

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

August 16, 2022

7:00 PM Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Call the meeting to order: 7:06

Roll Call of Directors

- Shawn Feiring
- Annie Gartner
- Kristine Koepplin
- Melanie Gaebe
- Peggy Brandt
- Melissa Plesuk
- Mark Issacs
- Nathan Boehm
- Barry Schulz

Associate Members

- Wendy Boehm
- Wayne Seeman

Guests

- Don Lefleur
- Margo Kunz
- Renae

Custodial Report

Additions/Approval of Agenda – Nathan moves approval of agenda, Peggy seconded, motion passes

Secretary's Report

- Barry moves approval of July meeting minutes with corrections – Kristine's name spelled wrong, seconded by Peggy, motion passes

Treasurer's Report

- Don provides report on the Profit and Loss statement – see attached
 - Nathan requests a monthly breakdown as well to see what bills change month-to-month
- Kristine – first month with payroll services – all set up and working well – payroll is no later than the 15th of the month for the previous month's hours
 - Terrance will get a 1099 and so will Dustin Fleck for spraying – need I-9

- Nathan moves to approve, Peggy seconded, motion passes

4H Report

- Livestock – 110 4Hers participated in the livestock events
- Discussed a few changes to stalling, keeping the weigh-ins where they are, separating the rabbit and poultry shows like all the other open class shows
- Were there recommendations for splitting rabbit and poultry for 4H and open class – possibly morning and afternoon shows – nothing fleshed out yet

Bills to Pay

- Packet of 3.18.2021 – 12.31.21
 - Expenses submitted by Karla
 - Phone charges are for the WIFI pucks – three pucks are ours
 - Supplies from Amazon
 - Printing from last year
 - Hotels from last year's fair
 - Heartland Association
- Packet was turned in to the county auditor – the invoice wasn't provided to the auditor until recently – learned we can suspend the WIFI pucks for three months at a time
 - All the charges are for the fair, but they are extremely late
- Front invoice is the total for everything
- Barry moves to pay the invoice, Nathan seconds
 - Peggy – JP Morgan Bill – question on charge – some were fair, some were 4-H
 - Mark – moving forward, do we need to put something in on operating procedures for timely payment of bills, needs to be in the fiscal year. Need to add it to the policy document
 - Kristine – any company has 45 – 60 days, should be considered for policies
 - Roll call vote – unanimous vote
- Oven wouldn't turn on – capital city had to come in and fix the oven – they told Margie that the propane going to the oven was too low to fire up – Wayne will call Rick to get the full story
- Wendy – never had to dump the catch trays on the ventilation system – need the one on the west side back on there
- We will hold the bill for more information
- Extension bill for the exhibits – 721 exhibits – 100 livestock and horse
 - See attached for premiums and meal vouchers
- Remember we are tax exempt – MCF cannot reimburse taxes

Committees

- Entertainment
 - Fee to Ward is \$750 – wants to continue working with the MCF and wonders if MCF would be interested in a 3-year contract with him
 - Knocks the commission rate down to 8%
 - Kristine moves the 3-year contract with Ward for entertainment, Barry seconds, motion passes
- Volunteers
 - 30 volunteers for 279.5 hours – several are willing to help again next year
 - Good comments about parking
 - Payments are done
 - Wayne – Sunday lacking in help cleaning up fairgrounds and garbage – Jason from Sugar Monster spent 2.5 hours helping clean up grounds
 - Blend family – 7 people for 2 hours to clean up
- Competitive Events
 - Entries for Thursday through Saturday – 800 entries, 286 exhibitors
 - Sunday – 240 entries, 136 exhibitors
 - Finalizing results tonight and checks will be ready this weekend

Old Business

Fair Wrap-up

- Thank you's – List Annie sent out – add NDFU for ice cream social, West River Equipment for use of equipment, add Morton County Parks and Morton County Engineer
- Donations
 - Garyl Gartner - \$500
 - New Salem Ambulance - \$500
 - New Salem Fire Department - \$300
 - Rocky Bateman - \$200
 - New Salem Saddle Club - \$1000
 - No-Dak Plumbing and Heating - \$200
 - New Salem Weigh Station - \$100
 - Mandan FFA - \$500
 - New Salem FFA - \$2500
 - Dale Pletan - \$200
 - 4-H Council - \$1500
 - Joel Gartner - \$500
 - Wayne Hoger - \$200
 - Sugar Monster – Free spot next year
 - Nathan moves to approve thank yous and donations, seconded by Annie, roll call vote carries unanimously

- Rock wall – have him refund us for this year or just keep the payment and put us on the calendar for next year
 - Annie moves to keep on books for next year, seconded by Nathan, motion passes

New Business:

- Barry - Blade roads and trails – Are we getting gravel/millings?
 - Straighten out the roads – wash outs and things
 - Barry moves we hire Wayne Hoger to come in to fix up the roads, seconded by Mark, motion passes
- Wayne – Braun come out to see if adding power to the light pole across from the vendors and upgrading camping power is possible
 - Not a lot of issues with electrical in camping area – need to upgrade the 20 amps
 - Jesse would like to come up and see if the pedestals could handle a 50-30-30
 - Like to get power on the light pole by the food vendors
 - Like to add another light by the vendors as well
 - Look at the lights around the arena
 - Nathan moves to let Wayne work with Braun to get a quote on electric, seconded by Melissa, motion passes
- Fence and gates
 - New approaches – promised park board we would fix the fence and put up locking gates
 - Barry moves we hire Levi Peterson to put up the fence, seconded by Peggy
 - Need to have the fence on the line
 - Annie recommends having the whole fence repaired
 - Kristine amends the motion to get quotes from Levi Peterson, Jared Miller and Lei Backhouse
 - Amendment passes
 - Motion to approve getting quotes for the fencing and gates, motion passes

Next Meeting: September 20, 2022

Announcement from Kristine – letter from Country Fest appreciating communication

Adjournment: Melanie moves adjournment, Nathan seconds, motion carries 8:10 PM adjournment

Approved September 20. 