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Montcalm County Fair Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville, MI

October 24, 2019

**Registration:**

Doors opened at 6:00pm- members signed in and received packet

**Welcome:**

Lisa Johnson welcomed members

Cory Wall presented prayer

**Dinner:**

Dinner commenced at 6:30pm

Main course was prepared by Sage’s meat market

**Pledges:**

Hailey Heft presented the pledges

**Presentation:**

Melissa Eldridge, President, presented a slideshow covering a year in review.

Fair dates June 21 – 27, 2020

Melissa covered areas that we have improved and expanded on.

Committees were covered and request for volunteers

Our future goals were presented.

* Fair manager
* Strategic Plan
* Water/Electric in more campsites
* Entrance design plan/implementation
* Beef barn expansion/livestock office
* Grand stand ticket booth
* Grandstand roof
* Enclosed arena
* Grounds keeper
* Accountant
* Campground expansion
* Fence by large paking area

**Introductions:**

* **Board Members:**
* President – Melissa Eldridge
* 1st Vise President – Brian Plank
* 2nd Vice President – Carrie Harkness
* Secretary – Holly Esterling
* Treasurer – Lisa Johnson
* Members:
  + Shaun Hyde
  + Brad Heft
  + Amy Bell
  + Melanie Rodenhouse
  + Lee Rasmussen
  + Todd Hetherington
  + Tammi Jahnke
  + Cheryl Strautz
  + Mike Jensen
  + Jason Nadeau
* **Outstanding Volunteers:**
* Amble Electric
* Mary Gee
* Michelle Nightingale
* Taylor Harkness
* Ashley Davis
* Caleb Wieland

**Annual Meeting**:

* Meeting called to order at 7:27pm by Melissa Eldridge, Fairboard President.
* Please note that our roll call was completed as guests registered upon arrival.
* Information was handed out including minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting, 2018-2019 financial reports, and ballots for voting.

**Secretaries Minutes:**

* Motion by Todd Hetherington Support from Tammi Jahnke to approve the 2018 annual meeting minutes.
* Motion approved

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Treasurer’s report was presented by Lisa Johnson
* Motion by Brian Plank, support Cory Wall to place treasurer’s report on file.
* Motion carried

**No Old Business to present**

**New Business**

* Tarin Minkel, 4H Program coordinator, discussed areas in regard to roles and responsibilities and the differences between 4H and the Fair organization.
* Role of 4H focuses on the education of our youth, the role of the fair is to provide a facility and an event for the youth to showcase their abilities.
* Melissa Eldridge discussed the memorandum of responsibilities that the board members have approved.
* Meliss

**Introduction of Nominees for the Fairboard:**

Nominees are:

* Melanie Rodenhouse
* Mary Newman
* Clifton Dickinson
* Todd Hetherington
* Lisa Johnson
* Brian Plank
* Jennifer Senn
* Becka Merren

**Election of Fairboard Members:**

5 positions open, 3-year terms

* Mary Newman
* Todd Hetherington
* Lisa Johnson
* Jennifer Senn
* Becka Merren

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Holly Esterling, Secretary