

Muskegon County Fair Association

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2017

Directors present: *Scott Erdman, Christy Deal, Jason Deal, Shirley Thompson, Alicia Kantola, Chris Knight, Brian McFarren, Sarah Knight, Melissa Morgan, Tanya Horne and Nancy Smith*

Directors absent: *Josh Mueller, Kelly Johnson, Jenny Erffmeyer, Heidi Raap, Stacy Skilling, Cindy Rhine, Amy Gerwig*

Fair Association members present: *Marve Engle*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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; Shirley Thompson supported. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Treasury Report: Presented via email by Brian McFarren. Motion made by Jason Deal to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Shirley Thompson. All were in favor, motion was carried.

Special Speaker:

- Tonya Pell – Tonya is the new 4-H Program Coordinator who has replaced Katie. Tonya came to introduce herself.
- Marve Engle discussed the children's millage that is being presented in Muskegon County, the vote will be in November. MSU Extension created a hand out explaining the facts of the millage that Marve passed around.
- John Cramblett – Sportsman for Youth representative. Attendance for the September event was 2,494 kids plus 1,994 adults for a total of 4,484 people. The SFY thanked Nancy Smith and Stacey Skilling for the mowing they had done. There were some concerns expressed about the hero mud run obstacles that still remained accessible to the participants that were walking around, especially the 2 climbing structures.

OLD BUSINESS

Online Administrator / Advertising – NA

Finance Committee – NA

Vendor Committee – NA

Awards / Premiums – NA

Arts & Talent Committee –NA

Shooting Sports – NA

Small Animal Committee – NA

Livestock Committee –

- The Open forum was held on August 24. The meeting was a positive event. The Fair Survey that was put out during fair week was reviewed as well.
- We are in need of a new Showman of Showman superintendent.
- There are no final numbers from Greenstone for the animal auction yet.

Fair Event Committee –

- The Kiwani's are interested in doing another beer tent/concert for next year, would like to start planning earlier. They will be attending the November board meeting to discuss more details. Some ideas they also had were hosting the 5K for next year, and having a pancake breakfast during fair week. More details will follow after the November discussion.

Public Relations & Service – Sullivan Township Planning Commission meeting is October 10. We are looking at getting approval to finish the additional campsites.

Horse Committee:

- Last Speed show of the year was September 22.
- Sarah Knight will present at the next Livestock Committee meeting regarding adding additional footing to the beef barn.

Site & Grounds-

- Barn roof repairs are in progress.
- The red fence along the SJO track has been closed as an open permit with the township.
- Storage is starting in October, the first date for intake will be October 7. The beef barn is filled with return customers. The swine barn is also filled.
- The Boy Scouts would like to return for their winter event, the dates will be February 2 & 3.

Fairgrounds Calendar – No changes, Sept 22 horse show is last event. Please bring 2018 event dates to November meeting.

Volunteer Time Sheets – Turn them In.

NEW BUSINESS

Bi law changes will be voted on at the October meeting.

- One change submitted is Article 13, Section 1. Currently states “Any amendment to these by-laws may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the members at the annual meeting of the association; provided that written notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendment shall be given to the members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting”. The suggested change is that it should read “Any amendment to these by-laws may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the members at the annual meeting of the association; provided that written notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendment shall be given to the members in the minutes of the previous meeting to the annual meeting”.

Shirley Thompson will be the election committee for the next meeting as well.

Gazebo – Scott would like to see us work on a Gazebo for weddings, fair games, etc. It would be in the inner circle, towards the beef barn from where the fair games tent currently sits.

Motion made by Shirley Thompson at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jason Deal. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds office.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christy Deal*