

Mercer County Fair Association

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2020

Beulah Civic Center

6:30 p.m.

2020 Fair Board Directors

Rick Bauman, President

Vern Muscha, Vice President

Rita Skraba, Treasurer

Craig Askim, Secretary

Scott Bauman

Jessica Beck

Donna Buchmann

Adrian Mittelsteadt

Gloria Olheiser

Liz Simpfenderfer

Allison Skraba

Rick Skraba

Tiffany Weigum

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Vern Muscha at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Scott Bauman, Jessica Beck, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Allison Skraba, Rita Skraba and Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Adrian Mittelsteadt, Rick Skraba and Liz Simpfenderfer

Guest Present: Dwight Berger

Secretary's Minutes – Craig read the minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting with the correction of adding Gloria to the entertainment committee. Gloria moved to accept the report. Allison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Rita reported the balance on hand as of September 15, 2020 was \$104,721.70, which is different from last month's balance. Rita requested approval to pay the \$584 for premiums to the Mercer County 4-H Council. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Gloria moved to table the report until the October meeting to balance the books. Allison seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Fairground Improvements** – Vern stated the committee focused on replacing posts and chutes on the rodeo grounds. The wash bay project should be finished by the 2021 fair.
- **Subcommittee** – The board felt it was best to finalize the subcommittee lists after the annual meeting.
- **Annual Meeting** – A "Price is Right" theme will be used. Social games will start at 5 p.m., with meeting and meal to start at 6:30 p.m. A free will donation will be collected.
 - **Date** – Discussion was held on the date set for October 13, 2020. Donna moved to have the meeting changed to October 20, at the Beulah Civic Center. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Advertisement** – Tiffany moved to spend up to \$500. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business, Annual Meeting – Cont.

- **Up for Re-election** – Directors terms expiring in 2021; Donna Buchmann, Scott Bauman, Adrian Mittelstead and Tiffany Weigum. Notification must be sent to Craig by October 10, 2020, if they choose not to re-run for a seat on the board.
- **Achievement Days** – Craig gave a short report on the 4-H Achievement Days held August 17, 18 and 22.
- **Trailer Purchase Options** – Vern purchased a 6' X 12' tandem axle trailer for \$3,100 for the possible replacement of the south ticket booth. Vern offered the trailer to the board for the purchase price. If the board does not want the trailer, he will keep it for himself. Rita moved to table the purchase until the next meeting to allow the board to look at the trailer. Scott seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ticket Booth** – Donna moved for the ground improvement subcommittee to create a design for the ticket booth that will be put by the fire hall, propose an estimate for Larry Lueck, BHS Vo Ag Instructor and report at the October meeting. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.
- **Old Ticket Booth** – Heritage Park is interested in the booth. Board will determine a selling price or whether to donate the booth at the October meeting.
- **Rental Space** – Scott presented pictures of a construction trailer Hazen Archery Club has for sale for \$1,000. The board reviewed the photos and Scott stated it needed a little work. Tiffany moved not to purchase the trailer. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Fair Board Records** – No discussion

New Business:

- **Stage Rental** – The City of Zap requested to rent the stage. Tiffany moved to allow rental of the stage for \$500, with a \$250 refund if the stage is returned in good condition. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- **Funds for 4-H Premiums** – The board discussed giving the 4-H and FFA kids an additional premium bonus for showing at this year's Achievement Days. Rita offered to give each participant an additional \$20. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Business from the floor:

- **Boat Storage** – Vern suggested increasing the boat storage rate from \$85 to \$125 for the upcoming season. Tiffany moved to increase the rate. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date – October 20, following the Annual Meeting, Beulah Civic Center

Allison moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary