



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

PO Box 449 • Chesaning MI 48616 • 11350 Peet Rd • 989.845.2143 • Fax 989.845.2682

www.SaginawCountyFair.org • SaginawFair@Yahoo.com

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Saginaw County Agricultural Society

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 16, 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, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, David LeCureux, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac

Absent: Terry Henne, Keith Valentine

Guests: Bob Corrin, Dan Himstedt, Cindy LeCureux, Stacy Newbold, Tim Rosencrans, Amy Sholz, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan

Public Comment:

A letter was read on behalf of Kimberly James regarding feedback about the dog department. Motion by Tomac and supported by Borm to refer her ideas to Himstedt and the dog department. Motion passed. Sholz requested building space for the Chesaning homecoming floats to be worked on. Motion by Copes and supported by Borm to allow the Chesaning High School homecoming committee to use the hog barn to store and work on floats if the school's insurance covers liability. Motion passed.

Additions to the Agenda:

Repair of showcases was added to Unfinished Business.

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

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the July 12 regular meeting and July 18 emergency meeting were presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by Borm to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Banking Summary reports for 7/1/18-7/31/18, Account Balances as of 7/31/18, and Cash Flow Comparison for 10/1/16-7/31/18 were presented as well as a fair attendance comparison graph. Motion by Borm and supported by Newton to receive and file these reports. Motion passed.

\$35,467.50 of the \$40,000 has been received for the bleacher grant. Motion by Borm and supported by Felton to pay Southern Bleacher Company \$70,935.00 per the bill received. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – LeCureux thanked everyone for their hard work.

Horse Department – Copes reported that the committee will meet soon. Motion by Borm and supported by Tomac to allow the purchase of 27 ads on WKCQ for \$378 for the Raise the Roof fundraiser. Motion passed.

Dog Department – Himstedt reported that there were 20 dogs at the fair, and shows went well.

Livestock Department – Frahm reported that the committee will meet next week. Auction brought in \$262,000 and another \$17,120 from donation animals. \$62,000 has already been collected.

Technology Committee – Engelhardt reported that the committee has met and made notes for next year.

Partnerships – Copes reported that money is still being received. A thank you note will be sent soon. VIP dinner was again donated by Maple Grille.

Entertainment – Newton reported that the week went well.

Junior Fair Board – No report.

Office Manager – Rosencrans reported that MAFE sent information on a livestock seminar. He suggested discontinuing use of the fax line and instead using e-fax. Faxes would be received via email, resulting in a small savings. Motion by Borm and supported by Gengler to switch from a fax line to e-fax in the office. Motion passed.

SVAA Report: Ebenhoeh reported that the popcorn booth and gun raffle tickets sold well during the fair. Final preparations are underway for the banquet.

President's Report:

- Concrete under the new bleachers has been poured. There was originally \$100,000 to fund the project. \$87,000 has been spent. \$2,000 was spent on rental bleachers. It would cost \$19,000 to have Southern Bleacher assemble our bleachers. Assembly cost from Kulhanek is unknown. A small committee will meet with Rod Kulhanek to determine the future plans for the project.
- Propane contract from Applebee has come in at \$1.63 on the pre-buy plan. Francis negotiated \$0.99 last year, but cost has increased. The fair usually uses 4,000 gallons. It was agreed by consensus that Francis will negotiate the best price, and we will pay as we use it.

Unfinished Business:

- Volunteer Picnic is August 23 at 6:00 pm. Felton and Rosencrans will send an email reminder.
- Felton has contacted Rod Kulhanek about adding casters to the 19 showcases in the exhibit hall. The plan is to work on the project this winter. Felton and Valentine have agreed to use funds from the sale of the history book if necessary.
- Motion by Felton and supported by Copes to not loan our showcases to other people/organizations. Discussion followed and Tomac reported that 3 cases were loaned to MMOGTA last fall in exchange for repairs made to them. Motion and support were rescinded. Motion died.
- Motion by Tomac and supported by Borm to establish a policy that all equipment owned by the Saginaw County Agricultural Society not be loaned out without expressed approval by the board of



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

PO Box 449 • Chesaning MI 48616 • 11350 Peet Rd • 989.845.2143 • Fax 989.845.2682

www.SaginawCountyFair.org • SaginawFair@Yahoo.com

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

directors. Discussion followed. Motion by Borm and supported by Tomac to table the motion until next month. Motion to table passed.

New Business:

- A current list of committees was distributed. Members were asked to review and bring changes to next month's meeting.
- Motion by Tomac and supported by Newton to hold the 2019 Saginaw County Fair on July 30-August 3. Motion passed.
- Motion by Newton and supported by Copes to hold the annual meeting of the Saginaw County Agricultural Society on November 4 at 2:00 pm. Motion passed. Current board members with terms expiring are Ebenhoeh, Frahm, Gengler, Henne, and Robinette. New candidates are welcome to apply.
- Motion by Frahm and supported by Newton to withdraw \$50,000 from our savings account at The State Bank and invest it in the 24 month CD at 2.48% that they are currently offering. Signers will be Edward Bruckman, Lana Robinette, and Eric Frahm. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- A request for donation was read from the Chesaning Military Classic. Motion by LeCureux and supported by Felton to donate \$50 from the fair and \$50 from Santa's Village. Motion passed.
- Thank yous were read from the St. Charles library for donated tickets; the Travis Mills Foundation for a \$200 donation (2017 junior livestock auction chicken); and Rose Spero, Levi Wascher, Layla Kettler, and Pierce VanHarren for livestock trophies.

Public Comment:

- Himstedt expressed concern about dogs on the property during fair.
- Francis Sloan suggested that someone fill the role of “runner” in the future during fair.
- Corrin recommended that board members be in attendance.

Directors' Comments:

- Comments were made by Robinette, Tomac, LeCureux, Felton, Ebenhoeh, and Copes.

Motion by Felton and supported by Tomac to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary

APPROVED