

**Cass County Fair Association  
Regular Meeting  
Gregarek Building  
March 14, 2023  
Minutes**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** President Brian Kuemin, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Jerry Zachery, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Patty Dohm, Neil Bowman, Pauline Harris, Bobbie Labar, Tom Gregory, Robin Brenneman, Robert Carpenter, Jennifer Stockwell, Jon Blough, Leslie Vargo, Joe Vargo, Jan Becraft, Laura Fell.

**Absent:** Vice President Gail Peterson, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors David Gleason, Daryl Keesler, Alex Wilson.

**Minutes:** Shane Harris moved to approve the February 2023 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Laura Fell presented information about a light horse raffle.
  - Shane Harris moved to approve the light horse raffle, supported by Dave Bratton. Motion carried.
- Swine Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell presented to the board to charge \$2.00 at validation for vaccination shot.

**Committee Reports:**

- Beer Tent: Brenda Smego reported that a permit was submitted to the state and insurance company.
- Grounds Entertainment:
  - Zelda reported that the contract was returned for the lumberjack show.
  - Zelda will follow-up with the Farm Magic Show in regards to the price increase.
- Advertisement
  - Shane Harris reported the quotes that were received from B100 and U93.
    - Shane Harris moved to approve U93 for the amount of \$5,295.00 for 1,000 radio slots, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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**Old Business:**

2023 Fairbook Changes

- Swine: 840 Tag except for validation.
  - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the 840 Tag, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
  
- Rule #3 showing at a previous fair.
  - Shane Harris moved to leave the rule as it is stated, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
  
- Appearance: Appropriate Dress
  - Shane Harris moved to remove ripped jeans, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried
  
- Rule #14
  - Shane Harris moved to amend that fairboard has the right to remove any project deemed unworthy, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
  
- Horse Registration
  - Shane Harris moved to all current methods of registration stay in place jot form and Blue Ribbon, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
  
- Renaming of Jot Form

Shane Harris moved to approve the new title of Jot form to \*\*\*\*\*, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Fall Camping Event in Conjunction with the Village of Cassopolis: No new updates were presented.

**New Business:**

- Mike Smego would like board approval to increase the rental fee for the Gregarek Building for 2024 from \$600 to \$800 and approval of an increase in the damage deposit effective immediately from \$500 to \$1,000 due to previous extensive damage.
  - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the rental of \$800 and damage deposit of \$1,000, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

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- In 2014 the board made a decision to send a letter to the family of anyone who had memorial funds that were three years or older. Currently there are ten accounts listed individually on the Fund Balance Report that fit this category and total \$9,763.07, A suggestion has been made that as soon as a new list of projects can be created we send out those letters.
  - Shane Harris moved to approve sending letters to families of anyone who had memorial funds that were three years or older, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

**Additional Reports:**

- Secretary Brenda Smego submitted her report:
  - Hydro Aluminum would like to make a donation to the tree fund.
  - Sponsor list has been updated.
  - Smego asked the board how many members can help with storage removal.
- Director Dave Bratton reported that stall fronts for the draft horse barn have been ordered.

**Closed Session:**

- Meeting went into closed session at 8:24 p.m.
- Meeting resumed at 8:32 p.m.

**Adjournment**

8:32 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Knepple