

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

April 20, 2021

Call the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Barry Schulz, Josh Valleroy, and Wayne Seeman

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

Guests present: Jodi Kuntz, and Levi Leingang (Rodeo Bible Camp), and Don Taghon

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

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

Treasurer Report: In the checking account we have \$ 52,523.62 - \$3,172.49 in outstanding checks plus \$28.52 transfer from on line account for a total of \$49,379.65. On line account balance is \$528.52 and the savings account (2020 sponsorship money) no report. Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer report, Peggy second, motion passed.

No bills to pay.

Custodial Report: Looking at other options with sealing the concrete floor. Discussion was had on epoxy vs. sealing, Barry made the motion to postpone till fall, Melanie second, motion passed.

Rodeo Bible Camp: The date for the camp is booked with another event for the same weekend. Camp dates are June 2-6, 2021. Jodi stated this has happen in the past, he was told they have these dates and have already booked instructors and advertise for the event. Discussion was had on what we could do to correct the mistake, camp is asking to use the concession building, entertainment building and horse barn. Also looking at sitting up a 2nd arena by the derby track for riding. Wayne made the motion to allow the Rodeo Bible Camp to have the weekend of June 2-6 and the board will find alternative place for flea market, Peggy second, motion passed. Peggy will call Melissa Davis at the auditor's office to see if June 2-6 is available for the flea market, also check with golf course. After she calls Davis, she will call Carrie and talk to her, then Darrell Itrich.

Discussion was had on what to charge the Rodeo Bible Camp to rent the facilities. Wayne made the motion to charge \$1400.00 for the facilities, Melanie second, motion passed

Old Business

PA system: Wayne will volunteer to pick up the PA system from Night Life Music and will be in contact with Karla so payment can be made.

County Commissioner meeting: Shawn and Tracy were both there, went really well and the commissioners allocated ½ of our money. Nathan stated to come back in June to either meeting and request the other ½ of our money.

By-laws & Policy Manual: Discussion was had on camping for directors and associates. Wayne stated we should have free camping for the members that are putting in the time and that we can afford to give a little to the board. Wayne made the motion that Fair Board Directors and Associate Members receive a \$25.00 stipend to use for either camping or meals, Melanie second, motion passed. Barry made the motion to have \$5.00 a day camping for Board Directors and Associate Members, Kristine second, motion passed.

Melanie made the motion to approve the policy manual with the latest corrections, Wayne second, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Youth activities schedule of events was presented, Thursday- corn hole tourney, Friday- Day Care Day and Bounce Right Rental, Saturday- power wheels derby, Bounce Right and face painting and Sunday- sand volleyball tournament and rock wall. Power wheels derby will have a contract for kids to sign and there will be 3 age divisions. Discussion was had on where to have the derby, will move the derby from show ring to Farm Bureau tent. Sand for volleyball pit was discussed, will cost an estimate \$132.00 need 22 ton at \$6.00 a ton from Jim Wolf, Tim Fleck will haul for estimate cost of \$150.00. Discussion was had on the quality of the sand and how much rock is in it, Barry will check into getting fine screenings from south of New Salem. Wayne made the motion to approve the schedule for youth activities for Thursday-Sunday and to further check into mechanical bull for liability, Josh second, motion passed.

Camping cost for all camps Wednesday-Sunday will be \$150.00, primitive camping will be \$15.00 per night, no wrist bands or vehicle passes. No tents in electrical camping area, if you have a tent by your camper, \$15.00 extra and need to be inside camper lines. Josh &

Wayne will be the camping masters, camping packet will have 2 adult wristbands and 2 vehicle passes. Power pull contestants need to purchase camping passes and follow in line with primitive. Over flow parking for camping, handicap and board was discussed, Steve Kleinjan will allow the board to use the machine from the school for making lines, just need to buy the paint.

Discussion was had on making camping posts, would have the amp and last name (use dry erase duct tape) placed in the middle of camping spot. Estimate cost to make \$500.00, will be used every year and if turns out will make for the primitive camping. Josh made the motion to allow Wendy to purchase the supplies for electrical camping posts at 500.00 max, Kristine second, Peggy will see if she can get the pipe donated, roll call vote taken, Tracy- yes, Nathan- yes, Peggy-yes, Shawn- yes, Melanie- yes, Annie- yes, Kristine- yes, Barry- yes, Wayne- yes, Josh- yes, motion Annoumsly passed.

Gate & Parking: If we get the land to north, all parking will be there, with allowance of some parking back on grounds with pass, one entrance and one exit, all rodeo will park east side of arena. No parking or camping in front of south gate by North Park and Historical Society. Board and associate members will have pass to park on grounds. Shawn is working on a people mover, Josh is in contact with land owner to north to see what he wants to rent, like to put a gate on west end of tree rows and a gate on the east end across from the entrance. Looking for groups to help work the gate, know of anyone let the committee know, will put it on the website. Discussed about having gate advisor to help with shift changes and anything else.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Food vendors will be charged 500.00 for 3 days, machinery 200.00 a spot, indoor vendors 100.00 and outside vendors 75.00 need to bring their own tent. Kari from extension office has some vendors signed up, Pride of Dakota put a call out for vendors to come to the fair. Will have a list of vendors at next meeting, also looking at how to better lay out the entertainment building so projects can be displayed better.

Competitive Exhibits: Have our fair book match the state fair book for static exhibits, so the same guidelines are followed for both fairs. Free on line registration, Melanie will give her contact info out to help people register, all exhibits need to pre- register, and site will stay open to night before. Take 2019 lists of people who showed static and mail a card to them asking them to check the changes. Rabbit and poultry will allow only 6 animals for this year till we add onto the barn. Like to raise the premiums for rabbit and poultry so it is the same as the other species, Annie made the motion to keep premiums the same for this fair and up them for next year, Melanie second, motion passed.

Beer Gardens: Two beer garden bids- open till Friday with one more bid coming. Committee will meet following week to go thru the bids and present the bids next meeting.

Draft Horse Driving Competition: Barry has not heard anything

New Salem Community Grant: Morton County Fair did not receive the grant.

New Business:

Set-up day: Discussion was had on changing the set-up day to Sunday from Monday, Wayne stated could start on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. bring this idea to 4-H clubs to see if this would work. Still can meet Monday night to finish setting up. Wendy asked a task list could be done so we do not miss anything.

Fair Ground Reservations: Kristine asked if booking events could be done on-line, once the day is reserved it gets blocked out. Need to talk to Mary to see how she feels about the idea. Need to get away from the he said she said, needs to be in black & white. Discussion was had on contracts and how far out you can book events.

Civic Club: Barry made the motion to allow the Civic Club the use of the beer trailer, Melanie second, motion passed.

Shingles on cabin: Tracy will contact Karla first to see what she knows on the building and who is responsible for up keep. Will also be in contact with Country Fest.

Open class Rabbit & Poultry show: Jackie talked to the extension office staff and they will take care of it.

Big Fans (cooler fans): One does not pump water but the fan still works and other one works.

Point of Sale: Track purchase better, Tracy asked the board permission to start researching a point of sale system and will present it to the board at next month meeting.

Next Meeting May 18, 2021 7:00 p.m. Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem

Wayne made the motion to adjourn, Melanie second, motion passed. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Aimee Bonner
Secretary WFB
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