

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
June 14, 2022
Minutes**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Rob Eubank, Rodney Waldschmidt, Jim Teter, Dave Bratton, Gene Deubner, Mike Frushour, Shane Harris, Daryl Keesler, Ben Waldschmidt, Jerry Zachary, Guests Jesse Lemon, Bridget Lemon, Patty Dohm, Karen Wright, Bobbi Labar, Robin Brennehan, Pauline Harris, Rennie Witham, Recorder Stephanie Knepple

Absent: Director Zelda Cloud

Minutes: Shane Harris moved to approve the May 2022 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Shane Harris moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Jill Hershberger. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- MSU Extension Support Patty Dohm reported that currently 447 4-Hers are enrolled to show. Normally there are over 700.

- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright expressed her gratitude to the board for moving the pens in the goat barn. She asked how to rearrange the center pens. Karen decided to have the new gates painted black.

- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported that currently there are 21 paid sponsors and 11 committed. Campsite Lottery will be June 25th registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and lottery at 9:00 a.m. Campsite refunds through June 17th. Submitted campsite update on website and Facebook. Currently 104 light horses, 16 dog/cat, and 40 Cloverbud.

- Treasurer Diane Skibbe stated that the Financial Report is missing the Fund Balance and will be included in the next month's report.

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- Space Rental Mike Smego reported \$15,000 was made from rentals. The Monster Truck Show was very successful. Plans to complete Jones Rough Riders and

North Red Hill barns' project by the end of the month. Daryl Keesler estimates \$677.00 more to complete the project. Mike Smego asked for approval to spend the extra money to complete the project.

Shane Harris moved to approve the extra money needed to replace the metal, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Advanced Plumbing roughed-in plumbing in the Lowe Building and once completed walls can be built. The grounds have been sprayed. Mike Smego shared how impressed he is with how nice the grounds look and has received positive reviews on how well maintained it is. It is mowed everything Thursday.

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports to report.

Old Business:

- Brian Kuemin reported the Insurance Review with Bob Bucko. Everything is on track with contacts. Due to liability no one is allowed to operate equipment that is under 18 years old. There will be a price increase. Overall a positive meeting.

New Business:

- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego requested to have active shooter training for the Board and Livestock Superintendents. Brenda Smego and Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator Renee Witham will schedule the training prior to the Superintendents meeting.
- Director Mike Frushour shared with the Board the new fair brochure. It is noted on the brochure Grandstand Attractions admission will go up \$5.00 after pre-sale date. After discussion it was decided if a Grandstand attraction is canceled there will be no refunds.

Shane Harris made a motion to charge \$5.00 after the pre-sale date for Grandstand Admission, supported by Gail Peterson. Motion carried.

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- **Advertisements**

Director Gail Peterson shared that Farmers Exchange offers free to fairs pre-fair and after-fair advertisements.

President Brian Kuemin received information about submitting an ad to Michigan Farm News for a cost of \$40.

Executive Secretary Brenda Smego spoke with the company that offers free advertising for the fair on placements.

- President Brian Kuemin reported that before the Board Meeting there was a Safety Meeting and stated that the Emergency Services are well prepared for this year.

Adjournment

7:43 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple