



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

November 8, 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: Jim Askins, Letitia Birchmeier, Dick Borm, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Rosie Garcia, David LeCureux, Beverly Newton, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac,

Absent: Keith Valentine

Guests: Teresa Crook, Tim Rosencrans, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan, LaVerne Spolarich

Public Comment:

Sandy Sloan is looking for craft volunteers for Santa's Village.

Francis Sloan recommended looking into hooking up to city water.

Laverne Spolarich suggested a resource fair for military veterans on Tuesday during Fair.

Additions to the Agenda:

Dog department report, committee protocol, city water, financial audit, conversion to Quickbooks, and a livestock report were requested to be added.

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

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 11 regular meeting and November 4 special meeting were presented. Motion by Copes and supported by Felton to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Banking Summary reports for 10/1/18-10/31/18 and Account Balances as of 10/31/18 were presented. Motion by V. Newton and supported by Borm to receive and file these reports. Motion passed.
- A final copy of the budget was presented.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – Bruckman reported that most of the winter storage is in buildings. LeCureux reported that he will have a company rep come in to analyze the lighting in the exhibit hall. He also requests that before new equipment is purchased, speak to him so that we can avoid duplicates.

Horse Department – Copes reported that the Barn Bash finished with an estimated profit of \$6,700. They may repeat the event in June or July. All funds were deposited in SVAA account. Motion was made by Garcia and

supported by Birchmeier to authorize the spending of \$90 to print 200 additional copies of the antique sale flyer. Motion passed.

Livestock Department – Tomac provided a written report with recommendations from the committee.

Motion by Borm and supported by Robinette to allow exhibitors age 8 by January 1 the option to participate in market sale with a hog, lamb, goat, or small animal but they must show as junior showman. Motion passed.

Motion by Borm and supported by Birchmeier to form a committee to study the idea of a small animal sale separate from the current sale. Motion passed. Garcia volunteered to represent the Fair board on that committee. Motion by Borm and supported by Garcia to change the upper weight limit for lambs to 165 pounds. Motion passed.

Partnerships – Copes distributed samples of the new tri-fold brochure.

Junior Fair Board – Crook reported that the committee would like to award the Outstanding Youth Exhibitor award again next year. The committee is revising their judging recommendations, but does not want changes made to the document when it is posted. The committee would like a table at Santa's Village where kids can write letters to the troops.

Office Manager – Rosencrans provided a written report. He is currently working on rebuilding the websites. Bruckman has approved modified winter hours beginning soon: Monday – Thursday 10 am – 3 pm. Modified hours will be posted on the office door, gate, and phone message. Discussion was had regarding printers/copiers in the office. The board requested that Tim do additional research and report back next month.

SVAA Report: Ebenhoeh reported that they will be selling popcorn and ornaments at Santa's Village. Their annual meeting is in January.

President's Report:

- New AED machine now has a battery.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Ebenhoeh and supported by Garcia to accept the recommended list of loan/not loan equipment. Motion passed.
- MAFE convention is in January and reservations need to be made soon.

New Business:

- Help for the treasurer is needed. Beverly Newton has agreed to help on a trial basis. Robinette will talk to Hoerner's. We may need some help with the transition to Quickbooks. Copes reported that Brian Gardener of Gratiot County would be willing to help.
- We have received written notice from the IRS that the issue we had had has been cleared up.



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- Committees have been created. Please attend meetings and contact committee members to work on issues.
- The dog department had a committee meeting. Laura Hoover and Averi Copes will be new co-superintendents. They have updated show times during Fair and will have the barn open and staffed from 2-8 pm on Tuesday-Friday and 12-8 pm on Saturday. They are willing to provide the Tuesday grandstand show again.
- Motion by Garcia and supported by Tomac to approve a membership application from Gretchen Schulte. Motion passed. Motion by Tomac and supported by Borm to approve a membership application from Andrea Raymond. Motion passed. Motion by Borm and supported by V. Newton to approve a membership application from Bernie Keinath. Motion passed. Motion by Garcia and supported by V. Newton to approve a membership application from Tammy Vogelaar. Motion passed. Motion by Tomac and supported by Garcia to approve a membership application from LaCosta Moll upon payment of application fee. Motion passed.
- Committee chairs are asked to place a list of what your committee does and when to the green binder so that we have a record of the rolls of committees.
- Robinette reported that she will make a contact regarding a financial audit.
- Ebenhoeh will approach the village about the possibility of hooking up to city water. The Master Plan committee will need to look at options.
- 120 day report needs to be finished by the end of November.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

- Francis Sloan requested that the audit be performed on last year's books, the year following his term.
- Crook reported that she had donated a copy of Quickbooks but would like it back if we are not going to use it.

Directors' Comments:

- Copes reminded board members to ask for volunteers nicely.
- Askins reported that Santa's Village needs help.
- Borm has donated back \$100 worth of premiums from his department.
- Engelhardt reported on the Zone 4 meeting in Arenac County.

Motion by Tomac and supported by Borm to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary

APPROVED