

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

July 19, 2022

7:00 PM Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by board President Shawn Feiring

Roll Call of Directors: Nathan Boehm, Peggy Brandt, Barry Schulz, Annie Gartner, Kristine Koepplin, Shawn Feiring and Mark Issacs

Associate Members: Wayne Seeman

Guests: Don Lafluer and Mary Doll

Custodial Report: West River Bible Camp went well, Country Fest had a lot of extra cleaning, need to contact the vendors and let them know what their responsibilities are. Peggy will let Luke know.

Agenda/Approval of Agenda: Kristine moved, Nathan second, motion passed

Secretary's Report:

June 21- change agenda to minutes, add Peggy to roll call and add last names. Barry moved to accept minutes with corrections, Peggy 2nd motion passed

July 5- change agenda to minutes, add last names. Nathan moved to accept minutes with corrections, Peggy 2nd motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Don has quick books reconciled up to last month, still have to categorize items in the right spot. Don asked the board for feedback on what we would like to see on the reports. Open class will be broken down by divisions. Cash bags are ordered, ATM trailer booked and got the money for the sandbox.

Nathan made the motion to remove interim and have Kristine as our treasure, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Barry approved the treasurer report, Peggy 2nd motion passed

4-H Report: Karla joined us by phone, 4-H will have their own PA system, will have kids available to put wood chips in the show ring. Set up is on Sunday July 31st at 5:00 pm. finishing up on entry and will know tomorrow how many stalls. Food for concession starts coming next week along with the pop, Shawn will get the beer trailer out for them.

Bills to pay: Annie Gartner-mileage to deliver books and posters and first aid supplies. Kristine moved to pay Annie, Nathan 2nd, roll call vote. Nathan- yes, Peggy- yes, Barry- yes, Kristine-yes, Annie- yes, motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Payroll Service Options: Mahoney & Mahony has not gotten back, still need them for 99's. Sauber and Associates, Inc. 3 or less is \$1500.00 per year or \$125.00 per month.

Good heart Associates has not gotten back. Quick books would be \$50.00 per month for payroll.

Kristine moves to hire Saubers for payroll service for 3 or less employees for \$1500.00 a year and will include processing bi weekly payroll, handling all payroll tax deposits, new hire reporting, quarterly filings, WSI filings and year end processing including W-2's, and remove payroll off of Quick books and reduce our quick book users from 5 to 3. Peggy 2nd, roll call vote, Nathan- yes, Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Stipend: Kristine will give Don a list of Directors who do not camp and will receive a check for \$25.00

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: No advertising on the Morton County Fair corn hole tourney. Shawn will contact 701. Asked Braun Electrical if we can rent the panel to plug the inflatables in, Barry will contact him, Braun responded and he will donate the use of the box this year and will build one for next year, he will set it up on Thursday. There is one registration for power wheels derby.

Beer Garden: Not selling beer tickets, The Field will take care of that, ask them about wristbands for 21 and over and if they need help and if they want to use the ones we have.

Camping: Packets went out in the mail, no campers allowed in before Sunday at 5:00 pm, want electrical before, need to contact Mary. Next year need to put on the site that the camping package is for the whole weekend and there will be no refunds. Josh and Wayne will come up on Saturday or Sunday and set the camp grounds up, weather permitting. Wayne will pick up more orange spray paint.

Capital: Barry getting the bill for the electrical, water project on hold till after the fair. County will move equipment tomorrow morning to start on the approach. Need to remove the barb wire and t-posts. Chad Steiner will put plastic bollards on each side of the walking path with reflective tape. Walking path is 12 feet wide, bollards will be placed at 10 feet. After the fair need to put gates up with padlocks. Need to get Keith Hoesel up and fix the door tract in the hoop barn.

Country Fest: No major medical or law enforcement calls, cleanup is still not complete, Trans Trash will be back this week to finish clean up. Walk thru went well, reminded them the tables in the concession building need to stay inside. Peggy is researching different venues in how they do long term contracts. Country Fest wants to know what improvements they can help with, they would like permission to install security cameras, will come to a fair board meeting this fall.

Facility Maintenance: Porta Potties, Barry will call then again, dumpsters are taken care of, and UTV's are here and are in the entertainment building. Bobcat will donate the use of the loader and 2 skid steers. 4 light towers from Aug. 4-11 for \$1200.00 from Acme Rental, Wayne has the contract and will send it to Shawn. Kristen gave a list of items to be done before the fair. Will run the fire hose to the wash rack. Nathan will talk to the county about mowing.

Fair Dinner: Madan FFA Alumni hired to help. Fastenal donated the bottle water, Kristen working on the grill from South West Grain.

Gate & Parking: Still looking for volunteers to run the gate, let Nathan know if you know of any one. Bought 200 electrical fence stakes for running rope thru. Runnings gave us a break on the stakes. Bought 6 rolls of new rope.

Music & Small Acts: nothing

Public Relations/ Advertising: Discussion on giving the radio stations wristbands to give away, Kristen made the motion to give 25 wristbands to Townsquare Media and 25 to IHeart to be given away, Peggy 2nd, motion passed. Wayne will drop them off.

Fair book and posters: A lot of business places no longer have bulletin boards up, look at making less posters next year, Need to put more books and posters where we can in Madan, smaller towns are covered. Website updates need to send items to Kristina, so can get the items on the website correctly.

Kristen would like to see 2000 likes on our face book page, will put a post on face book that we would like to see 2000 likes by August 1st and then give so many wristbands out.

Rodeo: Got both contracts, still looking for help from the Saddle Club. Draft Horse Competition is ready to go.

Power Pull: Parking passes and wrist bands given to Full Pull, have a pullback tractor from West River Equipment.

Competitive Exhibits: Panels we ordered will be ready to go tomorrow, pallet of wood shavings ordered. Fair entry is open. Someone on the 4-H side is bringing a spring born calf to show, still on the momma cow, like to show in open. Barry made the motion to allow calf to come and go only if the momma cow cannot, Kristina 2nd motion passed.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Peggy talked to Custer Health and gave them a list of food vendors so they can be inspected. Melanie will map out where the vendors are going.

Buckles/Awards: All awards and buckles have been ordered, trophies can be picked up on July 26 and the buckles have been mailed to us this week.

Security: nothing

New Business

Fair Set up: July 25- 5:00 PM set up barns

July 31- 4:00 PM set up/ clean up

August 1st- 5:00 PM finish up

Schedules/availability during fair: nothing to discuss

Coolers: Have several coolers in the beer trailer we can use.

IRS & W-9: Don looked in the county records- nothing, rest of the board says do not know

Runnings: We will have a charge account, tax exempt is taken care of, will have 6 directors on the account and will have to show ID when you charge. ID has to match the name that is listed on the account. Nathan will get the application to Kristen. Wayne is getting an account set up at Acme

New Associates:

Natalie Pierce- Barry moved to have Natalie Pierce as an associate member, Mark 2nd motion passed.

Melissa Plesuk- Kristen moved to accept Melissa Plesuk for fair board director, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Hotel Rooms: good to go

Next meeting is August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Mark moved to adjourned, Nathan 2nd, motion passed, adjourned at 9:42 PM

Annie Cochrane
acting secretary
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