

2021 Fair Board Directors

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Mercer County Fair Association

PO Box 640, Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

May 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Bauman, Jeff Klein, Gloria Olheiser (late), Liz Simpfinderfer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba and by phone Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha and Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Adrian Mittelsteadt, Jessica Beck and Jessica Bauman

Guests Present: None

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

Treasurer's Report – Reconciliation report was handed out. The balance on hand as of May 11, 2021 was \$144,398.51. Jeff moved to accept the report. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Liz received a request for membership from the Mercer County Historical Society. Donna confirmed that we have never had a membership with them. No action taken.

New Business:

- **Jessica Bauman Resignation** – Motion made to accept her resignation by Rick Skraba, Donna seconded. Motion carried.
- **Adrian Mittelsteadt Resignation** – Motion made to accept his resignation by Rita Skraba, Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Kids Rodeo** –
 - Liz will stop by the City to get the liquor license. Gloria stated the liquor and ice will be bought locally from the Sportsman Den. Rick will call and get four porta potties. Rita gave Rick the paperwork from Custer Health regarding serving food. The kitchen is not available for rent due to a wedding taking place the same day. We can serve pre-packaged food. Liz suggested fleischkuechle. We could fry them and keep them warm in a roaster; however, Rita wasn't sure if that would meet Custer Health's guidelines. Rita will call Custer Health and check. Other suggestions were cooking at the school or a church.
 - Rick Skraba made a motion to change the time for the kids rodeo to 10:30 on June 19. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Kids Rodeo (Continued):

- Gloria made a motion for an advertising budget for the kids rodeo not to exceed \$600. Rick Skraba seconded. Motion carried.
- Rick mentioned setting up a work day/night around the first of June. He plans to have a list of items that need to be done with the materials on hand to do them.
- **Open Livestock Show –**
 - Tiffany gave a brief update. There are 75 entries so far. Deadline to register is June 15.
- **Entertainment Update –**
 - Vern made a motion to add Keith Raymond to Thursday night for \$500, plus one hotel room for one night. Rick Skraba seconded. Motion carried.
 - Rick Skraba made a motion to furnish another night in a hotel for Iron Will since we have them scheduled so late on Saturday night. Jeff Klein seconded. Motion carried.
 - Vern made a motion to hire the DJ – Breakaway Music for \$300 on Friday, July 16 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rick Skraba seconded. Motion carried.
 - Gloria was going to touch base with Brad Zuern about his polka band for the Co-op BBQ on Saturday.
 - Back-up plan for the Co-op BBQ is to hold it inside the civic center in case of inclement weather. Suggestions were having the polka band and maybe Keith Raymond performing on a trailer in lieu of the big stage.
 - Carnival – Still up in the air. However, Rick B. stated June 1 is the first date the carnival was scheduled to be in Bismarck so we should know for sure if they come to Bismarck that day.
- **Maintenance/Improvement Update –**
 - Rick B. is checking on porta potty roll offs for the livestock show. He will also touch base with Craig & Donna as to how many handwashing stations are needed and how many we have.
 - Jeff K. said our sound system looks good. It will work fine for close proximity. It would cost about \$500 - \$600 for a different sound system for judging the livestock show (barn area). Talked about another system also. Nothing was voted on.
 - Electrical upgrades – finalizing the quotes no one locally can get to it.
 - Wash rack – Jeff K. & Rick S. are going to look at it and get a few options together, maybe a portable wash station.
- **Beer Garden –**
 - We usually get the ice from Braun. Donna stated we need to have the ice ordered three weeks in advance (around June 24/25). Donna will check the invoices from 2019 to see how much we ordered. The price will increase this year.

Old Business: Beer Garden (Continued):

- Need to check on renting a freezer for the ice.
- Beer is purchased from McQuade's and Jerome Distributing.
- **Ticket Booth –**
 - Discussed getting helpers. Ideas brought up were: Chamber, word of mouth and putting it out on all social media platforms.
- **Fair Clean Up –**
 - Usually takes about two hours each day on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Pays \$300.
 - Discussed moving the big meal for setup to Sunday for the cleanup crew. This was to entice people to stay and help clean up the fairgrounds.
- **Open Static –**
 - Discussed changing the name of Open Static to Home, Hobby & Garden Showcase. The reasoning is because not many know what the name open static means/represents. If we get a name that people in the county can relate to maybe this will generate more of an interest in it. There were approximately 13 divisions, 61 categories and 561 lots in 2019, of which we only had 50 exhibitors with 225 entries. We have a lot of residents that are skilled in crafts, baking and gardening. Hopefully, by changing the name to Home, Hobby & Gardening Showcase will bring more exhibitors. Gloria made a motion to change the name of Open Static to Home, Hobby & Garden Showcase. Vern seconded. Motion carried.
 - Pre-registration was mentioned and will need more information.

Next meeting; May 25, 5:30 at the Civic Center.

Rita Skraba made a motion to adjourn. Gloria seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by: Liz Simpfinderfer, Fair Board Director