



# Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

July 11, 2019

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

**Present:** Jim Askins, Letitia Birchmeier, Dick Borm, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh (late), Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Rosie Garcia, Beverly Newton, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac

**Absent:** Eric Frahm, Keith Valentine

**Guests:** Dan Copes, Tim Rosencrans, Gretchen Schulte, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan

**Public Comment:** none

**Additions to the Agenda:** Askins requested discussion of the parking lot as a part of the buildings and grounds report. Copes requested the addition of reports from the Safety committee and Advertising committee. Under the President's report, delete the volunteer of the year and employee evaluation (mistakenly left on from last month) and add the updated rental contract. Add the Denno's television and drawer money under unfinished business. Add memorial under new business.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the June 13 regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Garcia to accept the report. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Robinette presented a Statement of Activity for 6/19 and Statement of Financial Position as of 6/30/19 prepared by Hoerner's Accounting.

She also reported that Hoerner's mistakenly billed the Ag Society for \$875 that should have been sent to the SVAA. That bill was paid, but the money will be refunded. No sponsorship money has been received from SVAA yet.

Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Garcia to receive and file the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The next USDA report will be prepared by Hoerner's.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings and Grounds** – This committee still needs a chair. A "to do" list has been created, so jobs need to be added to it. There is a work day on Saturday. Several people will be working on putting casters on showcases on Sunday. Askins reported that he is worried about traffic flow in the parking lot to the exit gate. A possible

long term solution may be to move the exit driveway further west. Trash crew sign-up will be added to the livestock department's sign up sheet with a 7 am start time.

**Horse Department** – Copes reported that we hosted a MBRA show last weekend and there will be a 4-H show this Saturday.

**Livestock Department** – It was reported that no tent will be needed for lambs. Sheep will be housed in the cattle barn. Set up is Saturday.

**Camping** – A written report was provided. Camping is full.

**Technology** – A written report was provided.

**Vendors** – A written report was provided. Motion by Garcia and supported by Birchmeier to allow The River (medical marijuana provisioning) as a vendor with the understanding that they can be asked to leave if they violate the vendor contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 yea and 3 nay. Motion by Garcia and supported by Tomac to accept Pure Romance as a vendor as long as the booth is appropriate for families and no catalogs are handed out. Motion passed with 2 votes in opposition.

**Office Manager** – Rosencrans provided an oral report. He is working on sponsor passes, new parking lot signs, and getting sponsor information on the website.

**Advertising** – Copes reported that \$27,700 has been spent. That is \$500 more than last year. This year's advertising budget was \$25,000. Costs from the Tri-County Citizen and Independent both increased. The committee has a proposal from 97.3 The Joe for \$1,150 in radio ads. Motion by Garcia and supported by Birchmeier to advertise on The Joe. Motion passed with 1 vote in opposition and 1 member abstaining.

**Safety** – Copes reported that the committee will meet next week. Ambulance contract was changed due to cost. Twin Township proposed \$3,000 (that is up \$2,000 over last year) for the week. Considering crowd size and grandstand contracts, a decision was made to only pay for service from 6-10 pm on all 5 nights for \$1,200. Motion by Borm and supported by V. Newton to contract Twin Township for ambulance service for \$2,500 for all 5 days if that price is available. Motion passed.

**SVAA Report:** Ebenhoeh reported that Harvest Banquet and gun raffle tickets are available.

**Partnership** – Copes reported that \$19,150 in cash and in-kind sponsorship has been received. This is a total similar to last year.

#### **President's Report:**

- Z92.5 would like to interview some board members on Tuesday or Wednesday morning or afternoon. Copes and Birchmeier will attend on Tuesday afternoon.
- Copes presented an updated rental contract price list. Motion by Garcia and supported by B. Newton to accept the list with correction if typos. Motion passed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**



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- Discussion was held regarding the filling of the vacant board seat. The board agreed to try to fill the seat at the August meeting.
- Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Askins to purchase an air conditioner for the ticket booth for up to \$150. Motion passed.
- For the television giveaway at Fair, Denno's has a 50" Samsung for \$399 for a 54" Samsung for \$479. Motion by Garcia and supported by Felton to purchase the 50". Motion passed.
- Robinette reported that she has an envelope marked "director's discretionary fund" with \$86.70 that was intended for flowers and an additional \$40 from memorials in honor of Jim Felix. Motion by Garcia and supported by Birchmeier to combine the funds and purchase a bench in memory of Jim Felix. Motion passed.

## New Business:

- Applications for membership to the Ag Society have been received from Brian Kramer and Elizabeth Tomac. Motion by Garcia and supported by V. Newton to accept them as new members. Motion passed.
- Discussion was held regarding the change in August meeting date. Motion by Tomac and supported by Felton to move the meeting to August 15. Motion passed.
- Volunteer picnic will be held August 29 at 6 pm. Set up will take place at 6 pm the day before. Felton will chair the event.
- Discussion was held regarding a memorial to Ralph Frahm. Askins explained some of Ralph's involvement on the board and SVAA. On behalf of the Frahm family, Copes requested that the board not make a decision at this time.

## Correspondence:

- A thank you note from Gypsy Goddess was read.
- A request has been received from the Military Classic regarding sponsorship. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Felton to be a \$25 hole sponsor. Motion passed.

## Directors' Comments:

Borm requested help with Bossie Bingo. We also need to check on the license.

V. Newton reported that we will need to build or rent a stage for Wednesday night. She has a \$1,680 quote for a 24'x24'. She will also need a changing room and wash station.

Ebenhoeh thanked Birchmeier for the work on the rental price list and Copes for her work on advertising. Garcia still needs ticket sellers.

Engelhardt reminded the board that MAFE tickets for fair admission are available in her desk.

Copes reported that we have received an email from Ryan Hoerner to finalize preparations for the financial audit.

Motion by B. Newton and supported by Garcia to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt  
Secretary

APPROVED