

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103  
Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

### 2020 Fair Board Directors

Rick Bauman, President  
Vern Muscha, Vice President  
Rita Skraba, Treasurer  
Craig Askim, Secretary  
Scott Bauman  
Donna Buchmann  
Trever Erickson  
Gloria Olheiser  
Liz Simpfenderfer  
Allison Skraba  
Rick Skraba  
Corey Voegele  
Tiffany Weigum

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 7:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Scott Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Allison Skraba, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum

**Members Absent:** Trever Erickson, Liz Simpfenderfer

**Guests Present:** None

**Secretary's Minutes** - Craig read the minutes from the March 17, 2020 meeting. The following corrections were added to the minutes: Bull-A-Rama will cost \$8,150 not \$7,800; Freddy Prez will cost \$3,600 not \$3,200; Miss Bows will cost \$2,300 for two days plus lodging, have contract; Iron Will will cost \$1,800 plus lodging for two nights; and the Ranch Rodeo will cost \$3,500 not \$3,000. Vern Muscha stated that he had no intention to run as president for the upcoming year. Donna moved to accept the report with the corrections. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna and Rita reported the balance on hand as of April 28, 2020 was \$107,901.36. Vern moved to accept the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Heartland Association of Fairs sent an email to Craig informing him about a conference call on April 30 at noon or 7 p.m., on the coronavirus. All fair board members are welcome to participate. Rita, Rick B. and Vern stated they plan to be on the call.

Craig read a thank you letter from Mercer County Extension and Beulah FFA for the sponsorship for the West River Judging Contest.

Corey Voegele sent a resignation letter to Craig Askim dated April 4, 2020.

### Old Business:

- **Ticket Booth** –Vern checked on the cost with Beulah Lumber and West Dakota Lumber in Hazen. The Board tabled the decision until the May 12, 2020 meeting.
- **Mercer County Fair Web Page** – Allison reported that so far things are working ok and she has updated as much information as she has. The email is working. She is working on getting Twitter and Snapchat accounts setup.

### **(Old Business Continued):**

- **Advertising** – Gloria is waiting on advertising until the board determines if a fair will take place or not. The Board decided to go with black and white premium books and look at putting QR codes on flyers if they are ordered.
- **Livestock/Registration Fee/Shows** – Registration fees will not be issued for 2020.
- **Junior Point Show** – The Junior Point Show is on hold as of this meeting date, April 28. Allison will put this information on the website.
- **Commissioners Feedback** – Nothing to report.
- **Entertainment/Contracts/Cancellation Clauses**
  - Vern talked to John, manager of the carnival, he is waiting to see what other fairs will be doing as far as cancellations etc. He said he would work with us on whatever we determine to do as a board.
  - The board members will reserve rooms for the entertainment members by the May meeting.
  - Music entertainment is working with the board if cancellations need to be done.
- **Letter to State's Attorney** – The letter to the State's Attorney regarding open records laws will be addressed at the May meeting to determine whether the board wants to move forward with it or not. The State's Attorney will probably not act upon it until the coronavirus is over.
- **Committee Updates** – No other reports given.

### **New Business:**

- **Open Directors Position**
  - Donna moved to accept with regret, Corey Voegele's resignation letter. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
  - Adrian Mittelsteadt was introduced to the Board. Adrian is from Hazen and is interested in becoming a member on the Board. Rita moved to instate Adrian as a director to the Board. Tiffany seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adrian will fill Corey Voegele's remaining term on the board which is up in 2021.
  - Board member Trevor Erickson's position will be discussed at the May 12 meeting.
- **Improvements** – The Board talked about improvements to the fairgrounds, bucking shoots and fence ties that needs to be addressed. All major projects will be put on hold until 2021.

## **New Business (cont.)**

- **Options if Fair is Postponed/Cancellation Deadline Date** – Vern moved to put a survey on the fair Facebook page to try to gauge what type of attendance we can get if the Fair would go on as planned. An ad will be placed in the Dollar Saver to try to get people to respond to the survey. Donna seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Next Meeting Date – May 12, at 7 p.m., Zoom meeting
- Other New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim,  
CEA/Fair Board Secretary