

Mercer County Fair Association

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2022 Fair Board Directors
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Rita Skraba
Tiffany Weigum

MEETING MINUTES

Bee's Café, Hazen
Friday, May 31, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:55 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Donna Buchmann, Dawn Sailer, Rita Skraba,

Guests Present: Travis Frey

Secretary's Minutes – Minutes taken by Rita Skraba were emailed and Craig handed out copies. Rick S. moved to approve the minutes as emailed with one correction, Rick Skraba moved to approve \$300 for parade awards instead of Scott Bauman. Chandler seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff reported the balance on hand as of May 31, 2022 is around \$25,300. No official report was handed out.

Correspondence: Steve Finsaas from Farm Credit Services told Tiffany a notice of the submitted grant should be out within the next few weeks.

Old Business:

- **Hoop Barn Update** – The loan for the hoop barn is in place and can be reviewed and signed this week. Should start ground work within the next few weeks.
- **Advertising** – The premium book draft should be done by next week. Tiffany will check on flyers.
- **Banners** – The banners are in place. They need to get hung up next week.
- **Committee Reports** –
 - **Fairground Improvements** – Aaron and Rick reported that cement for the hog barn and crow's nest will be poured on June 2. The corrals are done except we need to hang a few gates and chain fences.
 - **Gates Helpers** – Val and Tracy reached out to the Hazen and Beulah Chamber offices. Hazen responded while Beulah has not. Tracy put a notice for help needed at the gates on Facebook. Val and Tracy will start calling people around June 15 if the spots are not filled.
 - **Beer Garden** – Rick B. and Rick S. will meet with Frank Senn, Beulah chief of police department, within the next few weeks. We have a trailer for the beer and some fire departments have stated they will help.

Old Business (continued):

• **Committee Reports (continued)**

- **Junior Points Show** – Tiffany contacted the North Dakota Junior Points Show Association to get on the schedule and finalize our show. The Board is considering adding a second Junior Point Show in August or September. Tiffany and Rick B. will check into it and see if it can happen. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.
- **Website** – Is up-to-date.
- **Computer Update** – Jeff reported the new computer was given to Tiffany tonight. Rick B. has paperwork to install the ShoWorks fair management software.

New Business:

- **Fairground Improvements** – The Beulah High School Vo Ag. Class only got half of the ticket booth finished. Rick B. will talk to Larry Lueck, Vo Ag Instructor, to see what needs to be done to finish it by the fair.
- **Work Nights** – First work night is June 14. The other work nights will be set at the next meeting.
- **Gate Purchase** - Rick B. requested to purchase nine, 8' gates for about \$200 each and three, 10' bow gates for about \$400 each to finish the corral upgrade to the area, along with purchasing the hardware needed to hang them correctly. The best price was given by Wald Fencing from New Salem. The total cost would be around \$4,000. Tiffany moved to purchase the gates and hardware from Wald Fencing. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried. Rick B. stated the fair board has about 20 gates of different sizes that are not used and should consider selling. Tiffany moved to sell the unused gates. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- **Boat Storage** – Vern stated he has some uncashed boat rental checks. The board stated a written contract will need to be drafted if boat storage will be an option for the winter of 2022. The Board will decide on boat storage by August 2022.
- **Resignation** – Craig and Rick B. stated they received a verbal request from Vern stating he wishes to resign from the board immediately because of family health concerns. He will still be a volunteer helper in any way he can be. Jeff moved to accept Vern Muscha's resignation from the board. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried. Vern's term will expire January 1, 2023. The president can appoint someone to fill the remaining term, or the seat will be unfilled until the annual meeting election in October 2022.

Next meeting: The next meeting date will be June 14 @ the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Members are encouraged to wear old clothes. It will be a work night with a short meeting to follow. We will start at 5:30 p.m.

Rita moved to adjourn the meeting. Tracey seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary