

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

May 18, 2021

Call the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

**Directors present:** Tracy Boehm, Nathan Boehm, Peggy Brandt, Shawn Feiring, Melanie Gaebe, Annie Gartner, Kristine Koeplin, Karla Meikle, Barry Schulz, Josh Valleroy, and Wayne Seeman

**Associate Members present:** Wendy Boehm, Jackie Buckley, and Mark Isaacs

**Guests present:** Darrell Itrich

He explained what happened with the double booking of his event and the rodeo bible camp. Stated been an issue for 3 years with the booking, he suggested to take the human out of it and use the computer for booking events. Board stated that we are working on that.

Jodi Kunz who was not at the meeting but represented by Peggy was asking what the cost would be for five camping spots. \$ 15.00 a night for electrical and need to be in contact with Josh.

**Additions/ Approval of Agenda:** Melanie made the motion to approve the agenda, Tracy second, motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Barry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Wayne second, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** In the checking account we have \$ 65,931.47 - \$1102.53 in outstanding checks for a total of \$64,828.94. On line account balance is \$528.52 and the savings account (2020 sponsorship money) has \$ 14,000.00. Nathan made the motion to approve the treasurer report, Kristine second, motion passed. Karla stated she had e-mail Dawn Rhone about getting the other half of mill levy money.

**Bills to pay.** JT Fire- moved fire suppression system tank and did the annual fire extinguisher check on 19 extinguishers for total of \$500.00. Rental agreement for City Auditorium for Darrell It rich flea market for amount of \$500.00

**Custodial Report:** Mary asked if the freezers in the concession building could be moved to the entertainment building. Board gave her the ok to move them to the NE corner of the entertainment building. Pop in the office is two years old and will be dump. Wayne will talk to Rick Rhone about the stove and a possible upgrade, been issues with the stove.

## **Old Business**

**Land to the north:** Josh has tried to contact Dave Meier multiple times, no answer. Park Board said no to both gates. Parking will stay the same as past years.

**Draft Horse Driving Competition:** Will take place on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the arena.

**Point of Sale:** Tracy said the most costly item is the tablet, went with the lowest GB of 32, can be used with both pay pal and square and is blue tooth compatible. Discussed a max limit to charge, will have a \$7.00 limit. Barry the motion to have the committee take care of POS system upon approval from the auditor that it can be used as an improvement, Nathan second. Roll call vote taken, Tracy yes, Nathan yes, Peggy yes, Shawn yes, Melanie yes, Annie yes, Kristine yes, Karla yes, Barry yes, Wayne yes, Josh yes, Motion Annoumsly passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Power Pull-** Contract for renting the bleachers from Mandan Progress committee sent, Joel and Annie will pick up and take back. Contract is signed with Full Pull and deposit was made, list of trophies done, ambulance and fire department have been contacted.

**Competitive Exhibits:** Static- Melanie presented what will be put in the fair book, will add the judge's decisions are final and presented the post card that will be sent to past exhibitors noting the changes. Discussion was had on an on-line entry system, with these systems they are more accurate and payout is quicker. Fair entry is \$750.00 a year and includes tech support and 3000 entries. Fair can borrow the scanners from 4-H. Barry made the motion to purchase fair entry for \$750.00, Kristine second, roll call vote taken, Tracy yes, Nathan yes, Peggy yes, Shawn yes, Melanie yes, Annie yes, Kristine yes, Karla yes, Barry yes, Wayne yes, Josh yes. Motion passed Annoumsly.

**Livestock-** Will start Dairy Show and Horse Show at 9:00 a.m., hog show 8:00 a.m. Moved the Beef Show to show ring and should be done by 2:00 p.m. Try to get majority of everyone to pre- register by July 23<sup>rd</sup> . If someone scratches there will be a refunded, there is a set time that request needs to be made to committee. Wayne made the motion for release time of 2:00 p.m. on Sunday for everything, Peggy second motion passed. Discussion was had on getting additional 40 prizes for livestock, tabled till next year.

**Commercial Exhibits & Concessions:** Two food vendors, Jacks and Sugar Monster, looking for one more food vendor, 4-H concession is set to go. Have three machinery vendors and the rest is slowly coming in.

**Buckles/Awards:** Peggy will order the buckles this week. Discussion was had on putting the year on the award, leave it up to the committee.

**Beer garden:** Total of three bids; 1 New Salem and 2 Mandan. Barry made the motion to award the Field with the contract, Nathan second. MCFA will receive 40% of each ticket, one ticket= \$1.00, vendor will retain 60%, soft drink-\$2.00, beer - \$ 4.00 and \$6.00 for Mikes Hard lemonade and other specialty drink, motion passed.

**Website/ Fair Book:** Will have a page of information and tentative dates on the website. Going to state need to check back for when things open up. Before camping goes live need to make sure the board members who want to camp have their spots. Sheyna is working on the book, need to make sure everything gets to the committee by the end of the month and then goes to Sheyna. She has majority of the ads.

**Roof on the cabin:** Country Feat owns the building, we will take pictures and send them to Country Feast so repairs can be made.

#### **New Business:**

**Fair Schedule:** Discussion was had on the schedule, corrections where given to Wendy, she will make them on the schedule and in the next day or two e- mail the schedule back to the members to review.

**Duty Check List:** Discussion was had on what needs to be done before, during and after the fair. Discussion was had on upgrading the water line to wash rack so we can do away with the tank, Barry will contact Don Taghon to get the tank and pump set up.

**Posting Committee Meetings:** When having a committee meeting go on face book and post it. When you send an e-mail out to everyone hit reply, not reply all, same principle applies to texting.

**Fair Dedication:** Karla made the motion to not have the fair dedicated in 2021, Melanie second, motion passed.

**Building Cleaning:** Have had several complaints the concession building has not been real clean, people who rent the building have had to clean before their event. Will continue to monitor the situation and will talk to both custodians.

**Contract/ Calendar:** Board should review the new contract and let Peggy know of any changes by next meeting. On the fair website there is a calendar, Wendy has been putting events on the calendar, no names just states what buildings are rented. When Mary and Carrie get the

contract they will forward it to Wendy so she can get it on the calendar. Only rent the buildings out a year ahead and need contracts signed to reserve the spot. Barry, Peggy and Karla will talk to both them.

**Keypad Lock for Office Door:** Discussion was had on how keypad lock would be easier than keys, Karla stated she had a limit amount of keys made and that is the route we are going for now.

Building the Fire Department purchased had chain link, posts, and a rolling gate for sale, no action taken.

Hydrant on south side is leaking again, Saddle Club is talking about replacing the hydrant and maybe the Fair could add a curb stop going to the barn. Karla made the motion to have Barry fix the hydrant and to do it right, Tracy second, motion passed.

Next Meeting June 15, 2021 7:00 p.m. Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem

Melanie made the motion to adjourn, Peggy second, motion passed. Adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

*Annie Korbner  
Secretary MCFR  
6-15-2021*