

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
January 12, 2021
6 p.m.

2021 Fair Board Directors

Rick Bauman, President
Vern Muscha, Vice President
Liz Simpfenderfer, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Jessica Beck
Jessica Bauman
Donna Buchmann
Adrian Mittelsteadt
Gloria Olheiser
Allison Skraba
Rick Skraba
Rita Skraba,
Tiffany Weigum

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Jessica Bauman, Jessica Beck, Donna Buchmann, Adrian Mittelsteadt, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba and Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Allison Skraba

Guests Present: Rita Wright and Travis Frey

Secretary's Minutes – Craig read the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting. Gloria moved to accept the report. Rita seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Rita reported the balance on hand as of January 20, 2021 was \$104,741.70. Vern moved to accept the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Donna received the Secretary of State filing report that needs to be filed by February 1, 2021.

Old Business:

- **Exotic Animal Sale** – Rita Wright approached the board about moving forward with the sale. Dates would be May 14–16, 2021. The board discussed options and what the board needs to do to hold the sale. A written agreement will need to be drafted and insurance coverage will be checked into. Board will determine if they want vendors and beer sales at the event.
- **Committee Portfolio Assignments** – Reviewed and finalized for 2021.
- **Open Records Law** – Rick B. spoke with the Mercer County State's Attorney regarding records. A letter is to be drafted stating that Benz Insurance can keep records at their office. However, if requested, Benz Insurance must agree to all open record laws and turn over whatever is needed or requested.
- **Bank Account** – Rick B. and Liz have completed the paperwork with First Security Bank. Liz will take over treasurer duties as of January 13, 2021.

Old Business (continued):

- **Entertainment Report** – The entertainment committee proposed a rough draft of the entertainment to review.
 - **Thursday** – ring toss, Freddie Prez, the band, Unleashed and one other event. Total cost estimated to be \$7,500. **Friday** – Iron Will, Gateway to Science, Magic Joe, Miss Bows Messy Mania, Freddie Prez, 4-H chicken bingo, lawn mower pull, corn hole tournament and Brianna Helbling. Total cost estimated to be \$7,500. **Saturday** – parade, Miss Bows Messy Mania, Gateway to Science, Rocky Top Petting Zoo, Iron Will, Freddie Prez, cake walk, mutton busting, pig wrestling, co-op barbeque, three-legged race, lawn mower pull, Bull-A-Rama and the band, 32 Below. Total cost estimated to be \$12,000. **Sunday** – ranch rodeo, polka band, coins in the sand, Rocky Top Petting Zoo, bingo, paintball and one other event. Total cost estimated to be \$6,500.
 - The board discussed a prorated contract if capacity limits are enforced due to COVID-19.
 - After much discussion about the entertainment, Rita moved to hire Iron Will for Friday and Saturday. Donna seconded. A verbal vote was taken but results were undetermined by President Rick Bauman. A hand vote was then taken with a five to five tie. President Rick Bauman voted in favor, breaking the tie. Motion carried. Liz moved to hire the band, Unleashed for Thursday night. Vern seconded. Motion carried. Rick S. moved to hire Brianna Helbling for Friday night. Liz seconded. Motion carried. Jessica Beck moved to hire 32 Below for Saturday night. Liz seconded. Motion carried. Other entertainment acts will be discussed at the February meeting after prices and contracts are more detailed.

New Business:

- **New mailing address** – Discussed and agreed to open a post office box in the Beulah Post Office.
- **Back-up computer storage** – More discussion and information are needed.
- **By-laws** – Discussed reviewing. A subcommittee of Vern, Rick B., Gloria and Liz was formed.
- **Public relations** subcommittee was formed of Rick B, Jessica Beck, Vern, Liz and Gloria to reach out to all Mercer County towns, city parks and council representatives to get on their agenda to talk about the fair.
- **Tent Usage** – Gloria requested the use of the tents for the Dakota Walleye Classic fishing tournament on July 23 and 24 and the Beulah Class Reunion on July 30–August 1, 2021. A \$250 fee will be charged for each event along with a \$250 deposit. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center. Rita moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary