

Morton County Fair Meeting
Morton County Fairgrounds
August 17, 2017

Call the Meeting to order – Sheldon Brandt. President

Roll Call – Kenny Schulz, Foxy Brunen, Bruce Strinden, Mark Fleck, Don Taghon, Wendy Boehm, Barry Schulz, Meredyth Werchau, Shawn Feiring, Tony Heins, Karla Meikle, Joel and Ann Gartner, Tracy Boehm, Jackie Buckley, Margo Kunz.
Guest Janeen.

Secretary's Report – Moved by Karla seconded by Wendy to approve the secretary's report with the corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Checking as of August 17th \$106,018.32. All bills for the current budget year must be submitted to Tracy by September 30, 2016. Moved by Barry seconded by Meredyth to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Tracy will look into the stale check policy with the lawyer.

Bills to Pay – None submitted.

Old Business

Medieval Rush – Committee Report – Still waiting for the contract to be signed.

Country Fest – Committee Report – Contract is signed.

Budget Committee Report – The budget committee reported on their meeting. The board went over the budget. Moved by Don seconded by Wendy to approve the budget to be submitted to the commissioners.

New Business

New East Gate – Ann Gartner – Ann has contacted Dakota Fence. The new gate would be a sliding gate for a cost of \$6159 and is 32 feet wide and 5 feet tall. A decision will be made at the September meeting.

Storage Coordinator, Contracts etc. – Kenny will talk to Al. If he does not take it, the board would like to hire Alex Hager for this position. Kenny will get back to us at the September meeting.

Payment on County Loan – A decision on whether to make a payment will be made at the September meeting.

Fair Reports

Chicken Supper – All went well. Will probably need to increase the price for 2018.

Pedal Pull – All went well. Lots of kids participated.

Power Pull – Will need to increase prize money. County will level out the track. There is a need to get the water to drain. Make sure there are 2 port-a-pots on the west side of the track.

Antique Tractor Pull – All went well.

Beer Garden

- Security issues – County deputies would like to have everyone carded and must be wearing wristbands.
- Faster way to dispense tea.
- Woody will be invited to a Fairboard meeting.
- Have a separate table for the wrist bands.

Camping – All went well.

Fair Book – blurry ads need to be fixed. There are edits to be made.

Entertainment – everyone seemed satisfied.

Bands – Slam-a-Bama is booked for 2018.

Rodeo – All went well. Lots of compliments on the good condition of the arena.

Mutton Busting’ Because of complaints Tony moved seconded by Karla that there will not be Mutton Busting for 2018. Motion carried.

Advertising – All was good. Confusion on the dates.

Buckles - Payments Received? Does a bill need to be sent? Jackie needs a list so bills can be sent.

Ranch Rodeo – Went well. Good comments. 1 team drew out.

Vendors – Discussion about outside vendors. How much to charge. Possibly by the square foot. Food vendors will be discussed at the September meeting. Moved by Tony seconded by Mark to charge outside vendor’s \$75/piece. Motion failed. All of the vendors seemed to be happy.

Livestock Barns – All seemed to go well. Mary Jo got extra panels so horses would not have to go home. Concern was expressed by the board that there were empty stalls for horses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. More communication will be needed with the horse show exhibitors. Everything seemed to go well in the other barns. There will be less dairy exhibitors in 2018. Moved by Marked seconded by Tony to move the beef show until Sunday. Motion carried.

Inflatables – All went well. It was decided that we will only have inflatable on Friday and Saturday and the Rock wall on Sunday. We will see if there will be a change in the price.

Open Class – All went well. It sounds like Tami will do it again. Just a minor hitch on the payouts. It was taken care of.

Maintenance Report – Alex – No report

Any Other Business

Bruce talked about purchasing more land. More parking space is needed.

Payments

Hebron FFA - \$150

Mandan FFA - \$250

Mandan FFA Alumni - \$500

New Salem Ambulance - \$500

Rex Wadingham - \$150

Rocky Bateman - \$200

New Salem Saddle Club - \$1000

2018 Fair Dates – August 1-5, 2018

September meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

New Salem Fire Department - \$300

Garyl Gartner - \$500

New Salem FFA Alumni - \$500

Don Entzel - \$200

New Salem FFA - \$2500

New Salem Weigh Station - \$100

Respectfully Submitted

Jackie Buckley

Morton County Fair Secretary