

Mercer County Fair Association

PO Box 640, Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

April 13, 2021, 5:30 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 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Bauman, Jessica Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Jeff Klein, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Rita Skraba and Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Adrian Mittelsteadt, Jessica Beck, Vern Muscha and Rick Skraba

Guests Present: None

Secretary's Minutes – All members stated they have read the minutes that were emailed to them. Gloria moved. Rita seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The balance on hand as of April 13, 2021 was \$145,038.51. Tiffany moved to accept the report. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Rick B. received a text from Diane Schell of McLean County Fair stating the Thomas Carnival is up and running a show schedule but are short staffed with only 65% of the needed workers. They plan to come to North Dakota but no contracts have been signed yet.

Old Business:

- **Kids Rodeo** – Rick B. gave a short update to the board and asked if they wanted to proceed. Rita moved to hold the rodeo in Beulah on June 19, 2021. The Fair board will provide concessions and request the liquor license from the city. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- **Open Livestock Show** – Tiffany gave a brief update. She is working with Liz to get the ShoWorks software running. They are having issues with it working on the new tablets the board recently purchased. Gloria moved to purchase two more iPads that will work with the software and to change the check-in and out times from noon Friday and Sunday to 2 p.m. Friday and Sunday. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.
- **Tent rental** – Board decided to wait until they get some registration numbers in before renting any tents.

Old Business (continued):

- **Entertainment Report** – Gloria stated the entertainment is all set except for a few things.
 - **The Magic of Keith Raymond** – Gloria moved to hire Keith for Friday and Saturday for \$2,000, plus one night's lodging. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Ranch Rodeo** – The board talked about the rodeo on Sunday. They are looking for other smaller acts to fill in like mutton busting, pig wrestling, kids bounce house, races, etc.
 - **Friday** – Looking at options to fill spots from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Vendor booth** – prices were set by the board.
 - Outdoor/Indoor booths will be \$50 per day or \$150 for four days, plus one gate pass.
 - Food vendors will be \$100 per day plus one gate pass.
 - Camping will be \$40 and does not include family passes.
- **Premium Books/Flyers** – Liz stated the flyers and premium books will be printed by BHG, Inc. and the pocket size schedule of events will be printed by Ag Communications Department at North Dakota State University.

New Business:

- **Schedule of Events** – The board went over the full schedule and made changes. The finalization of the schedule will be done at the April 27, 2021 meeting.
- **Bleachers** – The City of St. Anthony and Mosbrucker Rodeo Company requested the use of the bleachers for their Bull-A-Rama on July 12, 2021. Vern stated to Rick B. prior to the meeting that four, 27 foot bleachers are available. Vern checked into rental rates for bleachers and suggested that we rent them for \$85 per bleacher with a deposit. Discussion was held and tabled until the April 27 meeting.
- **Other Business:** Rick B. stated he would like to see some upgrade projects done before the 2021 fair. One is to extend the wash rack to the west of the current one and look at upgrading the power to the barns. The board gave approval to get bids and report back at April 27 meeting.

Next meeting: April 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Beulah Civic Center. Tiffany moved to adjourn the meeting. Gloria seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary