

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
June 13, 2023
Minutes**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Jerry Zachary, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Ben Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Daryl Keesler, Alex Wilson. Guests Jon Blough, NeilBowman, Bobbie Labar, Jan Becraft, Jennifer Stockwell, Patty Dohm, Bridget Lemon, Nathan Town, Melissa Town, Tiffany Graves, Mary Tharp, Callie High, Linda Hertsel, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Vice President Gail Peterson, Directors Zelda Cloud and Rodney Waldschmidt.

Minutes: Gene Deubner moved to approve the May 2023 Minutes, supported by David Gleason. Motion Carried.

Financial Report: Jill Hersherberger moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Mike Frushour. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright shared that she delivered the scales, asked to have the lights and fans looked at in the barn, and offered raffle tickets.
- Michigan State Extension Office Secretary Patty Dohm shared 463 were currently enrolled in Blue Ribbon. Asked if anyone contacted Brooke concerning the limit of dog judges.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded that he will contact Brooke.
- Tiffany Graves shared information about the Safety Meeting that will take place on July 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Four campsites will be needed. Also reviewed the hours that police presence will be on the grounds during fair week and the total will be \$3,600.00.
- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Jan Becraft asked when the grounds will be sprayed.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded two weeks prior to the fair July 16th.
- Swine Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell shared that the posts from the old show arena appear to have bugs attacking them. She asked to have the guard rail and lights looked at.

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- Parent Neil Bowman asked if there are any protocols if there is an air quality issue during fair week. Also shared that Ontwa Township's next public meeting will be July 5th at 7:00 p.m. to allow a limit of six small animals per species.
- Sweepstakes Superintendent Callie High would like to add a Sportsmanship Award. Asked the following questions: protocol for sponsorship, mileage for judges, grading of show arena.
 - Brenda responded that currently there is \$2,600.00 currently in the account Judges receive a flat fee of \$50.00.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared the following:
 - There were eight family groups that participated at the Spring Fling Campout.
 - She has sent out twenty-seven Thank Yous.
 - Debriefed the current amount of registrations.
 - Six certified letters have been mailed out to Northwest campers of the relocation process.
 - Saturday, June 17 is AED Training
 - Camp Lottery is June 24th
 - The Barn Believers grant application was denied due to placing metal on the barn does not meet their qualifications.
 - Brochures were ordered.
- Space Rental Mike Smego shared the following:
 - Made the suggestion to offer to sell hog showmanship gates to St. Joe County Fair, Indiana for \$3,500.
 - Shane Harris moved to offer the hog showmanship gates to St. Joe County Fair, Indiana for \$3,500 and will accept \$3,000.00, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
 - Trees have fallen
 - Shane Harris moved to approve CB Tree of Cassopolis to trim the trees for \$400.00, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
 - Beer Tent: David Gleason will bring up the loader to do sod, Rob Eubank will come in to drill holes for poles, Bender Electric will work on lighting.
 - \$9,000.00 worth of poles have been donated. \$1,500.00 for each pole.
 - New Fans have been installed in Show Arena
 - The fence needs to be completed by June 25th for Tractor Pull
 - Lowe Building next step will be electric and insulation.

Committee Reports

- Beer Tent Operation: Discussion took place during Space Rental Mike Smego's report was given.

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Old Business: None to report.

New Business:

- Sale of Hog Showmanship Gates: Vote took place during Space Rental Mike Smego's report.
- Asphalt Sealing - Brenda emailed quotes June 7
 - Shane Harris moved to approve Shembarger Asphalt quote for \$12,880.00, approved by Daryl Keesler

Adjournment

8:18 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Jill Hershberger, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple