

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Mercer County Fairgrounds

August 12, 2019

2019 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President
Corey Voegele, Vice President
Donna Buchmann, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Rick Bauman
Laura Benz
Vern Muscha
Chris Renner
Rick Skraba
Rita Skraba
Stacy Welk

The meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:09 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Benz, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele, Stacy Welk

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Chris Renner

Guest: Tara Berger, AJ Blohm, Stef Scherbenske, Brenda and Tiffany Weigum,

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting were approved as read by Craig Askim.

Treasurer's Report: Donna gave the treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of August 12, 2019 is \$71,086.56. She said not all of the bills from the fair have been submitted. The money from the carnival and family passes that Cenex sold was not recorded as of yet.

Correspondence:

- The Board received a thank you card from the Darold Benz Family for the memorial. Laura thanked the Board for the support to her and her family.

Old Business:

- **Fair Committee Reports:**

-**Donna Buchmann** reported on the commercial exhibits. She said the number of commercial exhibit vendors was down, but the crowd was good due to the air conditioning in the civic center where the vendors booths were located.

-**Vern Muscha** said the Gateway to Science event was good, but short on help on Saturday. It worked well to hold the event in the shop with the Magic Show. The Bull-a-Rama and Ranch Rodeo went well. The parking worked out. The carnival went well even though they had a wet start with the rain, and trucks getting stuck during setup.

-**Stacy Welk** reported the number of open class exhibits were down. Setup and tear down went well.

- **Fair Committee Reports (cont.):**

-**Lenny Tesky and Corey Voegele** said the livestock shows went well. They were short of help for cleanup.

-**Laura Benz** reported the beer gardens and petting zoo went o.k. She explained the amount of time it takes to run these areas.

- **Payment to Gaylen Sailer's Employees** – The Board discussed compensating Gaylen Sailer for letting his four employees help with set up on Tuesday before the fair. After discussion, Laura moved to give a \$50 donation to each employee. She then amended the motion and added that they should give Tucker Erickson an additional \$50, for his extra help. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

- **2020 Fair goals:**

-**Arena** – Look at doing more work on the arena.

-**Hog and Beef Barn** – Put tin around the panels.

-**Premiums** – Change the dairy show premiums and base it on the number of entries.

-**Open Class Livestock** – Have all livestock animals in place by 10 p.m. Friday night with weigh in at 11 p.m. No longer have Saturday morning weigh ins.

-**Release of animals** – Print out a schedule of what time animals will be released on Sunday and hand it to the open class exhibitors at check in.

-**Volunteers** – Need to promote for more volunteers.

-**Proactive** – Fair board members need to be more proactive about the fair.

- **Report** – Laura reported the good and bad about the fair and other concerns. She stated if some things did not change she may not run for re-election.

Next meeting Date: October 8, 2019, 7 p.m., Beulah Civic Center

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary