

Morton County Fair Minutes
October 20, 2016
Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Barry Schulz called the meeting to order. Members present include Foxy Brunen, Kenny Schulz, Meredith Werchau, Tyrel Schulz, Paul Trauger, Barry Schulz, Karla Meikle, Alex Hager, Mark Fleck, Tony Heins, Annie Gartner, Wendy Boehm, and Tracy Boehm.

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Any questions on report? Insurance cost went down. Questioned the septic pumping, has been fixed. Question on why trash bill was lower than last year, Paul will call Trans Trash m/m/s Tony, Delores motion approved

Update on Budget

\$99,300.00 approved by County Commission for 2017 budget

Discussion on loan payment, no money has been handed in for storage yet. Mark made a motion; Tyrel seconded the motion to pay \$10,000 on the loan.

Discussion on moving the savings to checking. Tony moved to close the savings account and up to the discretion of the treasurers to put where needed, Mark seconded it. Motion passed.

Alex Report - Screens off on the east side of the building, bathrooms working except one stall in the women's bathroom. Men's room is fixed. Vacuum cleaner was donated.

Old Business

ND Fair Convention - Hospitality Room – keep it with Mercer County

NDRA Rodeo – Rodeo of the year award. Saddle Club members helped out at the rodeo in Bismarck. Discussion on having wild pony races for our fair next year.

By-laws discussion as per previous meeting: By-laws went into effect April 1 as per discussion back in June. No vote was taken on this action in June; however, By-laws were passed April 21, 2016

Any other old business

Freezer discussion – to move them, Karla will work with Alex and the FFA to move freezers around.

Discussion on fair by-laws: removing Tami Heins and Kyle Toepke as directors of the Morton County Fairboard; Annie made a motion, Meredith seconded for discussion purposes. Discussion on defining associate members. Motion failed by paper ballot.

Discussed sending out a Professional letter sent out to all fairboard members regarding topic of agenda for annual meeting. Will go out the end of December to announce the annual meeting. Have option to become an associate member, non-voting but can make suggestions.

By-law review of what an associate member is. Committee review of associate member Karla, Mark, and Tracy. Although by-laws do have a definition of an associate member.

New Business

Dates for the fair August 2-6, 2017 Wednesday August 2 will be speed events for horse. Thursday is general achievement day, horse achievement day and rabbit/poultry achievement day. August 4 is Livestock Achievement Day/rodeo/band. August 5 Open Class Livestock, Rodeo, Power Pull, August 5 close of fair with ranch rodeo, free meal and tractor pull.

Karla meeting with entertainment – decided not to pursue working with Rob from Noble Tickets and Marketing. He is too above our fair.

Electrical boxes Mark will get them locked up.

Sponsorship partnership with fair board members discussion if anyone knew someone from businesses for a direct contact to let Karla know.

Gate Fees – discussion of why gate should be raised. Suggestion to consider 4-H/FFA parents to pay regular price. Will table for a future meeting.

Booth/Vendor Fees currently \$75.00 discussed why we give \$25.00 back, also discussed raising vendor fees, again, will table for future meeting.

Inflatables for 2017 Mark and Tyrel will work on

Rock Wall for 2017 Book the Rock Wall – Karla for Friday August 4

Any other new business

Alex, rental of the entertainment building, discussed charges, rent out as a whole building committee should define.

Next Meeting

Motion made by Karla, seconded by Tyrel, meeting adjourned.

Annual Meeting January 19, 2017 7:00pm with regular meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karla Meikle

For Jackie Buckley

Morton County Fair Secretary