

Northwestern Michigan Fair Board Minutes
3/11/2010

Call to Order- At 6:33p.m. by Brent Edgecomb

Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Sharon Case

Role Call- Taken by Barb Walker

Board Members Present: Brent Edgecomb, Al Henning, Karen Zenner, Iva Lewis, Barb Walker, Mary Dennis, Sharon Case, Sarah Sullivan, Dana Cederquist, Dan Hubbell, Wayne Strang, Sonya Youker, Pam Leach, Daryl Case arrived at 7:15p.m.

Board Members Absent: Bobe McPherson excused

Visitors Present: Rudy Neumann, Jason Neumann, Melissa Fewless, Tamara Sanchez, Jess Sanchez, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Darrell Robinson, Nancy Wieland, Ted McManus, Marge Wagner, Julia Deemer.

Approval of Agenda- Motion 3.11.10.1 by Barb, seconded by Al, to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

Approval of Minutes- Motion 3.11.10.2 by Iva, seconded by Sonya, to approve 2/11/10 minutes. Carried.

Correspondence- Barb reported that we have received the IAFE directory, and a survey on building looks from Blair Township. The survey from Blair Township was given to Dana for completion.

President's Report- In writing reported will accept job in North Carolina, thanking for being on board

Treasurer's Report- Iva Reported the bank balances as of 3/10/10 as Traverse City State checking \$9,411.28, Traverse City State Bank-Premium Checking- \$1,259.46, Traverse City State Bank Savings-\$193,028.93, Traverse City State Bank Commercial Loan-\$443,799.43 (payment due 4/16/10 of \$12,927.18). Iva presented checking account statement from 2/11/10 through 3/10/10 reporting check payments of \$7,521.73 for 11 bills, and deposits of \$1,142.61. Iva reported that she received an apology letter and payment from Lisa McGee. **Motion 3.11.10.3** by Al, seconded by Dan, to accept treasurer's report. Carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

A. Iva requested that she had been approached for a donation of a picnic basket for Blair Elementary's school carnival in May. Discussion on Picnic baskets. Sharon stated that she would rather the baskets be donated than sold for less than people originally paid for them. **Motion 3.11.10.4** by Sharon, seconded by Barb, to donate a picnic basket to Blair Elementary school carnival. Carried. Iva handed out a 1-10 list prepared by Bobe for each board member to list off possible donation contacts. Iva showed an example of magnetic metal name tags like 4-H is using.

Sharon reported that for personal reasons she needs to resign her position as 2nd vice president. She reported she will remain on the board. **Motion 3.11.10.5** by Barb, seconded by Wayne, to accept Sharon's resignation as 2nd Vice President. Carried.

Brent- Brent announced he has accepted a position in North Carolina and turned in his letter of resignation as well as list potentially helpful information. (Brent for the current time is leaving his historical collection in the museum on display, reminder that the wells need testing after well activation, contact Doug at Advantage regarding an electrician for grounds, needed electrical removal and suggested temporary panels used, per Ed Moody, areas have been conveyed to Dana and Karen, OSHA requirement to have a PTO guard on John Deere tractor and outside fuel storage tanks obtained, all OSHA electrical violations have been corrected, Follow up of OSHA violations list to be done by Gene, need for a loader with limited operators for fair week, key to main transformer is labeled in the safe and Advantage has a copy, secretary has combination to both safes, Brent and Milt have copies of aerial photos, both maintenance barns are organized and cleaned and would be beneficial to maintain them, Brent donated 2 dozen trees to be planted that need to be picked up at his parents, Gene falls under labor for direction, meetings change back to 7p.m.in April, he would like to continue to store his 22'Nomad on the grounds for a few more months, and he would like a picnic basket. **Motion 3.11.10.6** by Barb, seconded by Dan, to accept Brent's resignation, thank him for his service, allow him to keep his trailer on grounds, and to donate a picnic basket to him. Carried.

Mary questioned if the vet comes every day or for emergencies. Pam noted that he is on call all week.

4-H Livestock

A. Darrell Robinson announced that they have registered 55 steers, 37 dairy feeders, 44 Jr. beef, 191 swine, and 45 sheep. On behalf of the 4-H he wished Good Luck to Brent and thanked him for the team work that has taken place. Darrell announced that the work bee dates are 4/26/10- 6-9p.m., 5/22/10- 9a.m.-12p.m., 6/16/10-6-9p.m., 7/13/10-6-9p.m... Darrell noted that there are less dates this year. The work bees this year will be handled as a committee.

B. Dan reported that he sent out a garnishment to the auction buyer, employees are at will and as an employer if you receive a garnishment and do not honor the garnishment employer is responsible. Dan will be continuing to work on this.

C. Also Dan reported a settlement with OSHA and has posted it. He will need a check send OSHA settlement in. Barb noted that we approved this expenditure at the last board meeting.

Old Business

A. Darrell Robinson reported that the irrigation bid from last year is still valid for \$7078.00 they will take old plastic, some water posts need to be removed. Dana is working on the new horse arena and beef barn area. Discussion that this will save electricity and the need for someone to drag hoses and monitor. The wiring is included in the bid. **Motion 3.11.10.7** by Sharon, seconded by Al, to install irrigation system as bid. Carried.

Committee Report- (Please note that only those committees with reports are listed)

Buildings & Grounds- Gene will be back to prepare for Boy Scout Camporee. Rudy Neumann reported on swine barn and presented new pen donation pricing.

Fair Camping- Karen expressed concern that the camping rate had been increased

Information Tent/Volunteers- We will need to replace Brent as chair- Sarah volunteered

Labor- Karen reported that she has people who are interested and will be creating job descriptions.

Museum/Historical-Bobbe has received a letter from Shirley saying she would like to meet.

Pancake Breakfast- Sharon reported that she has limited info and does not have amounts or numbers or places. Sharon is still waiting on info that does not appear to be coming.

Premium Book- Pam presented the rough copy and reported that it will go to the printer on 3/24/10. If corrections need to get to Pam.

Queens- Pam reported 1 parade entry and she has passed that on to Clarissa

Rentals & Contracts- Barb reported that the Exotic Animal Exhibit, has corrected the price to \$3000.00, need to have a minimum of 10%sent with contract. Barb reported that she talked to him about kid's day and hours of operation. Motion 3.11.10.8 by Dana, seconded by Sharon, to approve Whispering Pines contract. Carried Draft Horse contract for fair was presented. Barb questioned the word premium in contract. This was changed. Motion 3.11.10.9 by Dana, seconded by Al, to approve contract. Carried. Barb reported that the rentals and contract committee met and that it was the committee's recommendation that the new grounds rental contract, rules contract, Price list be approved. Discussion of contract on web. Sarah reported she can put Sample across the web version so it cannot be printed off. Motion 3.11.10.10 to approve rental contract, rules, and prices. Carried. Daryl reported that the Boy Scouts need to be on the Blair Township agenda and have approval to have fireworks. Barb noted that she has conveyed this to them. Dan reported that he has talked to Dennis from Century Auctions. They have 3 Auctions per year, spring, summer, and fall. They need two buildings and a large area 2-3 weeks before auction. The first auction is 5/2/10. Barb noted that this will conflict with Scouts which she had not realized before. Dan will follow up with Dennis with each auction rental to be priced at \$5000.00.

Superintendents- Al reported that he has 3 judges contracts- 2 day horse judge is \$750, goat including pack is \$400, Beef is \$700.00. Motion 3.11.10.11 by Barb, seconded by Dan, to approve three contracts. Carried.

Tickets & Passes- Mary reported that gate prices will remain a \$3 adults/\$1 kids 3-12, kids 2 and under free. Helpers passes , each family allowed only two, if not purchased before 7/13/10 in pre-registration will be \$15. Discussion on if until 7/23?. Decision to send back to committee. Mary announced times of people at gates to collect \$. Heim, 4-H food booth will have certain number of passes.

Board Elections

Dana was nominated to fill the President position. Dana accepted, requested help from the full board.

Motion 3.11.10.12 by Karen, seconded by Al, to have Dana fill the President position. Daryl opposed. Carried. Karen was nominated to fill the vacant position of 2nd Vice President. Karen accepted nomination. **Motion 3.11.10.13** by Pam, seconded by Dan, to have Karen as 2nd Vice President. Carried. Tammara Sanchez is the next candidate to fill a vacancy (by vote tally from the Annual Meeting) on the board. Tammara accepted board position. **Motion 3.11.10.14** by Barb, seconded by Al, to adjourn at 8:08p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted Barb Walker