

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
February 11, 2020

2020 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President
Vern Muscha, Vice President
Rita Skraba, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Rick Bauman
Donna Buchmann
Trevor Erickson
Gloria Olheiser
Liz Simpfenderfer
Allison Skraba
Rick Skraba
Corey Voegele
Stacy Welk

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Vern Muscha at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Allison Skraba, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba

Members Absent: Trevor Erickson, Corey Voegele

Guests Present: Scott Bauman, Dwight Berger, Tiffany Weigum

Secretary's Minutes - Craig read the Secretary minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as read, by Rita. Seconded by Rick B. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Donna and Rita started the paperwork to transfer names on the accounts at the bank. Donna will help Rita with the books until after the 2020 fair. Donna reported the balance on hand as of February 11, 2020 was \$58,541.27. Liz moved to accept the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- **Ticket booth** – Vern received an estimate for a trailer. The trailer would cost around \$2,500 and the shell would be an additional \$2,500. Liz made a motion to table discussion until after the 2020 fair. Rick B. seconded. Motion carried.
- **West River Judging** – Craig stated he could still use help for the contest held on February 22 in Beulah.

Entertainment Report:

- Johnny Holm – confirmed for Thursday. Booking agent will mail a contract this week.
- Iron Will – Rita stated they are booked for Friday and Saturday.
- Brianna Helbling – is booked for Friday night.
- Bull-A-Rama – we have a verbal confirmation for Friday night.
- Petting Zoo, Magic Show and Messy Mania – we have verbal confirmations for Saturday.
- Ranch Rodeo – have to call Adam Wanner to see if they want to do the event.

New Business:

- **Resignations** – with regret, Rita moved to accept resignation letters from Lenny Tesky and Stacy Welk. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- **Entertainment** – Vern brought to the board the failed motion that was discussed at the January 7 re-organizational meeting to book Johnny Holm for Thursday night. Many board members stated they were confused on the motion. Vern stated he called Pam, the booking agent, and can still get Johnny Holm for Thursday night. She will write a new contract since the old one was signed by a former board member. Vern will work on getting the new contract to the board for the next meeting. Rita S. moved to book Johnny Holm for Thursday night. Rick B. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Open class livestock shows** – Tiffany suggested giving banners for awards and get a new banner to take awards pictures by. She suggested going to a pre-registration entry fee/form, getting t-shirts for the kids that show in the points show, and try to get the information on the Mercer County Fair website.
- **Records location** – Vern stated he was working on finding a central location to store all records and contracts for board member to have a better understanding of expenses and what things are costing the board.
- **Display banner** – the board gave Craig permission to look at getting a new banner with the fair logo on it.
- **Committees** – The board reviewed and assigned lists for 2020.
- **Annual Meeting date** – Gloria stated to the board that she would like to see the Annual Meeting be held in October and not January. The board took it under advisement and will discuss it at a future meeting.

Other Business:

- **Vacant seats** – Liz S. moved to elect Scott Bauman to the board to fill one of the vacant board seats. Rita seconded. Motion carried. Scott will serve Lenny Tesky's remaining term. Rick B. moved to elect Tiffany Weigum to the board to fill the remaining open seat. Gloria seconded. Motion carried. Tiffany will serve Stacy Welk's remaining term.

Next meeting: March 17, 2020, 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