

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregorek Building
September 12, 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, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Jerry Zackary, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, Rodney Waldschmidt, Daryl Keesler, Jim Teter, Mike Frushour, Ben Waldschmidt, Alex Wilson, Guests Karen Wright, Melissa Town, Nathan Town, Mckenzie Hartsell, Jeremiah Hartsell, Kayla Devries, Erica Boulanger, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Rachel Richmond, Robin Brenneman, Bobbie Labar, Cari Wagly, Sara B./H., Janice Fonseca, Tom Hartsell Jr., Robert Carpenter, Jon Blough, Jason Whitmyer, Lori Whitmyer, Anna Ives, Teresa Ives, Cameron Hayden, Nikita Mehaney, Karlee Thornburgh, Tabatha Turk, Vicki Schoetzow, Nick Dussel, Neil Bowman, Patty Dohm, Janice Becraft, Sara Johnson, Danielle Antisdell, Bridget Lemon, Jesse Lemon, Rene Boyer, Olivia Belin, Cassie Lee, Julie Johnson, Heather Burchfield, Kim Miller, Sarah Datton, Chad Moreno, Brett Bowman, Joel Preston, Tristan Preston, Nicki Williams, Noah Krager, Jennifer Stockwell, Mike Stockwell, Carrie White, Jennifer D., Giles Miller, Emma Miller, Bill Shupp, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Directors David Gleason.

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

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the July 2023 Financial Report, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Janice Becraft complimented Director Alex Wilson on a job well done at the fair.
- Bill Shupp introduced new horse leaders.
- Tiffany Graves representing Cass County Police Department shared a report from the fair.
- Cari Wagley shared her concern about lack of transparency and support from horse Superintendents.
- 4-H Parent Tim Miller shares his appreciation of the fair board. Also voiced his concern of lack of transparency in the horse department.
- Mackenzie Hartsell questioned how to extend fair board members to twenty seats.
- 4-H Parent Erica Boulanger questioned the code of ethics, Board Meeting Minutes on website, how as a board trying to gain more 4-H membership.

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- 4-H Parent Stephanie Bender-Bresemann questioned how many board member seats are open.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded that there will be five incumbents that will be up.
- 4-H Parent Rachel Richmond questioned board member behavior and code of conduct for board members.
- 4-H Parent Janice Foncecca stated that she doesn't think there has been change and oversight of club members from the light horse superintendent.
- 4-H Member Anna Ives shared her concerns about light horse division.
- It was suggested to have another board just for Livestock.

Committee Reports: Secretary Jill Hershberger reported on behalf of Gates Committee a summary on how the gates went during fair week.

Old Business:

- Beer Tent was not as successful. Did not make money. Just under \$700 in tips were received. It was mentioned to move the location of the tent.
- Livestock Auction: All auction checks have been mailed. Currently ten outstanding invoices for a total of \$5,000.00.
- Lowe Building Update: Fire suppression system has been installed and working.

New Business:

- Bench Order: Zelda moved to approve ten benches at \$999.00 each, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
- Director Workshop: September 24, 2023 6:00p.m. at Gregorek Building
- Post Fair Meetings - Horse/Livestock: President Brian Kuemin reported that there was a log of good ideas shared and was pleased with the turnout of the meeting.
- Scholarships: Applications will be posted. Five \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded.
- Winter Storage: Contracts are being mailed. Move in is Saturday, October 21, 2023 8:00am-12:00pm and Move out is April 20, 2024 8:00am-12:00pm.

Adjournment

8:09 p.m.

Daryl Keesler, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple