarich reported that the Chesaning American Legion agreed to split the sponsorship of Tuesday's veterans with the St. Charles post.

#### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Pre-fair safety meeting added to New Business.

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

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the June 14 regular meeting and July 2 special meeting were presented. Motion by Borm and supported by Robinette to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Banking Summary and Account Balances reports for 5/1/18-5/31/18 and 6/1/18-6/30/18 as well as a Cash Flow Comparison for 10/1/16-6/30/18 were presented. A revised budget was also available. Tomac noted that some expenses on the June report are “uncategorized” because they are charges from the debit card. Motion by LeCureux and supported by Borm to receive and file these reports. Motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Junior Fair Board** – Wendland and Kettler requested vendor booth space during Fair to set up an educational display about the 3 sisters. They also presented a list of recommendations for livestock judges that was developed by the Junior Fair Board. Their recommendations will be passed on to livestock superintendents.

**Buildings and Grounds** – LeCureux provided a report.

**Horse Department** – Copes requested approval to purchase 12 buckles. \$600 of the cost is still unsponsored. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Frahm to approve the purchase. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed. She also reported that in August 2017 a motion regarding the purchase of a pressure washer was made, but the purchase was never made and a dollar amount was not set. The Horse Department would like to purchase one now. Motion by Gengler and supported by Borm to allow the Horse Department to purchase a pressure washer up to \$350. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Newton for the Horse Department to make a \$600 down payment for the band for the Raise the Roof event. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed.

**Dog Department** – Copes reported that there are 28 youth and 4 open dogs registered for Fair. They need a budget to purchase 5 high point and 5 reserve prizes for the youth department. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Borm to set a \$200 limit. Motion passed.

**Livestock Department** – Frahm, Newton, and Tomac reported that new scales will be ordered tonight and that a new sign of the 2017 auction buyers needs to be ordered.

**Technology Committee** – Engelhardt provided a report.

**Partnerships** – Copes reported that \$25,000 has been received.

**Office Manager** – Rosencrans reported that advertising posters are available, camping has been assigned, billboards are up and active, and vendor spots will be assigned soon.

**SVAA Report:** Ebenhoeh distributed Harvest Banquet tickets and gun raffle tickets to each board member. Motion by Frahm and supported by Newton to allow the SVAA to have a booth to sell popcorn and raffle tickets at the Fair. Motion passed.

**President's Report:**

- Concrete under the new bleachers will be poured tomorrow. McNally-Nimergood has moved the old ones to allow necessary room.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Discussion was held on complimentary outdoor vendor spaces.
- Felton agreed to chair the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 pm. The Fair will purchase brats, and Newton agreed to cook them. Volunteer of the Year will be selected in a closed session.
- Engelhardt offered suggestions regarding a policy in the still exhibit areas. Motion by Frahm and supported by Gengler to adopt the following: "The Saginaw County Fair and its superintendents reserve the right to refuse to display entries." Motion passed.

**New Business:**



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- Motion by Tomac and supported by Newton to hold the regular August board meeting on August 16 rather than the 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.
- Emergency Safety meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18 at 10 am. A draft of a pocket guide was presented. Radios have been ordered, and we will need to check the batteries in ours. Fire inspector will walk through the exhibit hall.

## Correspondence:

None

## Public Comment:

- Zimmerman of the Sheriff's Posse requested that cards with phone numbers be required in cars with a stockgate pass.
- Koski asked if our right to refuse was a part of the vendor contract.

## Directors' Comments:

- Borm reported the passing of Irving Reinbold.
- Tomac reported the passing of Ernest Schmeige.

Motion by Newton and supported by Tomac to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt  
Secretary