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Montcalm County Fair Association Board Meeting  
1 April 2024  
Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville, MI

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Todd Hetherington and the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Board members present:

Officers: President Todd Hetherington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Brad Heft, Treasurer Lisa Johnson, and Secretary Tammi Jahnke

Directors: Shirley Dean, Tom Aldridge, Joe Minkel, Shaun Hyde, and Sunni Haglund.

Directors Absent: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jason Nadeau, Amber Ryan, Jamison German, Blaine Jenks, Becka Merren, and Tammy Hancock.

Others were:

Katie Johnson – Rental Coordinator – in attendance  
Sunni Haglund – MSUE PC – in attendance

Guests: Travis Bean, Mary Gee, Melissa Williams, and Jackie Nadeau.

Secretary Minutes from March 2024 presented by Tammi Jahnke. Motion to approve made by Lisa with changes to page three. Second by Joe Minkel. Motion passed to place minutes on file.

Financials were not able to be presented through the end of February 2024 by Treasurer Lisa Johnson. Lisa advised that she has not been able to get the report of the payments made online and bank statements to reconcile and is still working on this issue. Motion by Shaun to table for approval to the May 2024 meeting. Second by Tom Aldridge. Motion carried.

**Guest Comments**

- None

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**Extension Office:**

- Sunni Haglund handed out copies of the Extension March 2024 Newsletter and gave a report.
- Sunni Haglund advised Ad Council has received four scholarship and four 4-Her of the Year applications.
- DeVos donations have been collected by three clubs in the county. 4-H CCC will be getting these delivered to DeVos Children's Hospital. Challenge to Clubs for ice cream social.

**Executive Committee:**

- Did not meet.

**Budget & Audit Committee:**

- Did not meet. Committee still in need of one more member not related to anyone on fair board.

**Bylaws:**

- Did not meet.
- Sunni Haglund mailed out over 300 packages to notify MCFA members of meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 for approval of changes. Shirley Dean made a motion to reimburse Sunni Haglund \$870.52 for postage, copy paper, and envelopes. Shaun Hyde second. Motion passed.
- Special meeting set for 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at 3pm at the Ash Building

**Buildings, Grounds, Camping & Construction Committee:**

- Update of roof on barn, Todd Hetherington is working on it.
- Drainage issue, also Todd Hetherington has not received a return call.
- Jackie advised that Winfield Hustlers has offered to volunteer time to repair the grandstand bleachers, if the previous amount approved for materials expense can be used. Motion by Sunni Haglund to approve, second by Tammi Jahnke. Motion passed.
- Joe Minkel has been working on quotes for concrete in the swine area. 50x8x4 concrete pad he received a \$3,000 quote. This was approved a year ago but due to timing, not yet completed. Motion Lisa Johnson, Second Sunni Haglund to move forward. Motion passed.
- Mary Gee advised that there is a woodchuck issue going on under the livestock office that committee needs to address.
- Sunni Haglund presented a list from the 4-H Horse Committee as to repairs that need to be done in the horse area of the fairgrounds.

**Rental Committee:**

- Katie Johnson provided a report on the rental activities to date for the month of March 2024: Has booked a Quinceanera in 2024, a wedding in 2026, and met with others.

- Dog Committee would like to use the fairgrounds for the Dog Days of Summer event, July 13, 2024. Request presented by Brad Heft. Agreed that the normal \$50 rental fee is acceptable.

#### **Judges:**

- Committee did not meet. 17 out of 20 Judges have confirmed with Sunni Haglund estimated cost within budget at \$4110.00, plus a few with requests for mileage and one request for hotel stay.
- Need to set a policy on paying for helpers/ring stewards to volunteer with shows in various project areas. Tammi Jahnke made a motion to send to policies and procedures committee to review. Second by Sunni Haglund. Motion passed.

#### **Livestock/Agriculture/Bio-Security/MCFAAC:**

- Bird flu is back per Shaun. Possibly affecting dairy cows and goats.
- Will need to wait for guidance from MDARD as to how will affect fair.

#### **Concessions, Commercial Exhibits & Grandstand Events:**

- Shirley Dean is in process of securing additional vendors.

#### **Fairbook & Showworks**

- Per Mary Gee – still a draft online. Waiting for drug testing policy. Todd Hetherington to check into whether what we have will cover us or not.
- Unable to get online, when resolved will give an update per Mary Gee.

#### **Awards/Trophies:**

- Per Sunni Haglund, the committee met and went through the current inventory and are in the process of getting an order into Action Awards.

#### **Marketing/Fundraising/Website/Communications Committee:**

- Committee to meet, lots of items in the works still.

#### **Accessibility Committee:**

- Being worked on, however, no report was available.

#### **Kids Day (Youth, Family & Community) Committee:**

- Committee met before this meeting. Hoping to make it better than last year. Line Dancing 4-6, Parade of Clubs 6:30, Grandstand Event at 7pm. Discussed letting those who participate in Parade of Clubs get in Free to grandstand event. Committee's next meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Shirley Sunni Haglund presented an example of a beef model that costs about \$3k. for display. Tammy Hancock working on getting a grant for these displays. Other 4-H areas and fairs have shown interest in renting the displays from us, if we were to get them. Tabled pending receipt of more information.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- Pat Outman's office requesting a best day to speak at the fair. Joe Minkel will contact them and talk to them to see what their plans are and suggest a booth rental.

Motion made by Joe Minkel to adjourn. Support by Shaun Hyde. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Jahnke, Secretary

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Meeting – 1 April 2023 at 7:00 PM

At Ash Building, Montcalm County Fairgrounds,  
Greenville, Michigan

ALL Fair Committee Members and interested 4-H Volunteers/Members  
are invited to attend.

Annual Meeting – Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 at 3pm

Fair Dates – June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024