

Morton County Fair Minutes
August 20, 2015

Call the meeting to order – Shawn Feiring

Guests at the meeting: Rick and Peggy Schaff, Renell Henke

Secretary's Report – Moved by Donnie seconded by Margo to approve the minutes as handed out. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - \$75,274.03 in checking, \$7,673.49 in savings. Moved by Barry seconded by Margo to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay – There were no bills brought before the board.

Budget Hearing report – Jackie and Paul – Jackie and Paul went over the budget that was presented to the commissioners. Karla, Donnie, Wendy, Paul and Jackie attended th hearing. Discussion was held on what improvements need to be made for the \$40,000 that was listed on the budget.

- Finish electrical on the south side of the fairgrounds. \$20,000
- Update electrical in Horse ban - \$1150
- Update electrical in the Beef barn - \$1550
- Gravel at the fairgrounds - \$3,000
- Add gate in northwest corner estimate at \$7,500
- PA System for the fairgrounds - \$3,000
- Possible to upgrade the back of the stage - \$2,000

Total - \$38,200

Moved by Barry seconded by Mark to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fair Payments and thank you notes

2014 List

Payments

2014 Payments were:

Fire Department - \$300

Ambulance - \$500

Garyl Gartner - \$500

Don Entzel - \$200

Mandan FFA - \$250

Rex Wadingham - \$200

New Salem FFA - \$3,000

Mandan FFA Alumni \$500

New Salem FFA Alumni - \$500

Rocky Bateman - \$200

Hebron FFA - \$150

Moved by Tony seconded by Wendy to make donations to the above groups for their contribution to the fair. Motion carried. Barry will check with the Saddle Club about the electrical bill for the month of the fair. Moved by Mark seconded by Karla to pay the \$928.69 for gravel to the Saddle Club. Motion carried.

Fair Reports

Entertainment - good

Chicken Supper – good

Pedal Tractor Pull – Lots of kids. Went well

Power Pull – Sled broke down. Suggested that we start the pull at 5:00 p.m.
Jackie needs liability waiver

Antique Tractor Pull - OK
Jackie needs liability waiver

Rodeo – Went well. Parking is still an issue.

Barrel Racing – Moved by Tony seconded by Kyle not to have the Barrel Racing in 2016 so that the horse show can be held in the arena. Motion carried.

Ranch Rodeo – Went OK – Ryan and Dana Fleck will handle it for 2016.

Beer Garden – Financially went well

Livestock Barns

- Horse barn would like some changes in the stalling. Barn rules need to be shared. Registration times need to be changed.
- More electrical will be added to the Horse barn
- More electrical will be added to the beef barn

Home Economics Exhibits – No report

Commercial Exhibits – full except for those that did not show up. The vendor agreement needs to be redone to include food vendors.

Bands - Thunder Road and 32 Below are on hold for 2016. Moved by Mark seconded by Meredyth to hire Thunder Road for Saturday night for \$3,000. Motion carried. We will not be asking 32 Below to return on 2016. Karla will continue to look for bands.

Inflatables/Rock Wall – Went well. Tyrel is talking to them about a refund.

Other Old Business

- Catering Wagon from Minot
- Bill Davis Chuck wagon serves cheese curd, funnel cakes and corn dogs. Karla will talk to him.

Work on the Constitution revision before the next meeting

Janitorial during the fair

- Dan needs more help
- Restrooms and kitchen need cleaning.
- Ceiling fans need cleaning
- Garbage need to be set out in commercial building and the entertainment building
- More plastic containers are needed.

New Business

Building Rent & Storage Rent – Mark, Wendy, Tracey and Donnie were put on a committee to work on this before the next meeting. They will talk to Al Lechner to meet with them as well.

Moved by Wendy and seconded by Karla that no plastic tables or padded chairs are allowed to leave the grounds as a rental. Motion carried.

ND State Fair Annual Meeting – Nov. 9, 2015 at the State Fairgrounds in Minot

Other Business

Discussion was held on chasing our volunteers away. We need to have job descriptions or job duties set up especially to let new board members know where help is needed.

Next meeting

September 17, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Mark seconded by Wendy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Buckley
Morton County Fair Secretary

**September 17, 2015
Meeting Agenda**

Call the meeting to order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Bills to pay

Budget – Have not heard anything

Old Business

Electrical

- Beef and Horse Barn are done – ready for rentals
- The remaining electrical should be just about done
- Extra Pedestal I ordered one because we did not communicate well enough with Magnum Electric.
- BMDA Grant – Commissioners Meeting, Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m. Jackie

Thank you letters written

Constitution Committee Report

Hoop Building repair – Sheldon did you talk to Roger?

Other Old Business

New Business

Pre-registration for camping 2016 Fair

How to handle use of campsites – Lock up how much to charge, etc.

Building Rent and Storage Committee Report

Fair Convention – Due Oct. 19 – More information on Handout
Room Reservations, Convention Registration
Nominations for District Fair Person of the Year

Fairboard Delegate to the ND State Fair Annual Meeting November 9, 2015

Other New Business

Next Meeting
October 15, 2015

Adjourn

