

Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
GREGAREK BUILDING
April 12, 2022

GUESTS: Jan Becraft, Robin Brennehan, Bobbie Labar, Bridget Lemon, Jesse Lemon, Charles McCarthy, Melissa Town, Karen Wright

ABSENT: Jerry Zachary

KUEMIN: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brian Kuemin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Zelda moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Shane. Motion carried.

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

GUESTS:

WRIGHT: Karen reported she has estimates for the goat pens. Countryside Creations quoted \$21,036 for half of the barn or \$44,106 for the whole barn. They are the most reasonable of the three companies that she contacted. Countryside Creations will need a \$10,000 deposit.

Brian stated he looked at what is the current goat barn to see if it could be made into the rabbit barn about a week ago. He met with Beth Noles and they think it will work. Some cages might have to be purchased and the rabbit account has approximately \$3,000. Beth requested an enclosed room for storage that could be locked.

Brian asked Karen about using the existing center goat pens. Karen doesn't think they can be used. Once the boats are moved out of the Bergman Building, plans can be finalized and the project can be started. Karen said there's not enough money in the goat account for the whole project. Brian stated that pens can be ordered for half the barn since that's the amount of money available. Karen will start working on sponsorship for the balance of the pens.

BECRAFT: Jan reported she sent the proposed dairy feeder steer barn rules to the board members. There was discussion about water bucket in the pens, height of tack boxes and rinsing pans on the wash rack. Zelda moved to accept the dairy feeder steer barn rules, seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

Jan reported that validation and weigh-in is this weekend (April 16th) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TOWN: Melissa stated that there were superintendent meetings in September 2021 and last month regarding several matters but no decisions have been made.

Melissa reported that the age groups for showmanship are not uniform for large and small animals. The superintendents agree that the ages should be uniform and proposed the following age divisions:

beginners ages 7 to 9;
juniors ages 10 to 12;
intermediates ages 13 to 15; and,
seniors ages 16 and up.

The superintendents would like to have the above age changes for this year. The age division changes exclude light horses and draft horses.

Melissa reported that the superintendents do not have any recourse for exhibitors not cleaning their pens. The superintendents are proposing that they (the superintendents) could choose to not allow an exhibitor to show that particular species the following year if they strike out three times during fair week. Discussion. The matter was referred to a committee which includes Gail, Jim, Rob and Shane.

Melissa inquired if the fair board meeting minutes could be sent to the superintendents so the superintendents could stay informed. Jill suggested having the minutes posted on the website. The board consensus was to post the approved minutes on the website.

Melissa stated there is no cut off/pick up time for exhibitors to pick up their animals on Sunday in the fair book (other than the poultry division). Discussion. Daryl moved that all animals be loaded out by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, seconded by Rodney. Motion carried.

Melissa inquired about maintenance requests, specifically cement in the poultry barn. Discussion. Brian stated that the maintenance department hasn't started this year yet. Melissa stated she is requesting fans (similar to the smaller ones in the rabbit barn) and concrete for the poultry barn. Melissa reported that the poultry barn has money in their account. Brian asked Melissa to get quotes for what she is requesting and bring the quotes to the board.

Melissa stated there is a space in the northwest corner of the old Posse barn that is heavily used fair week. She requested that if it doesn't have to be tore out, that it not be. Daryl stated he didn't think it was being used and it will not be torn out.

MCCARTHY: Charlie stated he was following up on the changes to the North Red Hill horse barn. Mike Smego had asked Charlie to get a crew to seal the roof and he has some people interested. Charlie stated that things were done to the barn before the club was notified. Discussion. Daryl stated he has metal to match the roof. Daryl is going to meet with Charlie and his helpers to discuss renovations/changes in more detail.

LABAR: Bobbie inquired if light horses will be allowed to start horse workouts in May. This was already approved at the February 2022 or March 2022 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

KUEMIN: Brian reported that there is a sales tax issue and Diane has researched the matter. The fair is only tax exempt for products, not for buildings. The fair has sales tax liability due of approximately \$6,700. Daryl moved to pay the approximate \$6,700 sales tax, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried.

KUEMIN: Brian reported that the spring fling campout is Memorial Day weekend. It's posted on Facebook and will be added to the website.

PETERSON: Gail inquired if superintendents are going to keep the existing weigh-in schedule for May validation. Karen Wright stated that goats will need a scale for Saturday and Sunday.

BRATTON: Dave reported that the new John Deere Gator has been purchased and delivered. Greenmark included a front bumper for it. Dave offered his thanks to those who donated to it.

NEW BUSINESS:

KUEMIN: Brian stated that the board needs to meet with the insurance agent before the May meeting. Diane will talk to the insurance agent about meeting on May 2nd or 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The alternate meeting date is April 27th. Diane will check with the insurance agent and let everyone know the meeting date.

KUEMIN: Brian stated that work nights need to be scheduled. It was the consensus of the board to have work nights on Thursdays, starting May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

KUEMIN: Brian stated that the board needs to change the workshop that is scheduled for May 14th because it's the weekend of the car show. The board agreed to move the workshop to May 7th at 8:00 a.m.

ROUNDTABLE:

MESKO: Lizzie submitted her resignation as the recording secretary. She will continue to take the minutes until the board is able to locate a replacement.

BRATTON: Dave asked the board to keep an eye on things at the fairgrounds when in the area.

PETERSON: Gail inquired if there is a way for people to print the fair book. Mike will check with Office Depot and see if they can keep a file of the fair book on record and what the cost would be to buy a printed copy of the fair book.

HARRIS: Shane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Zelda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Mesko

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Recording Secretary