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Montcalm County Fair Association Board Meeting

June 03, 2019 Ash Building

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville, MI

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Brian Plank at 7:07 pm.

Board members present were;

Lisa Johnson, Holly Esterling, Brad Heft, Shaun Hyde, Amy Bell, Mike Jensen, Tammi Jahnke, Todd Hetherington, Brian Plank**,** Melanie Rodenhouse, Lee Rasmussen, Jason Nadeau

Absent: Cheryl Strautz, Melissa Eldridge, Carrie Harkness

Others present were:

Tarin Minkel, Mary Gee

Motion made to accept additions to the agenda by Todd Hetherington support from Lisa Johnson – Motion passed

Motion by Todd Hetherington, support by Tammi Jahnke to approve the Secretary’s minutes as amended from the May meeting. Motion Carried

Motion by Todd Hetherington support by Mike Jensen to put the financials as presented on file. Motion carried.

**Extension Office**:

* MAFE Newsletter had links to bio-security information
* MDARD.MSU having a pre-fair season webinar
* Newsletter has been sent out
* June 15th 10-12:00 cleanup date – Brad Heft will be present to check in
* Herdsmanship committee would like to get parking passes for the day that they are judging
* Jr Superintendents - 7 have volunteered covering majority of the areas. Went over the Superintendents box.
* S’mores by the pond/Bonfire – Saturday night by Lake 4H

**Executive Committee**:

* Nothing to report

**Budget & Audit Committee**:

* Tammi Jahnke passed out a budget report and presented to the board
  + Motion made by Todd Hetherington support by Mike Jensen to approve Tammi Jahnke to watch for Quickbooks update sale and let us know when it is available – Motion carried
  + Melanie Rodenhouse moved and supported by Amy Bell to accept budget report as amended – Motion carried

**Buildings, Grounds & Construction Committee**:

* Horse lean to is complete except for electrical
* Update on Sewage/Drain field – there is forward movement – some additional changes would need to happen – just need to show that there is progress in moving forward
* Water heater issues in the bath house – Working to see if repairs are under warranty.

**Rental Committee**:

* Month of May – Brought in $5,351.50 - 7 Events
* June/July projected to bring in $3,560.00- 4 Events
* 6 signed contracts & 2 facility tours
* 41 rentals booked for 2019, 9 rentals booked for 2020
* Repair requests
  + Outlets on West wall in East wing do not work
  + Some light bulb out in Ash building, need replacing
  + Connection on mop sink needs fixing

**Judges**:

* Received majority contracts from judges

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

* Shaun presented a proposed plan – Suggested to e-mail out to board members and we would review and discuss at meeting prior to fair.

**Concessions, Commercial Exhibits & Grandstand**:

* Received all contracts for grandstand events. Proof of Insurance from Carnival has been received.
* 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

**Fairbook:**

* Having issues with deadlines for animal registration – mostly small animal – Address and make more clarification after fair

**Showorks:**

* Registration went well – good feedback – 4.5 stars
* 5,186 Entries with 442 Exhibitors

**Awards/Trophies**:

* Awards Are coming in and will be completed by Fair

**Marketing & Fundraising Committee**:

* Sponsors for awards/trophies are coming in
* MCC/MSU sponsor for $5,000
* No word from Dicastel
* $6,000 from Ed Koehn
* Wilber-Ellis, Chemical Bank also are sponsoring
* Daily News has been set up for advertising
* Posse/EMS/Central dispatch has been contacted
* Porta johns/Dumpsters have been lined up

**New Business**:

* Kids Day
  + Simulating combine exhibit
  + Bounce house
  + K9 unit will do a presentation
* Early Release
  + 2 horses have requested to leave for Saturday – Todd Hetherington moved to approve the early release at noon for the horse and needed tack only (Leave decorations) support from Tami Jahnke – Motion Passes
  + Still Exhibit Absentee exhibitor judging request – Exhibitor won’t be able to be present at show day – asking to have a representative in their place – Tammi Jehnke moved to approve their absentee exhibitor with the understanding that they can not participate in the still exhibit auction – Support by Lee Rasmuseen – Motion Passed
* Tammi Jahnke moved to move the July meeting from the 1st to the 8th support by Lee Rasmusen – motion approved

Lee Rasmussen move to adjourned meeting at 8:57 PM - Support by Jason Nadeau – Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by Holly Esterling, Secretary

Pre-fair meeting date – June 16, 2019 7:00 PM

Next Meeting Date – 07/08/2019 7:00 PM

Fair Dates – June 23 – 29, 2019