



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Regular Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bruckman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

Present: Letitia Birchmeier, Ed Bruckman, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Eric Frahm, Jim Gengler, David LeCureux, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac, Keith Valentine

Absent: Dick Borm, Donna Felton, Terry Henne,

Guests: Bob Corrin, Denise Ebenhoeh, Rosie Garcia, Dan Himstedt, Kevin Kregger, Tyler McGeehan, Tim Rosencrans, Francis Sloan, Sandy Sloan

Tyler McGeehan and Kevin Kregger made a presentation of an AED on behalf of the Memorial Healthcare Foundation.

Public Comment:

Sandy Sloan reported that the rides for Santa's Village would be brought in on October 22 and that sorting of items on pallets would begin on the 24th. A big work day is planned for October 27.

Additions to the Agenda:

Discussion about the change in 4-H age was added under new business.

Motion by Copes and supported by Valentine to accept the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September 13 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Tomac and supported by Gengler to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Robinette reported that she is looking into a quote from Hoerner & Associates for services similar to what we currently receive from McDonald & Associates (990, payroll, 1099).
- Banking Summary reports for 9/1/18-9/30/18, Account Balances as of 9/30/18, and Income and Expense Comparison for 10/1/16-9/30/18 were presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by Valentine to receive and file these reports. Motion passed.
- Because there is currently no budget in place for the new fiscal year, the following bills need approval: propane \$278.64, electric \$27.84, trash \$465.08, McDonald & Associates \$167.00, Ace Hardware \$2.84, Sloan Septic \$100.00, water \$84.05, security deposit refund to Lisa Rivette \$300.00, Michigan Snowmobile deposit refund \$100.00, cleaning supplies \$16.55 and 21.98, toilet paper for Santa's

Village \$235.05, postage for Santa's Village \$30.00, and office supplies for \$20.86 and 72.63. Motion by Copes and supported by Frahm to pay the bills. Roll call vote with all present voting yea. Motion passed.

- Discussion was held regarding entry fees from Fair that have not yet been refunded. Refunds for 4 exhibitors were approved by the horse department superintendent prior to Fair but have not been issued yet. Motion by Frahm and supported by Valentine to refund the fees. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – LeCureux gave a report.

Horse Department – Copes gave a report.

Livestock Department – Tomac reported that second notices to livestock auction buyers have gone out. There are 16 outstanding bills worth \$7,232. Newton reported that the committee is considering having poultry and rabbits submit affidavits this year, allowing the superintendents to visit farms prior to Fair, and increasing lamb weight to 165 pounds. She also suggested updating the sound system in the livestock arena.

Dog Department – Himstedt reported that all equipment has been purchased. He is resigning his position as superintendent. There will be a committee meeting on October 15.

Technology Committee – Engelhardt gave a report.

Partnerships – Copes gave a report.

Junior Fair Board – No report.

Office Manager – Rosencrans provided a written report. Motion by Newton and supported by Valentine to put ads in the Tri-County Citizen and Argus Press regarding outdoor winter storage. Motion passed. Rosencrans will call Rich Koski to work on repairs to the front gate.

SVAA Report: Ebenhoeh reported that the Harvest Banquet went well, making roughly \$6,000 in profit. A total of 138 tickets were sold. After discussion between the groups, he reported that the SVAA and Ag Society will keep partnerships/grandstand sponsors separate. He also reported that Denise Ebenhoeh will come on as secretary. Teresa Crook is requesting paperwork to confirm receipt of grant funds from MDARD.

President's Report:

- Robinette and Tomac are working on their part of the 120 day report.

Unfinished Business:

- Notice of annual meeting will go out this weekend. To date there are 3 candidates for the board.
- Newton reported that the list of items to loan or not loan is not complete.
- 2019 budget was presented. Motion by Frahm and supported by LeCureux to approve the budget with the following changes: line 98 increased by \$2,000 to \$11,000, line 125 increased by \$2,000 to \$23,000,



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line 136 increased by \$500 to \$2,900, and line 178 decreased by \$4,500. Motion passed. Motion by Frahm and supported by Copes to increase late entry fee from \$15 to \$30. Motion passed.

- Tomac reported that to close the old premium account at The State Bank all old premium checks need to be re-issued and cashed or donated.
- A letter of engagement was sent to the Ag Society last year regarding a financial audit, but it was not signed and returned. Robinette will make a contact to the firm.
- A changeover to Quickbooks was discussed last year. Robinette and Tomac will look into it again.

New Business:

- USDA quarterly reports need to be sent as a part of our loan agreement. To avoid future miscommunication, it was recommended that the reports be sent via email instead of fax, the executive board be cc'd, and an email response indicating receipt be given by USDA. Frahm will check in with the USDA office.
- MAFE convention is January 10-12. Let Robinette know if you are attending.
- 4-H age is changing. Members will now have to be 8 years of age by January 1, meaning that they turn 9 during the year. Still exhibits are already open to exhibitors who are 6 years old, so the change will not affect those areas. Livestock departments will be affected. 7-8 year olds are currently showing as young stockman. Motion by Tomac and supported by Gengler to table until next month.

Correspondence:

- Invitation to the Commander's Appreciation dinner for American Legion on November 10.
- Zone 4 MAFE meeting on October 24 in Arenac County.

Public Comment:

- Garcia inquired about old and uncashed premium checks.
- Corrin commented that some of the committees he sits on do not meet.

Directors' Comments:

- Robinette reported that printing “null and void after” on checks does not help.
- Gengler thanked everyone for their work during his time on the board.
- Frahm reported that he would not be running for the board again.
- Copes reported that Nicole Fuller and Designs by Bean received duplicate checks.
- Ebenhoeh repeated his request for information for Teresa Crook regarding grant funds.
- Engelhardt reported the passing of Ag Society member Mike Nolan.

Motion by Gengler and supported by Tomac to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary

APPROVED