

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103

Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

May 15, 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 meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Corey Voegele, Shanan Weigum, Stacy Welk

Secretary's Report: Laura moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting. Renee seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Donna. The balance as of May 15, 2018, was \$128,597.86. There was one deposit and four checks written, one being half the payment for Saturday's headliner. Judy moved to approve the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Donna received two letters, one from the Corps of Engineers requesting a free booth, and the second from Julie Skaret, a marketing strategist from Bismarck.

Old Business:

- **Beef Barn Electrical Work** – Vern received a bid of \$5,500 – \$5,800 from B & G Electric of Minot for upgrades to the beef barn electrical system. The board earmarked \$10,000 for the project at the March meeting, so Vern was given approval to accept the bid if no other bids come in within the next two weeks.
- **Wash Rack/Hog Barn** - Vern requested a bid from Shelton Contracting for replacement of water pipes, etc. on the wash rack and hog barn. There are still three boats in the sheep barn.

• **Committee Reports** –

Confirmed: Water truck
Emergency services
Co-op BBQ
Livestock judge
A dairy judge is not yet confirmed.
A rabbit and poultry judge is still needed.
Fifteen commercial booths
Gateway to Science (Friday)

- **Advertising** - Stacy, Renee, and Gloria are working on ads and making newspaper and TV contacts.
- **Parade** - Renee will work on parade plans and a volunteer list for the gates.
- **Fair Book** - Stacy submitted static division changes to be made in the fair book to the Extension office.
- **Beer Garden** - Gloria will send letters next week requesting help with the beer garden.
- **Entertainment** - There have been no changes to entertainment. Laura is working on an opening act for Saturday night and has a verbal agreement with a band, but no written contract.
- **Bingo** - Gloria has a Bingo permit for Heritage Park, but it can only be used Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of the fair because 4-H has a Bingo fundraiser on Friday. The board is allowing Bingo at 7 p.m. Thursday, 4 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Locations to be determined.

New Business:

- **Livestock Awards** - Chris received a request to give belt buckles for open livestock awards. Laura presented examples of plasma signs for livestock awards. Following review of both requests and acknowledging both as good ideas, the board voted to give plasma signs as awards this year.
- **Transportation** - Vern talked to West River Transit regarding transportation for elderly and others to and from parking lots at Zion Lutheran Church, Beulah High School and the fairgrounds. Details need to be worked out. The bus will have specific drop off and pick up locations and times, and a specific route. Cost will be \$250 for nine hours of service. The board directed Vern to follow up as they would like to try it. Vern is to see if transportation could be provided 4-10 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday. Vern will report his findings at the June meeting.
- **Bleacher Request** - Gloria asked if Heritage Park could use a few bleachers this summer. Laura moved to allow them to borrow bleachers with the stipulation that they be returned to the fairgrounds by Wednesday of fair week. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: June 19, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary