

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
January 9, 2018

2018 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President
Corey Voegele, Vice President
Donna Buchmann, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Rick Bauman
Laura Benz
Judy Brunmeier
Renee Carlson
Vern Muscha
Gloria Olheiser
Chris Renner
Shanan Weigum
Stacy Welk

The reorganizational meeting was called to order by President Laura Benz at 8:15 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele, Stacy Welk

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Shanan Weigum

Secretary's minutes Craig said the board had not approved the minutes from the March 21, 2017 and the May 16, 2017 meetings because a quorum was not available at the June meeting and a copy of the March 21 meeting minutes was not available for reading at the May 16 meeting. Lenny moved to approve both reports as emailed to the board. Stacy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Donna. The balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$87,809.68. Stacy moved to accept the treasurer's report. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- **Association of Fairs Convention** – Laura, Judy, Vern, and Lenny attended the convention November 16-18 in Aberdeen, S.D. Laura said the sessions were good overall, but South Dakota needs to make the convention a better draw for people to attend.
- **Grants** – Lenny talked about grant writing options and checking to see if the board's federal ID registration is up-to-date.
- **Entertainment, Volunteers** - Vern talked about how bands are selected for entertainment. He also suggested having a volunteer appreciation party after the fair to thank volunteers who help during the year and fair. He discussed sharing resources with other organizations.
- **Saturday's Band** - Judy said the fair needs a band that appeals to a young crowd for Friday night. She said there were a few at the convention that may have potential.

(Old Business continued)

- **State Fair Annual Meeting** – Chris attended the meeting in Minot on November 16. He said the state fair was profitable in 2017.

New Business:

- **2018 West River Judging Contest** is February 24. Lenny moved to give \$1,000 to the West River Judging Contest Committee to help cover expenses. Stacy seconded. Motion carried. Lenny said it would be great if fair board members would help with the event.
- **Entertainment** – Lenny moved to set the 2018 entertainment budget at \$40,000 with the option to amend it if necessary. Gloria seconded. Motion carried. The board approved Laura as Entertainment Director for 2018.

Some entertainments spots have been filled. We have contracts for The Johnny Holm Band, Miss Bows Messy Mania, the Keith Raymond Magic Show and the Mighty Thomas Carnival.

Election of 2018 Officers – President Benz asked for nominations for the office of President. Vern nominated Laura. Corey nominated Lenny. Lenny was elected as President by written ballot.

Laura called for nominations for the office of **Vice President**. Chris nominated Laura, who declined. Chris then nominated Vern. Lenny nominated Corey. Corey was elected as Vice President by written ballot.

Laura asked for nominations for the office of **Treasurer**. Lenny moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Donna. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: Craig Askim, ex-officio by county commissioners.

Next meeting: February 20, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary