

Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregorek Building
December 12, 2023
Minutes

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

Present: President Dave Bratton, Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors Mike Frushour, Rodney Waldschmidt, Neil Bowman, David Gleason, Ben Waldschmidt, Sara Johnson, Shane Harris, Rob Carpenter, Jim Teter, Daryl Keesler, Guests Jennifer Stockwell, Tom Gregory, Robin Breneman, Bobbie Labar, Tim Miller, Treasa Ridenaur, Nikita Mehaney, Tabatha Turk, Erica Boulanger, Lori Whitmyer, KAren Wright, Jon Blough, Jan Becraft, Pauline Harris, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Directors Alex Wilson and Jerry Zackary, Space Rental Mike Smego.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the November 2023 minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright presented a donation check for the amount of \$6,250.00 from Niles Scream Park for many hours of volunteering at the Haunted House. Wright reported that with the addition of the donation received should bring the Goat account balance over \$11,000.00. She would like to spend \$8,560.00 for 10 black pens for the goat barn. Wright invited others to volunteer at the Niles Scream Park to help raise money for their barn/4-H group.
- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Jan Becraft asked about calf weights. Normal weights are 400-650 lbs. Allow to show 50 pounds under and above the weight scale.
- Horse Superintendent Bobbie Labar wished all Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year.

Committee Reports:

- Shane Harris shared an update on behalf of the Promotion and Advertising Committee. Quotes were received from B100/Bear for 230 ads at \$4,322.00 and U93/97.9 Classic Rock 300 ads streaming and digital for \$5,860.00. Harris made a recommendation to stay with U93 and 97.7 for the amount of \$5,8003.00. Harris also shared that he has not received quotes yet for print ads.
 - Gail Peterson moved to approve the radio stations U93 and 97.7 ad quote for the amount of \$5,860.00, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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- Harris also shared an outline that has been created for street naming. It was requested for Mike Frushour to create a simple map. Would like to run the contest from January 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024. Open to suggestions on rules. No memorials and profanity or suggestive names.
 - David Gleason received a quote from the Road Commission for the road signs. Signs=\$1,645.00-\$1,875.00 Posts=\$49.00.
- Gail Peterson shared information about pure bred class for swine.
- Brenda Smego gave the following updates
 - Superintendent Reviews: The Superintendent Committee is scheduled to meet with 9 superintendents on December 5, 2023.
 - Grandstand and Grounds Entertainment: recommendations were made, but no decision was made.
 - Smego has contacted the shirt company about the t-shirt design for the board members.
 - Golf Cart Contract: the quote went up \$1,050 from 2023. 2023 was \$10,230.00 and for 2023 is \$11,280.00. Price per cart Regular=\$230, Box=\$360.00, and Shuttle=\$500.00. It was suggested to increase sponsorship per cart by \$25.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to increase the sponsorship per cart by \$25.00, Rob Carpenter supported. Motion carried.
 - Criminal History and Code of Conduct Forms for Board Members were available to sign after the meeting.
 - June 20-21, 2024 Livestock Showmanship Camp is scheduled.
- Approval of Agreement with Jon Blough, Rabbit Superintendent per suggestion of members of the Executive Committee to pay a portion of the expenses Jon paid during the 9-30-23 fiscal year not authorized by the fair in the amount of \$1,601.00.
 - Daryl Keesler moved for Jon Blough to owe the fair \$1,601.00 and the fair would pay \$2,069.00, supported by Neil Bowman. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Circle Credit Union in Cassopolis needs a copy of minutes showing approval by the board to open two new accounts due to the January closing of the Fifth Third Bank.
 - Rodney Waldschmidt moved to open two new accounts at Circle Credit Union in Cassopolis, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

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- Livestock over and under weight limits with possible grace limits.
 - Rob Carpenter moved to approve the weight limits, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

<u>Class/Animal</u>	<u>Showmanship Max#</u>	<u>Market AND Auction Max#</u>	<u>Market AND Auction Min #</u>	<u>*Showmanship Min #</u>
Market Beef Steer	No Max	1600	950	855
Beef Feeder Steer	No Max	600	250	225
Dairy Market Steer	No Max	1600	1200	1080
Dairy Feeder Steer	No Max	650	400	360
Market Swine	No Max	290	230	210
Market Lambs	No Max	No Max	90	80
Market Goats	No Max	No Max	40	35

****Livestock MUST be at this weight (Showmanship Min#) or above to remain on the fairgrounds for the week of fair at weigh in. **ALL animals that exhibit potential health or wellness concerns at check-in at the arrival on the fairgrounds will be subject to evaluation by a veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

- A deadline should be added to the Raffle Policy - suggestion is March 31 of fiscal year so there is time to apply for license and print tickets for sale by May 1.
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the update of the Raffle Policy by adding the deadline date of March 31 of fiscal year and to print tickets for sale by May 1, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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New Business:

- 2024 Budget
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the amended 2024 by allocating \$250,000.00 for the new restrooms, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.

- Board Liaison for each livestock species
 - Shane Harris: Sheep
 - Sara Johnson: Goats & Horses
 - Dave Bratton: Horses
 - Zelda Cloud: Dairy & Dairy Feeder
 - Jerry Zackary: Rabbits & Poultry
 - Gail Peterson: Beef
 - Alex Wilson: Auction & Swine
 - Rob Carpenter: Draft Horse & Swine

Adjournment

8:39 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple