

Northwestern Michigan Fair Board Minutes

11/12/09

Called to Order at 7:01p.m.by Brent Edgecomb

Pledge of Allegiance was led y Karen Zenner

Roll 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, Sonya Youker, Pam Leach, Daryl Case, Bobe McPherson

Board Members Absent : Wayne Strang- unexcused

Visitors Present : Rudy Neumann, Milt Lewis, Melissa Fewless, Allison Fewless

Approval of Agenda ; Motion **11.12.09.01** by Barb seconded by Sharon to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

Approval of Minutes 10/8/09 minutes and Special Horse meeting 10/8/09 minutes entered into record. Motion **11.12.09.02** by Al seconded by Karen to approve minutes with the following corrections and notations; Brent noted that the meridian dates were 2008 and 2009 in their correspondence, typo under safety should read Daryl questioned if OSHA was on a timeline. Notation and discussion motion 10.08.09 was not completely carried out as no baskets or cookbooks were given out at the annual meeting. Also Sue Booth basket was added.

Correspondence : None

President's Report ; Brent presented a written president's report and highlighted that Meridian Entertainment will not be interested in the fair grounds. Dana and Brent met with Advantage and they will be sending a different electrician in 2010, and the keys have been returned. Brent stressed the difference between a contracted employee and a volunteer. Daryl Case expressed concern due to his contract for Blair Ambulance. Discussion on having different roles and that contract obligations not be minimized or in conflict by volunteer activities. Brent reviewed his expectations that fair documents remain at the office, committees meet at the office, if meeting is missed check your mailbox, board absences are to be reported to Barb Walker or the office answering machine, enforce absentees as stated in by-laws, president and rentals and contracts chair are the only to sign contracts, completion dates for committees goals and activities. The back of his report listed dates of completions and monthly reporting for committees.

Treasurer's Report : Iva reported handed out at annual meeting. Nothing new.

Public Comment : None

New Business

- A. Brent reported that Gene is under Brent and brought up the subject of bonuses. Iva reported that he was issued 2 extra weeks of pay. Karen noted that she was not against Gene receiving a bonus but where was the communication and motion to issue Gene extra pay? Discussion. Post motion **11.12.09.03** by Dan seconded by Al to approve Iva having issued extra pay to Gene for a bonus. Carried.

- B. Brent reported that he would like to discuss the board meetings being held at 6:00p or 6:30p Dec through March. Discussion. Iva reported she does not get out of work until 6p. Daryl reported he will be late as he does not get out until 7p. Motion **11.12.09.04** by Barb seconded by Dana to have the board meetings start at 6:30p.m. Dec. through March, and Brent is to change the sign by the gate. Carried.

4-H Livestock - None

Old Business

- A. Dan- Gave an update on MIOSHA and the lack of progress. Barb reported that EJ Brown suggested he be contacted. Dan reported that he needs to get back to Michelle McManus, and that an appeal hearing is set for 2/10/10. He stated that we can request an audit in the spring. Discussion.

- B. Al- Al reported that he has a scout who is interested in doing a project of directional maps on the fair grounds to help folks navigate a round. Discussion of placement and that a review of the maps needs to be done as the commodities building is incorrectly labeled and to check if new beef barn is on them.

- C. Iva- Iva reported that the zone 5 meeting was well attended, and many things were discussed i.e. premiums, funding. EJ Brown was there to give updates on funding.

Committee Reports - Only those Committees reporting are listed

Advertising - Bobe again stated that two KLT banners are missing and the cost to the fair will be \$400.00 if we cannot locate them. Send Bobe a note if someone helps or donates so that we can recognize them.

Labor - Discussion on bonus for the two secretaries. Discussion. Motion **11.12.09.05** by Al seconded by Dan to purchase \$50.00 gift certificates to Applebee's for each secretary. Bobe and

Iva opposed. Motion carried.

Rentals & Contracts - Mary reported that 42 spots have been rented for \$12,350.00 as of 10/31/09. Still available 1 spot in Fitch, 2 in the Tanner, 2 in the poultry barn. Mary thanked Milt, Iva and Gene. The board thanked Mary and all her helpers. The out date is April 18th on this years contracts. Mary reported that per her Denny Leach was allowed his boat and his convertible that transports queens both at no charge.

Bobe requested that two new committees be formed- Pancake Breakfast and Sponsorship. Bobe talked to Diane at the annual meeting and it appeared she was interested in helping with sponsorship.

Committee Set -Up for 2010- Chairs are in bold

1. Advertising/Web

Bobe

Iva

Sarah

Sonya

Milt

2. Annual Meeting/Nominations

Mary

Sarah

Dan

3. Bingo

Bobe

Iva

4. Building and Grounds

Brent

Sharon

Rudy

Dale Fritz

Karen

5. By-Laws

Barb

Dan

Tammara

6. Fair Camping

Karen

Sonya

Sharon

7. Campgrounds

Iva

Bobe

Milt

8. Concessions

Dana

Sarah

Tammara

9. Entertainment

Wayne

Bobe

Rent

Barb

10. Finance

Iva

Bobe

Milt

Tammara

Brent

11. Parking

Sonya

Dana

Milt

Dean

12. Premium Book

Pam

Barb

Dan

Al

Betsy Mac Girr- 946-7041

13. Rental's and Contracts

Barb

Bobe

Dan

Mary

Brent

Sonya

14. Queens

Pam

Clarissa

Stephanie Wolf

15. Safety

Daryl

Sharon

Dan

16. Superintendents

Animal

Al

Sonya

Barb

Non-Animal

Sarah

Barb

17. Veteran's Memorial

Al

Mary

Jess Sanchez

18. Tickets and Passes- Oversees all Entrance gates/Grandstand/Campground Gate and 2 entry gates

Mary

Bobe

Karen

Iva

Al

Sonya

Melissa Fewless- 267-5438

Brent

19. Labor/including Registration

Karen

Barb

Sarah

Mary

Brent

20. Fundraising/ Sponsorship/Grants

Bob

Dan

Al

Iva

Melissa Fewless-267-5438

21. Information Tent/Volunteers

Brent

Melissa Fewless- 267-5438

Lori Cederquist- 943-5583 W

22. Museum/Historical

Bobe

Brent

Dana

Melissa Fewless-267-5438

Iva