

**Cass County Fair Association  
Regular Meeting  
Gregarek Building  
December 13, 2022**

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

**Present:** President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Directors, Dave Bratton, Jerry Zachery, Zelda Cloud, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Gail Peterson, Mike Frushour, Daryl Keesler, Guests Tom Gregory, Neil Bowman, Sara Brenneman, Robin Brenneman, Nikita Mehaney, Bobbie Labar, Rennie Witham, Jennifer Stockwell, Sarah Heuer, Melissa Town, Nathan Town, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

**Absent:** Directors Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, Alex Wilson, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego.

**Minutes:** Rodney Waldschmidt moved to approve the November 2022 Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comments:**

- Parent Tom Gregory asked about updates of the possibility of creating a Judging Committee.
  - President Brian Kuemin responded that there has not been a decision at this time.
- Draft Horse Superintendent Sarah Heuer announced that she would like to add another class on Saturday for the youth team.
- Sunday Animal Pick-Up Time
  - Poultry Superintendent Melissa Town suggested to have a deadline to pick-up animals on Sunday at 12pm
- Horse Superintendent Bobbie Labar asked to do away with horse registration.
- 4-H Coordinator Rennie Witham asked for a clarification on 7 year olds showing competitively. Would like clarification on judges' pay. Rennie received a request for auction order to have the gallon of milk set at 5th place.

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**Committee Reports:**

- Grandstand
  - Rodney Waldschmidt reported that he received the contract for Super Kickers. Contract was raised by \$500.00 and \$250.0 more each year for food. The renewal of the contract is 3 years and will last through 2025.
    - Daryl Keesler moved to approve the renewal of the Super Kickers contract with the addition of \$250.00 for food, supported by David Gleason. Motion carried.
  - Rodney Waldschmidt also reported not renewing the SJO Motocross contract. Which is a yearly contract due to low attendance.
  - Rodney Waldschmidt made a suggestion of trying out wrestling for 2023.
  - Rodney Waldschmidt reported that there are one year contracts left for Monster Trucks and Bump & Run.
- Beer Tent
  - Daryl Keesler reported the suggested location of the beer tent would be inside the pit area south east corner. Bud Distributing will be providing all of the alcohol. Would like volunteers from Project Graduations and Barns to work the tent and receive the tips during their time frame.
  - President Brian Kuemin requested a written proposal be presented at the January 2023 meeting.
- Goats
  - President Brian Kuemin shared the check received from Niles Haunted House in the amount of \$6,100.00 that was earned by Karen Wright's volunteer time at the Haunted House. The money will be used to help purchase twenty pens for 2023.
    - Zelda Cloud moved to support the purchase of pens, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Convention
  - President Brian Kuemin announced to be sure to let Diane Skibbe know if you need to cancel.
- Grant Options
  - Tabled

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**New Business:**

- Fairbook Changes
  - President Brian Kuemin asked to review rules and inline with rules of species. Committee review session includes Zelda Cloud, Jill Hershberger, and Brian Kuemin.
    - Recommendation to have the following age groups in a class for showmanship.
      - (7,8,9 year olds) (10,11,12 year olds) (13,14,15 year olds) (16,17,18,19 year olds)
      - 6 year olds will not be able to show competitively.
- Selection of judges
  - President Brian Kuemin announced that when selecting judges do not do it by yourself.
- OADA Membership
  - President Brian Kuemin recommended becoming an OADA member. Membership is \$100.00
    - Gail Peterson moved to become a member of OADA, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
- 2023 Budget
  - Zelda Cloud moved to adopt the 2023 Budget, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

8:45 p.m.

Zelda Cloud, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Knepple