

# Muskegon County Fair Association

## MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017

Directors present: *Scott Erdman, Brian McFarren, Christy Deal, Melissa Morgan, Jason Deal, Shirley Thompson, Amy Gerwig, Alicia Kantola, Heidi Raap, Stacy Skilling, Jenny Erffmeyer and Nancy Smith*

Directors absent: *Josh Mueller, Cindy Rhine, Sarah Knight, Christ Knight, Tanya Horne, Kelly Johnson*

Fair Association members present: *Marve Engle*

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Scott Erdman, followed by roll call.

**Secretary's Report:** Emailed out by Christy Deal. Jason Deal made a motion to accept the secretary report; Brian McFarren supported. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**Treasury Report:** Presented by Brian McFarren for January 2017. Motion made by Jason Deal to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Melissa Morgan. All voted in favor and motion carried.

### **Special Speaker:**

- John Cramblett – Sportsman for Youth representative

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Online Administrator** – Nothing new to report.

#### **Finance Committee** –

- MDARD Grant has been submitted. The county will match our funds for the grant. The grant proposal was written to expand the camp ground.

**Vendor Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Awards / Premiums** – Nothing to report

**Arts & Talent Committee** – Conversation started on whether we have or need a superintendent for the 2017 talent show. The 2016 candidate was not planning on doing it for 2017.

**Shooting Sports** – The State 4-H Shoot has been moved to Saturday, July 29, which will limit the number of kids from our county can participate as that is the last day of our fair week.

**Small Animal Committee** – Nothing to report

#### **Livestock Committee** –

- A poultry superintendent is needed.
- Livestock Participation forms due March 1.
- Livestock Committee will meet again in March.
- The Ultra Short docking ban (sheep) has been suspended for 2017, will be revisited in 2018 based on the availability of information that is out there.
- One unpaid large animal auction bill from 2017 (Plumb's). Alicia Kantola has hand delivered a copy of the bill to them.

#### **Fair Event Committee** –

- 5K has been suspended unless someone can pick it up and manage it. It was suggested to ask Josh Mueller as this is something he has the most knowledge about. Jenny will check with him.
- We will try have the Pedal Tractor races Monday night during Fair week.
- Looking for a carnival already for the 2018 Fair (dates are July 22-29).

**Public Relations & Service** – Nothing to report.

**Horse Committee:**

- Casino Bus trip planned for February 25, see Sarah Knight for tickets.

**Site & Grounds-**

- Rental Contracts approved for WYLD (Haunted Hall), SJO, SFY, MLOT, Pheasants Forever, Tractor Show. It was discussed that rental rates were increased in 2016 so they were left at the 2016 rate for 2017. Motion made by Shirley Thompson to accept the contracts as written, seconded by Jason Deal. All in favor, motion was carried.
- Brian submitted the 2 reports to the county that were required. Motion made by Brian McFarren to accept them as written, seconded by Shirley Thompson. All were in favor, motion was carried.
- A 6 month extension was granted to finish up the Grand Stand fencing project.
- Winter storage take out times will be the first 2 Saturdays in April.

**Fairgrounds Calendar –**

- Remove October Horse Show

**Volunteer Time Sheets** – Turn them In. Attached to this email as well.

**Fair book –**

- Complete and posted on the Fairgrounds website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Fink – Public Works Engineer – has someone coming to check the compost pile

Motion made by Brian McFarren at 7:47 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Seconded by Jason Deal. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds office.**

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christy Deal*