

Mercer County Fair Association

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FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Country Kettle, Beulah

April 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Billy Anvik, Rick Bauman, Valerie Bauman, Duane Hopfauf, Mark Hafner, Jeff Klein, Roy Rasch, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Cody Wiedrich

Members Absent: Craig Askim, Kathy Earnest

Guests Present: Alan Geiger, Jennifer Gooss

Secretary's Minutes – Rick and Rita need to be added back to members present at the January 17, 2024 meeting at Bee's Café. Billy made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff reported the current balance in the bank account as of 4-3-24 is approximately \$11,000. Rick S. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence – NDIRF notified Rick B. that we should be getting an insurance refund. IAFE Association of Fairs sent a thank you for joining. Erickson Family Chiropractic wants to donate a new scale in honor of Leland and Judy Erickson.

New Business: (moved to the top of the agenda): Jeff Gooss requested the use of the Fair Board tents on July 29, for the first annual "Wheelchairs and Walleyes" handicapped youth charity fishing tournament to be held at Beulah Bay. He stated the Fair Board is welcome to use their handheld radios during the fair. Rick S. made a motion to lend our tents for the event. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous vote by show of hands. Jeff stated we are welcome to use their equipment whenever needed. Also, if we want fish for a fundraiser, we are welcome to it. We just have to ask.

Old Business:

- **Entertainment Update** – Tiffany knows how many hotel rooms we need now so she will book them this week. Contracts: The donkey races will be held on Wednesday. The new vendor charges \$4,500.
- **Open Class Livestock Judges** – Tiffany has her open class livestock judges mostly secured.
- **City of Beulah Contract Calls** – City has not responded to Rick B.'s calls requesting to set up a meeting.

Old Business (continued)

- **Fairground Improvements** – A discussion was held on moving the beer garden and moving water lines to have water in front of the McKenzie building and outside the civic center and what will be needed.
- **Donna Buchmann's Tribute** – Ashley Wineland will sing Amazing Grace. Pride Karges will ride her around the arena, and we will make her the grand marshal of the parade on Saturday.
- **Fair Schedule** – Discussion was held on a tentative schedule.
- **Food Vendors** – We have three food vendors to date, Cranston Family Concessions, Kimi's Concessions and Tim Dandy's. We do not have any commercial vendors yet.

New Business

- **Mercer County Fair 50th Year** – Discussion was held on ideas for the 50-year event. T-shirts and hats were discussed. We would need a graphic. We also need to work on ideas for the special event.

Business from the Floor

- **Landscaping** – Discussion was held on possibly landscaping and use the land north of the hoop barns.
- **Fair Office** – A discussion was held with Alan Geiger on what size office we want to build. We would like a 10' x 16' size. Rick S. made a motion to accept the 10' x 16' as the size of the office. Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Ideas for Saturday** – Discussion was held on ideas for Saturday. Discussion was also held on how many hours we will hire Duane H. for. Rick S. made a motion to hire Duane for 6 ½ hours with possibly increasing it by two hours. Bill seconded. Motion carried.
- **Peyton Walker** would like to perform but it will be tabled until the next meeting.

Next meeting date: April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Bison in Hazen.

With no other business, Val moved to adjourn the meeting. Duane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Rita Skraba for
Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary