

Mercer County Fair Association

PO Box 640, Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

March 30, 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
Jeff Klein
Adrian Mittelsteadt
Gloria Olheiser
Rick Skraba
Rita Skraba
Tiffany Weigum

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: 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: Jeff Klein

Guests Present: None

Secretary's Minutes – Liz made a correction that three Fusion5 Ultra Slim Tablets were purchased not two. Tiffany moved to accept this correction. Rick S seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The balance on hand as of March 30, 2021 was \$145,038.51. Tiffany moved to accept the report. Jessica B. seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Kids Rodeo** – Tabled until the April 13 meeting while working on details so the board can make a final decision whether to proceed or not.
- **Computers, Printers and Software** – One HP 2500 G7 notebook, one HP Laserjet Pro M29 wireless printer, three 10" Windows 10 Fusion5 Ultra Slim Tablet PC and one toner cartridge have been purchased. Still need to purchase the ShoWorks software.
- **Open Livestock Show**
 - **New Entry Fee Plan** - Tiffany addressed the board to reconsider the motion on entry fees that was passed at the March 10 meeting. Her new entry fee plan would offer a \$50 family gate pass to exhibitors that signed up online to show on Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee for Open Junior Show held on Saturday, July 17 will cost \$25 per species with each additional animal costing \$10. Fee includes bedding, gate wristband for the exhibitor, one meal on Saturday night and a one of a kind t-shirt designed by Beyond the Ring with Ryan Rash and Mercer County Fair. Entry fee for Junior Show held on Sunday, July 18 will cost \$15 for each animal.

Old Business (continued):

- **Open Livestock Show Cont.**
 - **Out of State Livestock** - All out of state livestock needs to have health papers.
 - **Registered Livestock** - All registered livestock will need to show the registration papers at check in.
 - **Pre-Registration** - Additional items to add to pre-registration are the family gate pass.
 - **T-Shirts** - T-shirt orders are \$15 each.
 - **Open Class Livestock Stall** - Open class livestock can begin to stall on Friday, July 17 at noon. All livestock will need to stay until Sunday, July 18 at noon.
 - **Premiums** - Premiums will be paid out Sunday, July 18. Jessica Beck moved to accept the new fee plan and family pass amounts. Jessica Bauman seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Pre-Registration Date** - Gloria moved to change the motion on the pre-registration date that was passed at the March 10 meeting for the open class livestock show from May 1 to April 19 and to close on June 1 or once we have reached barn capacity. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Pictures of Winners** - Tiffany requested to hire Zac Hall to take pictures of the open class livestock winners during the Saturday and Sunday contests. Cost is \$300 per day plus mileage and one-night hotel stay. The fair board will have ownership of all proofs. Liz moved to accept this request. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- **Advertisement** – Gloria moved to spend \$500 to put an ad in the Weekender and Extra. Ad will include the dates of the fair and list the entertainment. Ad will run the weekend of April 17. Jessica Bauman seconded. Motion carried.
- **Entertainment Report** – still looking for a few more filler shows like pig wrestling, pony rides, etc.
 - Thursday through Sunday – Thomas Carnival
 - Thursday – Unleashed and Petting Zoo
 - Friday – Gateway to Science, Iron Will, The Magic of Keith Raymond, Brianna Helbing and Messy Mania
 - Saturday- Iron Will, Open Livestock Show, Parade, Petting Zoo, The Magic of Keith Raymond, Gateway to Science, Messy Mania, 32 Below and Bull-A-Rama
 - Sunday – Ranch Rodeo
- **Exotic animal sale** – Rick B. stated the sale will not take place this spring. He has not received written or verbal notice from Rita Wright but found on social media that the fair board was not willing to reach an agreement to host the event with her. He stated to the board the statement was not true.
- **Website** is up and working.

New Business:

- **Premium Books/flyers** – Liz stated that BHG will be printing the flyers and premium books and NDSU will be asked to print the wallet flyers. Liz will check with NDSU Extension to see if this is possible.

New Business Continued:

- **Tents** – Vern passed out flyers on tents and gave a report on his findings to rent more for the open class livestock show and for the fair. Estimated costs were given. The board will determine what to rent once pre-registration numbers come in from the open class livestock show.
- **Bleachers** – Mandan Bull-A-Rama requested the use of the bleachers in June. Board tabled until April.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center. Jessica Bauman moved to adjourn the meeting. Rita S seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary