

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
November 8, 2022
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, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Daryl Keesler, David Gleason, Alex Wilson, Guests Neil Bowman, Tom Gregory, Jennifer Stockwell, Nikita Mehaney, Sara Brenneman, Robin Brenneman, Bobbie Labar, Pauline Harris, Leddrew Smith, David Doyle, Lacey Parsons, Kelsey Omvig, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Director Jerry Zackery.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the October 2022 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Parent Lacey Parsons asked about lowering show age.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded that the topic will be discussed at the next Superintendents meeting.
- Parent Tom Gregory asked about the creation of a Judging Committee.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded that the topic will be discussed at the next Superintendents meeting.

Committee Reports:

- 11-5-22 Adjoining Fair Round Table Discussion
 - President Brian Kuemin thanked Executive Secretary Brenda Smego for setting up the round table discussion and how successful it was.
 - Berrien County Fair offered to host the Fair Round Table Discussion in 2023.
- **Superintendent Interviews**
 - President Brian Kuemin announced the Superintendents Committee recommends to fulfill Superintendent positions as follows:
 - Callie High-Large Animal Sweepstakes
 - Melissa Towne-Small Animal Sweepstakes
 - Cameron Hayden-Livestock Judging
 - John Blough-Rabbit

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- Jennifer Stockwell-Swine
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Superintendent recommendations as presented, supported by Daryl Keesler. Vote 16 yes, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
- Office Storage Area
 - Space Rental Mike Smego reported that the new storage area just needs an entry door installed and other than that it is completed.

Old Business

- Storage Report
 - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported that 26 units are being stored under the covered horse practice arena. Total \$6,855.50.

New Business

- Membership Purchase
 - Directors received a membership form to fill out and return with payment.
- Election of Officers
 - Zelda Cloud moved to nominate at-large Brian Kuemin as President, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to close nominations and approve Brian Kuemin as President, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
 - Rodney Waldschmidt moved to nominate at-large Gail Peterson for Vice President, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to close nominations and approve Gail Peterson as Vice President, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to nominate at-large Jill Hershberger as Secretary, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to close nominations and approve Jill Hershberger as Secretary, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
 - Jill Hershberger moved to nominate at-large Diane Skibbe as Treasurer, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to close nominations and approve Diane Skibbe as Treasurer, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
 - Rodney Waldschmidt moved to nominate at-large Daryl Keesler and Mike Frushour for executive positions, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to close nominations and approve Daryl Keesler and Mike Frushour for executive positions, supported by Jill Hershberger. Motion carried.

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- **MAFE Convention**
 - President Brian Kuemin asked board members to complete registration and turn it in.

- **Suggestions for 2023 budget meeting including estimated cost**
 - Meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Diane Skibbe's Office.

- **High Indotainment/Drew Smith**
 - Drew Smith a representative of High Indotainment thanks the board for allowing the use of the grounds for the event. Smith shared the interest of offering more than one event in 2023. Possible dates would be the weekends after Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.

- **New Name Badges**
 - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported a quote she received for new name badges for the Directors. The price for the badges are \$8.00 to \$12.00.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the purchase of magnetic name badges for the Directors, supported by Mike Frushour. Motion carried.
 - Suggestions were shared to have more shirts and hats printed before the Convention.

- **Beer Tent**
 - Daryl Keesler suggested having a Beer Tent at the 2023 Fair. Offering entertainment every night. Proposed location next to emergency building. The proceeds would be split and donated to all the schools' Project Graduation groups in Cass County.
 - Beer Tent Committee was formed. Members are as follows Daryl Keesler, Jim Teter, Ben Waldschmidt, Rodney Waldchmidt, David Gleason, and Zelda Cloud.

- **Grounds Winterization**
 - Space Rental Mike Smego reported that the grounds have been winterized.

Adjournment

8:05 p.m.

Zelda Cloud, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Knepple