

**Cass County Fair Association**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**CASS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**  
January 11, 2022

**GUESTS:** Robin Breneman, Sarah Breneman, Tom Gregory, Bobbi Labar, Charlie McCarthy, Brenda Smego, Austin Towne and Lorenne Witham

**ABSENT:** Gene Deubner, Robert Eubank, Mike Frushour, Ben Waldschmidt and Steven Waldschmidt

**KUEMIN:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Brian Kuemin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Zelda moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Shane. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. Shane moved to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:**

**WITHAM:** Lorenne starts on Monday, January 17th as the 4-H Program Coordinator.

**GREGORY:** Tom stated he is helping a first year exhibitor who is 8 years old. The exhibitor will be keeping her pigs at his house. Tom is not sure if the exhibitor's parents will be at the fair because they're not livestock people. He asked for clarification on the rules during fair week to be able to help her since she is 8 years old. The board consensus was there will be no problem.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HARRIS** Shane reported he has bids from Bee 100 and The Bear. It's the same proposed package as last year except for the remote. Daryl moved to accept the same advertising packaging as last year minus the remote at a cost of \$3,945, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

**CLOUD:** Zelda reported she has the contract for the bear show. The grounds entertainment will consist of the bear show and Nick's Kid Show. Shane moved to sign the contract with Weldy Bear Shows at a cost of \$15,000, seconded by Daryl. Motion carried.

**WALDSCHMIDT:** Rodney reported that he and Brian met with Jesse Bement and Kevin Waldschmidt about the Tractor Pullers. They agreed to pay to put on the shows and the Tractor Pullers are going to get vouchers from the fair and pay for pit passes overall. The Tractor Pullers will pay a certain fee and they're buying their own passes. It will not be up to the Tractor Pullers what they do with their money. Brian stated everyone was happy and it was a positive meeting.

**SMEGO:** Brenda reported Mike has visited with the vendor for the Monster Truck show for the weekend of June 17th. Mike is proposing one show on Friday, two shows on Saturday and one show on Sunday. It will generate \$10,000 in revenue for the fair plus clay that will be brought in and left for the fair. Shane moved for Mike to put a contract together for the Monster Truck show, seconded by Rodney. Discussion. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**KUEMIN:** Brian stated that some of the places the board has went to for dinner in the past during convention have closed. There will be a cash lunch available on Friday and Saturday. Board members will get a key to use for the elevators at the Amway when they check into the Courtyard where everyone is staying.

**KUEMIN:** Brian reported that he had a Zoom call last week with Kayla Devries and Nikki Williams about lowering the exhibitor age. Kayla and Nikki want the age lowered to 5 year olds. Brian stated there are some concerns about lowering the age, adding additional livestock and the auction, not enough processors, et cetera. Brian asked board members to talk to other fairs at convention about the age of their exhibitors. Discussion. The committee will meet after convention and then bring a recommendation to the board for a decision.

**KUEMIN:** Brian reported that Diane included a report regarding transferring funds for a better interest rate for accounts. Honor Credit Union has the best rate. Shane moved to go with Diane's recommendation to transfer \$160,000 (Business Savings #1534), \$80,000 (Lowe Building #5016) and \$50,000 (Special Projects #1993) to Honor Credit Union, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

**SMEGO:** Brenda reported that nine more units were moved into the covered arena with \$2,072 additional revenue for storage.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**KUEMIN:** Brian stated the board needs to start thinking about the Grand Marshall for the fair. Suggestions were Jim and Becky Moore, Bill Schupp and Dr. Joe Fedore. Brian asked everyone to keep thinking and discuss it at next month's meeting.

**KUEMIN:** Brian stated that goat fair book changes were sent out to the board with most changes to align the showmanship ages with the large livestock and add a minimum weight. Shane moved to accept the superintendent changes as recommended, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

**KUEMIN:** Brian stated that light horse fair book changes were sent out to the board. Brian asked Bobbi Labar about moving the Pee Wees to show on Friday night with drive-in. Bobbi said that's a safety concern but she can discuss it with the Horse Leaders at their next meeting. Discussion. Dave moved to accept the superintendent changes as recommended. Discussion. Rodney seconded motion. Motion carried.

HARRIS: Shane stated that Kris Sweitzer will be submitting official changes for the sheep. Kris wants to change the AOB class to have AOB white face and AOB black face with a minimum of 5 sheep per class. If there are not enough for a class, they will be combined back to the regular AOB class. Discussion. Shane moved to accept the superintendent changes as recommended, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

KUEMIN: Brian stated in the past the board has had a fair book cover contest. He recommended the board pick their own theme. He has been in contact with Patti Dohm who is interested in helping and suggested coming up with their own theme instead of a book cover contest. Discussion. This matter will be discussed more at next month's meeting.

SMEGO: Brenda stated she talked to Diane about the fair having a Zoom account. It costs \$15 per month for the fair to have their own account instead of using the MSU Zoom account. Shane moved to set up a Zoom account through April, seconded by Jill. Motion carried.

SMEGO: Brenda stated the fair has an invoice from Force 5 for website hosting at a cost of \$35 per month or \$420 per year. Shane stated he thinks it is a line item in the budget. The board consensus was to pay the bill.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

PETERSON: Gail asked if anyone is on racoon patrol for winter for the boats. Brenda stated she doesn't think it's going to be a problem. Brian stated he will check on it.

KEESLER: Daryl asked why the big dumpster is still at the grounds. Brenda stated they still haven't removed it and it's printed on the bill that she has requested it be removed. She will call tomorrow again to ask that it be removed.

HARRIS: Shane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Mesko  
Recording Secretary