

Mercer County Fair Association

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FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Country Kettle, Beulah

June 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:36 p.m.

Members Present: Billy Anvik, Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Valerie Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Duane Hopfauf, Jeff Klein, Rick Skrabala, Rita Skrabala, Cody Wiedrich, Tiffany Weigum.

Members Absent: Chandler and Dawn Sailer

Guests Present: None

Secretary's Report – Tiffany moved to accept the minutes from the June 7 meeting as emailed. Billy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The balance on hand was \$58,084.65. Cody moved to accept. Duane seconded. Motion carried

Correspondence:

McQuade Distributing from Bismarck will give 200 cans of beer free to fairgoers, and will pay the Board for it. The Board agreed for them to do this on Friday night of the fair from 5 to 7 p.m.

Old Business:

- **Open Class Livestock Show Update** - Tiffany stated that online registration for open class livestock will go live on June 23, 2023.
- **Open Class Rabbit/Poultry Show** - Craig expressed that he and his wife Margie do not want to announce the open class show anymore. Val and Donna stated they would either do it themselves or find someone to do it.
- **Vendors** – Not discussed.
- **Static** - Craig informed the Board that 4-H interview judging would not be out of the civic center until noon on Thursday of the fair, so a quick turn around would be needed to set up for the open class statics. The Board stated they will make it work.
- **Entertainment update** - Everything is in place.

Old Business (continued)

- **Camping** - Rick S stated he has only heard from one person requesting a campsite so far. Others wanting a spot should call him. The cost is \$150. Jeff moved to allow free gate admission to anyone under the age of 18 that purchased an advance carnival pass for Thursday night of the fair only. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Booklet/Flyers** – Everything is at United Printing and should be available next week.
- **Advertising** - The Board will order 50 posters/schedule of events flyers. The Board will order 1,500 pocket flyers. KDQT, KFYR and Beulah Beacon have what they need. Ads will run in the Penny Saver for one week and Dollar Saver for two weeks.
- **Carnival** – Advance ticket sales will start July 1.
- **Beer Garden/Gate Helpers Update** – Fire department workers, Ranch Rodeo judges, announcer and bookkeeper will not have to pay gate admissions. Everyone else will pay.
- **Cleanup** – Northern Lights Gymnastics is interested in cleaning the fairgrounds the mornings of the fair. The Board agreed to pay \$150 per day.

New Business

- **From the Floor** - Rick S. moved to purchase 18 dozen cookies for the Jam Session on Sunday of the fair. The Fair Board will pay for them.
- The **next meeting date** will be in August after the fair. The date will be determined.
- **Adjourn** - With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim,
CEA/ Fair Board Secretary