

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR BOARD MINUTES
12/11/2008

Meeting called to order at 6:58p.m. by President Edgecomb

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Henning

Roll Call: Barb Walker

Board Members Present: Brent Edgecomb, Al Henning, Karen Zenner, Iva Lewis, Barb Walker, Mary Dennis, Sharon Case, Laura Czaja-Robinson, Dan Hubbell, Wayne Strang, Gordie Wilder, Pam Leach, Bobe McPherson.

Late: Daryl Case arrived at 7:25p.m..

Excused Dana Cederquist

Visitors Present: Milt Lewis, Garrett Rogers, Stephanie Tourkakis, Sue Morrison, Cindy Melvig, Sonya Youker, and Tom Robinson.

12.11.08.01 Motion by Karen, seconded by Barb to approve agenda with additions. Motion carried. Milt Lewis to be under Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes.

12.11.08.02 Motion by Sharon, Seconded by Al to approve 11/13/08 minutes. Carried.

Correspondence: Christmas Cards from Jen Tees, Advantage Electric, Myers printing, and Elmers. Letter from Michigan. Org. regarding brochures at Monroe & Detroit. This was passed onto advertising.

President's Report: Brent announced that Dale Fritz had called wondering about the snow on the roof of buildings. Discussion. No action at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Iva announced the mailbox was toast so she has had the mail forwarded to her box until 5/1/09. She reported that the computer man could not find QuickBooks or so they were purchased. She reported that she met with Steve Gallagher about his previous proposal. She met with Mark from Dennis and Gartland who said they gave us a break last year. Iva stated that she "will not go any farther without an audit". Discussion on audit and the majority of the board expressed that it should. Iva reported she wants to do everything "precisely and correctly".

Bobe introduced Sue Morrison who works with accountants at Munson. Sue is not a CPA and presented a \$2000.00 proposal for reviewing the books for the last two years.

12.11.08.03 Motion by Sharon, second by Dan to hire Sue Morrison and accept her proposal. Carried.

Iva reported that Steve Gallagher would work with Sue. Iva reviewed Gallagher's proposal for \$65.00 per hour to do the books.

12.11.08.04 Motion by Dan, second by Karen to hire Steve Gallagher per proposal. Carried.

Iva reported that she had saved the fair \$6020.00 for over payment on WPBN bill, and they are issuing a refund.

Iva reported that the phone bill was \$310.55 so she called the phone company. She reported that if we have the main line, long distance, line backer and turn off the other two lines (restaurant and 2nd line) She cancelled a long distance line because it had not been used.

12.11.08.04 Motion by Sharon, second by Al to make cancel 2 lines and cancel long

distance second line. Carried.

Bobbe McPherson reported that Stephanie Tourkakis donated a printer for the credit card machine. The board thanked Stephanie who was present for her donation.

Gordie questioned why we were not paying more on our loan . Discussion on this. Barb Walker reported that the savings he was referring to was really also the loan.

12.11.08.05 Motion by Barb, second by Al to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Public Comment; Milt Lewis invited a few board members to the Snowmobile Club Christmas dinner 12/16/08 at 6:30p at Ranch Rudolph. Iva requested that attendees bring 5 non-perishable food items like peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce. Preferably items that would appeal to kids will be donated to WRC.

Old Business; Barb Walker requested donations for the picnic basket for convention. Various board members offered to donate items.

Dan gave an update on outstanding accounts. The person who purchased the Grand Champion Pig has not paid. Marty Dagenu-Bates has not responded to the letter Dan sent and the request for reimbursement for golf cart damage to the New Beef Barn. Discuss on allowing these people on the grounds in the future.

12.11.08.06 Motion by Barb, second by Al to allow Dan to act in the best interests of the fair on these issues. Carried.

Committee Reports * Following are only the committees who had a report
Bathhouse- Al has a \$3,200.00 proposal from Elmer's to redo the drawings because we have changed from wood to concrete.

12.11.08.07 Motion by Daryl second by Laura to pay for prints.

Entertainment/Kids Day- Wayne reported that they met and are attempting to move the motor stuff around. Barb C. is checking in Vegas. Pam questioned when the draft horse show would be. Discussion on shows. Entertainment committee will meet after convention to finalize line-up.

Bobbe reported that Garrett had suggested Generations as the fair theme. Discussion on 4-H theme. Sharon noted the fair could have a theme and 4-H can have a theme.

Finance/Tickets- Iva reported that Tony Rubio, Kelly Metcalf will have to have a workmen's comp certificate if they work for us. She said anyone we contract with would have to have a workmen's comp certificate. She reported that if Tony Rubio works for us we would have to withhold 28% of his earnings.

Premium Book- Pam said that she has talked to the preview and believes she has a copy on disc of the old premium book so she will not have to reenter it all again after her computer crashed. Bobbe brought up increasing camping prices. Discussion and comments, Cindy M reported she pays \$55.00 at Jellystone, Iva brought up people pulling in early. Garrett stated that he heard refunds were issued. Karen reported that this was on a case by case basis. Discussed the cost of expenses rising but people struggling in current economy. Brent reported that we are in line with other campgrounds at \$20.00 per night. Brief discussion on golf carts. Board members should try to talk to insurance Greg as he has shared that we should not allow golf carts.

Safety- Daryl reported that as of 1/1/09 Blair Fire inspections will fall under the township and Jim Carroll (276-6341) will have to be contacted.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18p

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Walker