



# Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

June 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Bruckman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

**Present:** Dick Borm, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, Terry Henne, David LeCureux, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac, Keith Valentine

**Absent:** Letitia Birchmeier

**Guests:** Bob Corrin, Teresa Crook, Peggy Garikes, Sharon Gewirtz, Nancy Krause, Sharon Miller, Tim Rosencrans, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan, Gloria Sutter

## **Public Comment:**

Krause expressed concern on behalf of Santa's Village volunteers about losing set-up time in October. Copes will work with the Santa's Village committee to develop a solution.

Francis Sloan announced that the sign for the outside of the cattle barn is finished.

## **Additions to the Agenda:**

Frahm asked that livestock policy be added under new business.

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

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the May 10 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by Newton to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

No report was available.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings and Grounds** – LeCureux gave a report. Motion by Henne and supported by Newton to authorize LeCureux to get bids to repair or replace three sets of overhead doors on the barns. Motion passed.

**Horse Department** – Copes reported that they have received a \$2500 grant from MDARD and the dressage arena has been ordered. Motion by Borm and supported by Felton to authorize the Horse Department to upgrade to a larger arena if they pay the additional \$500 cost. Motion passed.

**Dog Department** – Copes gave a report.

**Livestock Department** – Frahm gave a report. Motion by Tomac and supported by Borm to change the 45-day window for hog vaccinations to 50 days for the 2018 Fair. Motion passed.

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

**Partnerships** – Copes reported that \$14,000 has been received. Reminder letters went out this week.

**Entertainment** – Newton reported that a motocross event has been scheduled for Thursday night.

**Junior Fair Board** – Crook presented the revised version of the Outstanding Youth Exhibitor Award. It will need to be posted online as applications are due July 1. Motion by Felton and supported by LeCureux to establish the award. Motion passed.

**Office Manager** – Rosencrans gave a report. Due to recent work with vendors, he requested a written policy about complimentary space both indoors and outdoors. This will be addressed at next month's meeting. He requested that the board consider upgrades to the phone system in the office. Motion by Borm and supported by Henne to purchased 3 cordless units for \$150 if funds are available. Motion passed.

**SVAA Report:** Ebenhoeh reported that they will have tickets available for the Harvest Banquet soon. The Saginaw Valley Ag Heritage scholarships were awarded to Avery Copes and Heather Mahoney.

**President's Report:**

- Project to install the new bleachers is progressing.
- Jerry Kasik of Sovis Insurance will be writing us a letter stating that our policy will need to be reviewed if we allow consumption of medical marijuana on the grounds.
- Memorial Healthcare Foundation has awarded us an AED.
- Bruckman reported that he gave an informational presentation to the Kiwanis club in Owosso last week.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Frahm suggested an additional sign be added to the pole at the main intersection near the Farm Bureau area to direct visitors (see handout). A 4'x4' size was suggested and a cost of \$200 was estimated. Motion by Frahm and supported by Copes to order it along with the other signs. Motion passed.
- Newton passed around a sample for new nametags. Suggestion was made to make the name bolder.

**New Business:**

- Rosencrans's annual review was completed earlier tonight. The committee noted several strengths. Suggestions for improvement include workstation cleanliness and improved communication between Rosencrans and the board. Motion by Borm and supported by Gengler to increase Rosencrans's rate of pay by \$1 per hour for up to 20 hours per week retroactive to May 1, 2018. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed.
- With Fair drawing near, a Volunteer of the Year will need to be selected at next month's meeting. Felton agreed to chair to Volunteer Picnic.



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- Motion by Frahm and supported by Tomac to establish an Animal Care Policy that reads: The Saginaw County Fair reserves the right to refuse entries from persons who have been convicted of or are under prosecution for animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, or similar charges. Motion passed.
- Motion by Tomac and supported by LeCureux to table the discussion about a similar policy for still exhibits until next month. Motion passed. Engelhardt and Robinette will work on this idea.
- Motion by Borm and supported by Felton to authorize the application and use of a credit card from Citizen's Bank. The card will have a \$10,000 limit and Bruckman and Robinette will be signatories. Motion passed.

## Correspondence:

- Motion by Valentine and supported by Borm to donate \$100 to the American Legion for Boys State. Motion passed.
- A thank you from Heather Mahoney for the scholarship was read.

## Public Comment:

Krause asked that the Santa's Village committee be able to reserve set-up time in the exhibit hall in the future.

Corrin inquired about garbage pick-up during Fair.

Francis Sloan asked for an update about the audit.

## Directors' Comments:

Robinette asked that the emergency management team have a meeting.

LeCureux asked if bleacher sponsors should be recognized.

Felton expressed concerns about the executive board meetings.

Copes asked about the landscaping around the goat pavilion. Michelle Kettler and Westsiders will take care of it. She also reported that Dr. Weisenberger is offering discounted fecal tests for dogs.

Frahm reported that some of the livestock barn flowerbeds will receive maintenance in the future from 4-H clubs.

Tomac reminded the board that privacy needs to be a concern at all desks and computers in the office.

Set-up in the exhibit hall will begin Wednesday, June 20 at 9 am.

Motion by Borm and supported by Ebenhoeh to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt

Secretary