

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
May 10, 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 Zackery, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Daryl Keesler, Alex Wilson. Guests Neil Bowman, Jennifer Stockwell, Patty Dohm, Deputy Tiffany Graves, Tom Gregory, Karen Wright, Pauline Harris, Robin Brennehan, Callie High, Heather Burchfield, Bobbie Labar, Jon Blough, Julie Johnson, Janice Becraft, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Director Ben Waldschmidt

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the April 2023 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Shane Harris moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright reported that on Saturday, May 6th 85 goats were validated. Wright also asked when the grounds would be sprayed so she can set a date for barn cleanup. It was confirmed that the spraying would be done two Sundays prior to fair.
- Patty Dohm gave an update that as of that morning 70 exhibitors had enrolled in Blue Ribbon. Dohm also asked if any species was planning on having an Alumni Show, if so she will need to know as soon as possible.
- Tiffany Graves reported that the mounted division has been scheduled for fair week. The Fair Safety Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00pm.
- Horse Superintendent Bobbi Labar asked the board when they should begin raking the horse arena.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded and gave his approval to begin shoveling and raking the arena.
- Pig Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell reported that validation went smoother than expected. She also asked if a light replacement in the barn can be done.

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- Space Rental Mike Smego reported upcoming events that will be held at the fair. Smego also reminded the members that Thursday evenings are work nights.
- Treasurer Diane Skibbe reported that responses have been received concerning family wishes of what to spend memorial fund monies on. 2 for benches and 2 training sessions for AED machines.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported.
 - Species need to fill out a waiver form for alumni show.
 - Safety equipment AEDs and First Aid Kits have been received.
 - Sponsorships are coming in.
 - Parade letters were mailed out.
 - Suggested to schedule a meeting for the Beer Tent operating details.
 - Van Buren/Cass Health Department has information about mosquitoes.
 - June 24th is Camp Lottery and 7 campers will need to be relocated.
 - Smego recommended to join the Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce. \$120.00 for a year membership.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve the membership of Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Meeting regarding plan of operation for beer tent.
 - Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business: None to report.

New Business:

- Compensation for grandstand ticket takers.
\$1,200.00 requested for the week, a \$200.00 increase.
 - Jill Hershberger moved to approve the compensation of \$1,200.00 for the week, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve a \$200.00 pit gate increase, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:38 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Knepple