

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

March 16, 2021

Call the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors present: Nathan Boehm, Kristine Koeplin, Peggy Brandt, Karla Meikle, Melanie Gaebe, Annie Gartner, Shawn Feiring, Barry Schulz, Tracy Boehm, and Wayne Seeman.

Associate Members presented: Wendy Boehm and Jackie Buckley. **Guests presented:** Wendy Bent HR Morton County, Mark Fleck and Don Taghon

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

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

Treasurer Report: In the checking account we have \$ 54,877.60 - \$2,498.64 in outstanding checks for a total of \$52,378.96. On-line account has a balance of \$528.52 and the savings account (2020 sponsorship money) has a balance of \$14,360.15. Wayne made the motion to approve the treasurer report, Peggy second, motion passed.

No bills to pay.

Old Business:

Purchase of PA's: Melanie presented the proposal from Premier Audio, option one - \$1,088.45, option two- \$2,416.99. Wall mount stands for 2- \$174.00. Night Life Music was \$1,965.00 for both arenas. Karla made the motion to go with Night Life Music for the PA system and upgrade to JB speakers with price range from \$2,700 to \$3,000, Wayne second, motion passed.

Sealing of concrete floor in concession building: Tabled

By- laws and Policy Manual: By-laws were presented in the final version. Need to present the by-laws to the County Commissioners on Tuesday March 23, 2021. Will work on the policy manual for another month. Melanie made the motion to approve the by-laws, Kristen second.

Roll Call Vote: Tracy- yes, Karla-yes, Melanie- yes, Barry-yes, Nathan-yes, Kristine- yes, Wayne- yes, Peggy-yes, Annie- yes and Shawn-yes. Anonymous approved by all directors.

Camping Committee meet and made a few suggestion for policy manual, free camping for all directors, associate members get first pick before it goes live and would pay for their spots. Discussion was had on adding the contracts to policy manual. Melanie would like to look into the open records policy first.

Committee Reports:

Tracy explained the expectations that the fair board has for the committee chairs.

Youth Activities: Looking into mud volleyball, tarp on top of the ground, dirt and water. No kiddie tractor pull, will have a power wheels derby on Saturday. Bouncy Inflatables will be on Friday and Saturday. Discussion was had on vintage car and tractor show and lawn mower pull, Annie will check with Full Pull. Will have the rock wall. Corn Hole Tourney, need to find a spot and would like to have a mock house with fire, have kids use the hose to put the fire out and also have a few fire trucks on display to, this is done a week before at the Cowtown Hoe Down.

Camping: Map has not changed, talked about prices to charge, will have more info at the next meeting. Josh is the camping manager and contact person. No other changes.

Gate & Parking: Discussion was had on ideas about senior parking, rodeo staff parking. Committee will meet next week by zoom. Like to have a fair board parking area.

Vendor Area: Committee is looking at the south end of entertainment building for inside vendors, area by dairy barn on west side make a food vendor court in a horse shoe or another option is a spot for security.

Fair Dinner Committee: Karla made the motion to not have the chicken supper, Melanie second, motion passed. Gave \$ 8.00 food voucher to use at the 4-H concessions, will check with other food vendors if the voucher could be used with them, this is in place of chicken supper tickets.

New Business:

4-H Usage- Karla wants to make sure the 4-H is covering the cost of the use of the concession building. Pop refund of \$800- \$900 will cover the cost of the 4-H using the building. Wayne made the motion to currently keep doing what we are doing with the pop refund check. This will be payment for 4-H rental of building, Barry second, motion passed. 4-H Council approved Das Mountain to serve German food the evenings of Friday and Saturday.

Budget: Executive Board meet a few weeks ago to make sure the budget looked good, moved a few things around. Building & Grounds Improvements, Fair equipment, tools & maintenance, Premiums 4-H, FFA, Open Class Home Economics, and Open Class Horse & Open Class Livestock can be paid for by county appropriations. Nathan made the motion to accept 2021 Budget as presented, Melanie second, motion passed.

New Salem Community Foundation Grant: Karla filled out the grant and submitted, asked for funds for additional bleachers and picnic tables. Called it Guest Accommodations. The amount submitted was \$12,000.00

Rental of Bleachers: Do not rent bleachers out, Bill Kramer should call Mandan Progress Organization for rental of their bleachers.

Beer Garden Contract & Selling of Beer Tickets on-line: Discussion was had on the beer bid contracts, working with Dawn Rhone on a list of A,B,C,D,&E liqueur licenses to send out bids to. Bid sheets will come back to ext. office, committee looks them over and board will make the final decision. Add Sunday hours Noon-Three and add no less than 10%. Karla will make the changes, have the president sign and then mail out.

On-line selling of beer tickets is hard to do, unable to card. Nathan made the motion to revoke on-line sales of alcohol, Peggy second, motion passed.

Commissioner Meeting: like to have the President and Vice President to update the Commissioners on what is going on. Shawn and Tracy will attend, Nathan will get it on the agenda.

Wristbands: Prices for 2019- weekend pass, adult-\$27.00, 6-17- \$18.00, Senior 62 plus- \$18.00, 5 7 under- free. Daily gate passes: adult-\$10.00, 6-17- \$7.00, Senior 62 plus- \$7.00. Weekend pass for 4-H and FFA- \$ 15.00,

Leaders & Parents- \$20.00. Karla made the motion to keep the prices the same, and not to print 4-H and FFA prices in fair book, Wayne second, motion passed.

Website: Wendy and Tracy will take care of the site. Karla stated a lot of things need to be changed sooner than later, update minutes, officers to name a few. Secretary needs to sign the approve minutes and scan to either Tracy or Wendy to be put on the web site.

Fair Book: Sheyna Strommen will design it for a flat fee of \$12.50 per page. We collect everything and she will put it together. Apr. Cost of \$650.00. Jane at United Printing will print the books at the cost of \$ 3,020.25 for 3,700 books in full color. Kristine made the motion to have Sheyna design the book and United Printing to print, Karla second, motion passed. E-mail both Kristine and Wendy with all the info by May 31st, Fair books go to print June 15th

Robyn at the New Salem Journal will stuff the books in the local papers, print fair posters and rodeo programs.

FFA: Karla made the motion to approve the FFA to use the tables from the fair grounds for their banquet on April 8th 2021, Peggy second, motion passed.

Tracy presented committee list, need to add by-laws and policy committee, will have a current list by next meeting.

Jackie informed the board any committee meeting of 2 or more people, needs to be a notice posted using social media like face book.

Draft Horse Driving Competition: Barry stated did it on Sunday in the arena last year. \$2,000.00 was allocated for the event. Nathan made the motion to have Barry pursue draft horse driving, Peggy will also help, Peggy second, motion passed.

Next meeting April 20, 2021 7:00 p.m. Morton County Fair Grounds New Salem

Karla moved to adjourn, Tracy second, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Annie Gartner Secretary
4-20-2021*