

Mercer County Fair Association

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MEETING MINUTES

Country Kettle

February 16, 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 (5:40), Chandler Sailer, Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Liz Simpfinderfer, Rita and Rita Skraba

Guests Present:

Secretary's Minutes – Tiffany made two corrections. Dairy open class payout will be on a sliding scale by number of head. Payment for supreme is \$200 and reserve is \$100. If showing six or more head, payout is \$400 for supreme and \$300 for reserve. Junior show payout will remain the same as last year. Tiffany moved to accept the report with corrections. Val seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report given.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Sponsorship** – Jessica Beck with The Beacon presented a draft bulletin of the sponsorship ads and explained how they would sell ads for the premium books after the board sells sponsorships. She would like all materials for the premium books to her by May 1, to avoid conflicts the fair experienced last year. Jeff moved to accept the draft. Chandler seconded. Motion carried. Tiffany moved to allow The Beacon to sell sponsorships for the premium books. Aaron seconded. Motion carried.
- **Audit** – After reviewing the paperwork the board had submitted, Don Lafleur, Morton County Tax Director stated he does not feel comfortable with doing the audit at this time. The board will look into other options.
- **Livestock** – Tiffany reported open class judges, Ryan Cummings and Olivia Rush, have signed contracts.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Tiffany handed out a draft schedule of events of the fair for Thursday and Friday. The board is still working on a band or music entertainment for after the headliner band on Saturday night from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.,
 - and entertainment for Sunday.

Old Business (Continued):

- **Entertainment (Continued):**

- Rick B. received a verbal estimate of \$18,000 for a motor cross event for Sunday. The board felt this was out of their price range.
- Donna moved to hire Rocky Top Petting Zoo for Friday and Saturday. Vern seconded. Motion carried.
- Vern moved to hire Gateway to Science for Friday and Saturday. Chandler seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Open Class Livestock** – Tiffany asked if animal check-in could be moved to 4 p.m. on Thursday. Board approved.
- **Food and commercial vendors** – Donna and Rick B. will be sending the food and commercial vendor letters within the next few weeks. Jeff moved to charge \$400 for food vendors and \$125 for commercial booths. Each vendor will get two daily gate passes. The commercial booths will be in the Public Works building this year. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at the Country Kettle.

Vern made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary