

Mercer County Fair Association

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MEETING MINUTES

Country Kettle
February 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:31 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Val Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Aaron Kasper, Jeff Klein, Vern Muscha, Chandler Sailer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Liz Simpfenderfer

Guests Present: Travis Frey and Brenda Weigum

Secretary's Minutes – Rita moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff reported three bills were paid for a total of \$988.68 for expenses, and no income was received for the month. Balance on hand is \$78,417.74. Tiffany moved to accept the treasurer's report. Rita seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Rick B. received a letter from the City of Beulah stating they will charge the fair board a flat fee of \$500 for the use of the civic center and \$100 per day for the use of the kitchen. The board is going to request a meeting with the City of Beulah to question the costs.

Old Business:

- **Audit** – Rick B. gave an update. He has three years of bank statements on hand. Don Lafleur, Morton County Tax Director will complete the audit. Cost is estimated around \$500 to \$800.
- **West River Judging** – Craig reported the contest will be held on February 26, 2022. He is in need of helpers for all areas. The fair board is the main sponsor for this event and help would be greatly appreciated.

New Business:

- **Livestock Premiums** – Tiffany and Jeff talked about increasing the open class large animal livestock premiums. They want to keep the entry fees the same at \$30 per animal for beef and \$15 per animal entry for all other livestock. Tiffany moved to have entry fees as stated. Val seconded. Motion carried. The species winner premium amounts were discussed. A motion was made to have Tiffany and Jeff increase the junior points show and open class livestock large animal premiums. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: (Continued):

- Open Show class payouts stay the same at:

Beef:	Sheep/Goat/Hog:
1 st – \$25	1 st – \$20
2 nd – \$20	2 nd – \$15
3 rd – \$15	3 rd – \$10
4 th – \$10	4 th – \$5

- Open Show payouts for Grands and Reserve:

Beef: Champion Steer and Heifer Open Show

Grand – \$750 (increased by \$250)

Reserve – \$600 (increased by \$200)

3rd – \$500 (increased by \$200)

4th – \$400 (increased by \$200)

5th – \$300 (increased by \$200)

Sheep/ Goat/Hog: Market and Breeding

Grand – \$500 (increased by \$250)

Reserve – \$400 (increased by \$200)

3rd – \$300 (increased by \$150)

4th – \$200 (increased by \$100)

5th – \$100 (increased by \$50)

Dairy Cattle: 1-5

Supreme – \$200

Reserve – \$100

Dairy Cattle: More than 6

Supreme – \$400

Reserve – \$300

Junior: 1-5 Heifers

Grand – \$100

Reserve – \$50

Junior: More than 6 heifers

Grand - \$200

Reserve - \$100

Dairy Goats:

Grand – \$100 (increased by \$50)

Reserve – \$50 (increased by \$25)

- Junior Show class payouts:

Beef:

1st – \$23 (increased by \$5)

2nd – \$18 (increased by \$5)

3rd – \$13 (increased by \$5)

4th – \$8 (increased by \$5)

New Business: (Continued):

- Junior Show class payouts stay the same at:
Sheep/Goat/Hog:
 - 1st – \$18
 - 2nd – \$13
 - 3rd – \$8
 - 4th – \$3

- Junior Show payouts:
 - Beef: Champion Steer and Heifer Open Show
 - Grand – \$600 (increased by \$200)
 - Reserve – \$500 (increased by \$200)
 - 3rd – \$400 (increased by \$200)
 - 4th – \$300 (increased by \$200)
 - 5th – \$200 (increased by \$200)

 - Sheep/ Goat/Hog: Market and Breeding
 - Grand – \$400 (increased by \$225)
 - Reserve – \$300 (increased by \$150)
 - 3rd – \$200 (increased by \$100)
 - 4th – \$100 (increased by \$50)
 - 5th – \$50 (increased by \$50)

Craig said if open class large animal livestock premiums are increased, the rabbit and poultry open class premiums should also be increased. Tiffany moved to make the following increases and payouts for the rabbit and poultry open class shows. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

- Placing in lots payouts:
 - 1st – \$10 (increased by \$5)
 - 2nd – \$8 (increased by \$4)
 - 3rd – \$5 (increased by \$2)
 - Grand – \$25 (increased by \$10)
 - Reserve – \$20 (increased by \$10)

- Payouts for Grands and Reserve:
 - Rabbits:
 - Bucks (Lots 1701 – 1703)
 - Does (Lots 1704 – 1706)
 - Poultry:
 - Large Fowl (Lots 1601 – 1606)
 - Chicken Production/Market (Lots 1607 – 1610)
 - Bantams (Lots 1611 – 1616)
 - Other Fowl (Lots 1621 – 1662)

Tiffany moved to have the Mercer County Fair host a junior points show and Beyond the Ring show on July 17, 2022 at the fairgrounds. Rita seconded. Motion carried.

Tiffany stated she is working on judges for open class and the point show. Ryan Cummings will judge open class on Saturday. Olivia Rush will judge Sunday. Cost is \$2,000 each, plus one night hotel stay. Val moved to hire both judges. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.

- **Sponsorship** – Rick B. drafted a letter for sponsorship amounts. Printing will be done by the Beulah Beacon. Chandler moved to accept the drafted letter. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried. Rick B. will edit the letter and bulletin, and submit them to the printers in the next few weeks.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Rockland Road informed the board they cannot perform at the fair on July 16, 2022, but would be available for the 2023 fair for the same price of \$5,000 plus three hotel rooms. Rita moved to book Rockland Road for the 2023 Mercer County Fair. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.
 - Rita informed the board that the band Diamond and Whiskey is available to perform Saturday night for \$3,500 to \$4,000 but the board would have to hire lights and sound. Tiffany moved to extend an offer of \$3,500 to try to book them for Saturday night. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.
 - Rick S. informed the board he is trying to get Kat Perkins for Thursday night. There is still a vacancy in entertainment on Sunday afternoon. Calls have been made for a tractor pull with no reply yet.
- **Taxes** – Rick B. stated the fair board taxes will be due February 15. Jeff will contact the county to make sure they are paid. The fair board application for a new ID exemption number has been sent.
- **Grounds improvement** – Rick B. received a bid from Uriar Turner Painting from Bismarck for \$14,250 to paint the barns. The board did not act on the bid and want to get more bids.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at the Country Kettle.

Rick S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chandler seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary