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Montcalm County Fair Association Board Meeting

April 01, 2019 Ash Building

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Eldridge at 7:04 pm.

Board members present were;

Melissa Eldridge, Lisa Johnson, Holly Esterling, Brad Heft, Lee Rasmussen, Carrie Harkness, Mike Jensen, Tammi Jahnke, Todd Hetherington, Jason Nadeau, Shaun Hyde, Amy Bell, Cheryl Strautz Brian Plank

Absent: Melanie Rodenhouse

Others present were:

Tarin Minkel

Motion by Todd Hetherington, support by Lee Rasmussen to approve the Secretary’s minutes from the March meeting. Motion Carried

Motion by Todd Hetherington support by Carrie Harkness to put the financials as presented on file. Motion carried.

**Extension Office**:

* + Alternative spring break was a success
  + Education outreach program is progressing – local schools are participating
  + 23 Kids enrolled for exploration days
  + Superintendent meeting will be May 6th at 5:30PM

**Executive Committee**:

* Nothing to report

**Budget & Audit Committee**:

* Nothing to report

**Buildings, Grounds & Construction Committee**:

* Melissa is working on getting approval from health department on drawings for septic.
* Lee is looking for suggestions on wordage for signs out by entrance

**Rental Committee**:

* Month of March – Brought in $1,773 - 4 Events
* April & May projected to bring in $8,561.50- 9 Events
* 6 signed contracts & 2 facility tours
* 35 rentals booked for 2019, 4 rentals booked for 2020
* Horse area has 20 events booked
  + 4-H events (6)
  + 14 paid events

**Judges**:

* 2 more contracts to go out – Cheryl is waiting for signed contracts to come back

**Livestock/Agriculture – Bio-Security:**

* Shaun is working on getting a meeting together

**Concessions, Commercial Exhibits & Grandstand**:

* Grandstand events:
  + Sunday - Figure 8 trailer races
  + Monday – Antique Tractor pulls
  + Tuesday – Mini Modified Tractor Pulls
  + Wednesday -?
  + Thursday – Livestock Sale
  + Friday – Rodeo
  + Sunday– Demolition Derby
* Concessions are coming in
* Work on having a Flea Market/Craft show
* Kids area at fair with activities
* Carnival signed for 1-year contract

**Fairbook:**

* Nothing to Report

**Showorks:**

* Online Registration May 1st – 15th

**Awards/Trophies**:

* Awards are ordered and majority will be in possession by May 6th

**Marketing & Fundraising Committee**:

* Dicastel sponsorship may be changing with new management at the company
* Spectrum Health wants to sponsor the Kid’s Day
* Chemical Bank has committed to sponsor
* Ed Koehn would like to do a whole grandstand sponsorship

**New Business**:

* Discussion about mandating vaccines in the horse projects – What are we doing to help prevent disease issues – Committee to put together a plan
* Amy Bell is attending the Klackle Orchard auction – Looking for suggestions
  + PA Systems
  + Picnic tables
  + Floor cleaner
  + Playground equipment
* Clean up Days
  + May 4th 10-12
  + May 18th 10 -12
  + June 1st – 11-1
  + June 15 – TBA
  + Please let Jason know when members are attending
  + Please bring yard tools, Wheelbarrows, Weedwhackers

Melissa Eldridge adjourned meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Holly Esterling, Secretary

Next Meeting Date – 05/06/2019 7:00 PM

Fair Dates – June 23 – 29, 2019