

**Northwestern Michigan Fair Board Minutes**  
**5/13/2010**

**Call to Order-** Meeting called to order at 7:01p.m. by Dana Cederquist

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Pledge was led by Karen Zenner

**Role Call-** taken by Barb Walker

**Board Members Present-** Tammara Sanchez,, Karen Zenner, Iva Lewis, Barb Walker, Mary Dennis, Sharon Case, Dana Cederquist, , Dan Hubbell, Wayne Strang, Sonya Youker, Pam Leach, Daryl Case (7:15p.m.), Bobe McPherson

**Board Members Absent-** Al Henning (excused), Sarah Sullivan (excused)

**Visitors Present-** Cindy Melvig, Melissa Fewless, Rudy Neuman, Sue Booth, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Marge Wagner, Nancy Wieland, Larry Wieland, Ted McManus, Milt Lewis, Nancy Schroeder, Stacey Clous, Mary Ann Wilsey

Cake was had for Ted McManus's 79 Birthday

**Approval of Agenda- Motion 5.13.10.1** by Barb, seconded by Dan to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes- Motion 5.13.10.2** by Daryl, seconded by Karen to approve 4/8/10 minutes. Carried.

**Correspondence-** Barb read thank you cards from Ken Bell and Bobe McPherson.

**President's Report-** Dana reported that the Boy Scout event was well attended and went smoothly.

The irrigation system is almost in, reminded 86 days until fair.

**Treasurer's Report-** Iva presented checking register from 4/8/10 thru 5/12/10. Account Balances as of 5/12/10 are: Checking- \$10,811.52, Premium Checking- \$1,193.46, Savings- \$158,106.15, Commercial Loan Balance- \$429,085.93 next payment of \$12,927.18 due 7/16/10.

**Motion 5.13.10.3** by Daryl, seconded by Tammara to approve treasurer's report. Carried.

**Public Comment-**None

**New Business**

**A.** Dan Hubbell reported that he entered the Junior Royale parade with his draft horse and will have the fair banners on his wagon. People including the queen are welcome to ride. Good job Dan.

**B.** Wayne reported that he has been pricing selling road signs for fair ground roads. Give embrace donated posts and hardware. The signs are \$29.95 ea. The signs will be selling for \$150.00-\$200.00. Discussion on parking lot and price. Discussion of 10 years. Iva has already sold one sign. Bobe and the majority of the board reported sell for \$200.00. Wayne also reported that the Cherry Festival wants to rent the two ticket booths. Discussion on price and barter. **Motion 5.13.10.4** by Daryl, seconded by Dan to rent the ticket booths for \$400.00 for the week. Carried.

**C.** Iva- reported on the discussions at the zone 5 meeting, attended by Iva, Milt, Rudy and Dale. Iva reported that basically smoking is up in the air. She shared several handouts on smoking. Iva reported that Ken Bell had a heart problem and they nicked his heart, which presented multiple health issues. Iva reported she went to the 4-H Council meeting and they have registered 55 steers, 37 dairy feeders, 44 Jr. beef, 194 pigs, and 45 sheep. The 4-H work bees are on the web. On 5/22/10 they are putting fencing around the Rosa arena. The remaining work bees are 6/15 from 6-9p.m., 6/27 from 1-4p.m., and 7/13/10 from 6-9p.m. Need to bring rakes, gloves, trimmers, and shovels. **Motion 5.13.10.5** by Dan, seconded by Sharon to reimburse Iva for gas money (\$27.20 and \$26.65) for mileage to zone 5 meeting. Carried. Two broken excess copiers were voted to be destroyed or recycled.

**D.** Sue Booth- presented a proposal for horse show 7/18/10 Lop for Hope where the proceeds go to breast cancer. . The show is a one day horseshow on Sunday. She reported that last year they raised \$2000.00. They will need to use the Tanner building, two covered arenas, the large arena, the small arena and the white practice arena as well as stalls. She is concerned about the \$20.00 per stall and reported that this is a non-profit associated with Munson Hospital. **Motion 5.13.10.6** by Pam, seconded by Sharon that the cost will be one-half if the fair is listed as a co-sponsor in all mailings and publications. Carried. Bobe reported that she is trying to write for funding for this event.

#### **4-H Livestock-**

- A.** Dan Hubbell questioned if the 4-H wanted to know if he should continue to pursue getting payment for the grand champion pig buyer who did not pay. Discussion. Dan will continue to pursue.
- B.** Nancy Schroeder reported that Darrel Robinson would like the fair to rent the differently disabled cart that 4-H rented last year. Barb cautioned on the golf carts noting that they stored less this year. Barb will call Boylan's and get a price. Nancy also wondered if the fair was going to have hand washing stations. Barb will check on hand washing stations. Mary Ann Wilsey requested permission to bring Roger's gator.

## Old Business

- A. Iva reported that she received a call from Marlene Machleit (? Spelling) who reported that her children had not received their premium checks only ribbons. Discussion that Betsy last year said the kids would not get premium checks. Several board members commented that the barn superintendents cannot make that decision. **Motion 5.13.10.7** by Barb, seconded by Sharon to pay 1<sup>st</sup> place premiums for Dept. 23. Carried.

Committee Reports- Only those committees with reports are listed.

1. Advertising- Bobe reported that all radio and TV ads are in. 7/4 will be doing a recycling promotion, KLT ordered bumper stickers to sell or give away. Discussion on where to put premium books. Premium books will be at Hilltop Feeds, the fair office, Tractor Supply, Send Brothers, Square Deal, Hamilton's, and Tack n More. Bobe inquired about the sponsor letters and reminded that they can donate cash, or to the silent auction. She noted that the date on the letters needs to be changed. The tri-folds are at the printers and will be arriving soon. If you want something on the web tell Milt.
2. Buildings and grounds- Mary reported that Tickets and passes have a wish list that Apple Fence could fix the front gates. Need estimates from Apple Fence. They also would like a building at the campground gate. Mary has the materials she will donate if someone will do the building. Thank You Mary.
3. Concessions- There are 5 openings in the Fitch building. 4-H will handle all ice sales not the campground host. Checking on someone to run the campground store.
4. Entertainment- Wayne reported that the Horse Pull will be Sunday. Barb reported that we had not sent them a contract and Sherry Huffman has called. Barb will send out the contract. Wayne reported that he is talking with Tough Trucks about doing Head to head on Thursday night. Barb noted that she will stop working on a Battle of the Bands for Thursday. Wayne reported that there is an extra cost of \$250.00 for a cordless mike. **Motion 5.13.10.8** by Wayne seconded by Sonya to rent cordless mike. Carried.
5. Information Tent- Karen will get with Sarah.
6. Labor- Courtney has completed the Blue ribbon entries and is looking for things to do. Please leave a list if you have things she can do .Renee Case has declined the secretary position but Karen has another potential candidate.

7. Museum-Bobe reported that the meeting with Shirley went well. Bobe reported that she acknowledged to Shirley that her father was instrumental in getting the museum up and going. The fair might consider a plaque. They agreed to no buffets, no kids, and they will have two parking spots behind the museum.
8. Pancake Breakfast- Daryl questioned if Butch will let the fair use griddles. Dana will check.
9. Premium Books- They are here.
10. Queens- Discussion on Queens. Pam reported that the Queen was busy for the Trout Festival, and they did not do the Mesick Mushroom Festival due to the weather.
11. Rentals and Contracts- Barb reported that the grounds have been rented by Michigan Llama Association for 6/6, Wayne Bancroft would like to do an auction in August, and MIHA 3 week-ends in Sept. Daryl reported that Travis Horn would like to use the grounds to train the canine dog for bombs. Fair board ok with that as long as he does not leave bombs.
12. Superintendents- Barb reported that Al emailed contracts that need approval. Al Culhan from MSU for \$325.00 doing all sheep classes, Jake DeDecker doing swine for \$424.00, and Bob Minto doing llamas for \$500.00. **Motion 5.13.10.9** by Dan, seconded by Karen to approve contracts. Carried. Al also questioned about a dog judge. Pam reported that Clarissa is having a hard time finding a judge. Sonya reported that the beef judge backed out so they are looking for one.
13. Tickets and Passes- Mary reported that the gates will open at 8a.m., and on kids day will open at 7:30a.m. There will be two reserved spots by Evelyn Heim and violators will be towed. Discussion on parking by gate two. Request if people do not move their vehicle that they park outside of the gate as parking is tight for those bringing in supplies. Karen noted that there is less parking there.

Adjournment- **Motion 5.13.10.10** by Daryl, seconded by Karen to adjourn at 9:08p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Walker.