

Mercer County Fair Association

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FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Golf Course
May 22, 2024

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

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

Members Absent: Craig Askim, Kathy Earnest, Tiffany Weigum

Guests Present: None

Secretary's Minutes –The secretary's report from the May 8 meeting was emailed. The place of the meeting should be Zap City Hall instead of Country Kettle. Billy made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed with the place of the meeting corrected. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff gave the treasurer's report. The bank balance is \$10,625. He said we received \$5,000 from the Hazen Chamber, \$625 from the ATM at the Country Kettle and \$180 for Hairball tickets. Duane motioned to accept the report. Val seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Old Business:

- **Entertainment Finalization** – Discussion was held.
- **Schedule of Events** – Mutton Busting was removed from the Saturday entertainment. Tiffany has the information. Otherwise, the entertainment will stay as previously stated at the May 8 meeting. A motion to hire/approve mini golf, axe throwing and three inflatable bounce houses that can handle adults for \$5,700 was made by Rick S. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. The Jam Session will be held on Sunday.
- **Fairground Improvements/Projects** – Rick S. gave an update on the beer garden teardown and arena. There are just a couple of poles from the beer garden to come down and the arena is gone and bladed. We are still working on moving the electricity and water. On Saturday the guys will pick up the new pipe for the arena. Sometime the week of May 27, they will install it. The Fair office is almost completed. It still needs electricity, a window and door. A Summers harrow was purchased to use for the base. Discussion was held on moving the camping to the northside of the hoop buildings but have received no response from the owners.
- **Advertising** – Rick B. and Duane will hand out flyers for sponsorship in Bismarck, and Rick S. and Jeff are working on Hazen, Beulah and Pick City.
- **Website** – Is not quite ready to go live.

New Business:

- **Jam Session Needs** – Duane will contact Cary Ost about Jam Session needs.
- **Old Timers Showmanship and 50th Anniversary events** were tabled until next meeting.

Business from the Floor:

- **Wrist Bands** – Discussion was held on how many wrist bands to order. It was decided to order 5,000 of each of the six colors.
- **T-Shirts** – Discussion on t-shirts was held. Mark is going to find out how much it will cost to put a logo on prepurchased t-shirts. If we go with the boutique t-shirts, the cost for a full front or back is \$13; a half front pocket and full back is \$17; and a full front and full back is \$21.
- **Chamber Fish Fry** – Discussion was held on taking over the fish fry from the Chamber in Beulah. The Board is passing this year.
- **Logo** – Rita will contact Cameron Brown about a 50th anniversary logo.
- **Vendor Inspections** – Rita will work with the health department to set up vendor inspections needed by Wednesday, July 10, at noon.
- **Beer Dispensers** - Rick S. reported on the cost to purchase two beer dispensers. The cost will be \$325 each, delivered.
- **Next meeting date:** June 5, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Pick City Hall

Val motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rita Skraba for
Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary