

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by F. Guerin at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jill Duell
3. **Roll Call:**
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Frank Guerin, Sonya Youker, Al Henning, Erika Sprenger, Milt Lewis, Mike Barley, Tom Looks, Tammara Sanchez, Jill Duell, Caleb Hubbell, Clarissa Johnston
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** Joe Hubbell, Cody Foster, Carolyne Woodhams, Karen Zenner
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Amanda Wilkins, Mike Forton, Ben Walker, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Kayce Caugh, Troy Tissue
4. **Review Agenda:**
  - a. **Motion 02.10.22.1:** A. Henning/M. Barley made motion to approve February 10, 2022 Agenda. Motion Passed.
5. **Correspondence:** Tom read a letter from Reining Liberty Ranch and shared a card from Marian Kromkowski and Ellen Posner.
6. **President's Report:** Frank G. gave the president's report. There are more than 177 days until fair, if you need help with volunteer groups, contracts, let's be ready and start working on it.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara reviewed the Treasurer's report.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 02.10.22.2:** M. Barley/A. Henning made motion to approve January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes as written. Motion Passed.
9. **Public Comment:**
  - a. No public comment.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Milt L:
    - i. Contacted by granddaughter who works at Summit Co., they had donated rain ponchos, flags, etc., sales manager Chris Black of Summit asked why we do not use their services anymore? They will match whatever pricing we are getting currently if we use their services again.

- ii. BMX track had a meeting, they need bathrooms rather than portajohns. Currently they cannot add anything permanent to the land. If we allow them to put money forward and build something permanent after so many years we could own it? Idea to be discussed further in the future.

**11.4H Livestock Council:**

- a. Kayce Caugh
  - i. Last Monday's meeting bumped to this coming Monday due to TCAPS closing. They will be discussing Policy and Procedures formerly known as Guidebooks, changes highlighted in yellow. Discuss spending of depreciation fund. March 6 is the education expo at the Great Wolf Lodge it starts at 10:00 am done at 4:00 pm. There will be speakers, and we are welcome to sit in on classes and assist with helping kids. Do not need to pre-register for classes. Masks will be mandated due to the facility being rented by MSU. Registered animals: 75 large beef, 169 swine, 511 projects registered. Numbers are up over last year; most registrations do not close until March.

**12. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Tammara S.
  - i. Quote from Hometown Ticket - Rent 6 Galaxy A7 tablets, purchase 2 tablets and rent 6 scanners, \$2,256.74 for this fair. They would come up to visit our site to be sure the system works for us. It uses cell towers rather than WiFi. Still waiting on quote from Sapphire.
- b. Mike Forton
  - i. Childhood friend of Julie's sent \$100 to be added to the Goat Barn Fund. Facebook gave option to start a fundraiser in Julie's name. Mike signed up for it goal was \$200, but \$750 was raised towards it. Sent information to the Fair's Facebook page, also printed hard copy.
  - ii. Brought a rough draft of the scholarship requirements and would like some board members to review it before it is released to the public.
- c. Frank G.
  - i. Following up with additional parking for Blair Township. Chief Parker asked Joe if they could get going on expanding their

parking lot. **Motion: 02.10.22.3:** F. Guerin/C. Johnston made a motion that the NWMI Fair authorizes the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center to extend their enclosed fence area southward from its current location to 5 feet from the northern easement right of way at the power line and extend the east and west fence to corresponding intersect with the new fence provided that the southwest corner post is of substantial size to support a gate. The newly enclosed area may be cleared of trees and developed per the needs of the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center at the expense of said training center. Motion Passed.

### 13. Committee Reports:

- a. Mike: Nothing
- b. Caleb: Nothing
- c. Clarissa:
  - i. Discussed Cherry Festival parade, asked 4-H about plans. Will get with Amanda Wilkins for partnering with parades.
- d. Tom:
  - i. Spoke with Bay Supply regarding getting new T-shirts, 100% cotton, approximately \$17-20 per shirt. Still looking at other options.
  - ii. Looked into Google Workspaces Suite for the fair. We would be able to use the Non-Profit account with no charge, we either would need to use our current Web Domain, if we own it, or purchase a new one to use as the email extension.
  - iii. Premium book cover is due tomorrow, have not received any submissions as of tonight's meeting and asked Milt to send a photo that we may use if needed for a cover.
- e. Erika: Reached out to contracts for fair week
  - i. Radios – \$20 more than last year because of asking for more radios and more batteries and less of the items we did not need. Will call Radio North for a quote.
  - ii. GJ rentals same price as last year, asked for the bingo tent to be a party tent instead of a frame tent.
  - iii. Security sanitation – same as previous year.
  - iv. Golf carts – TC Golf Carts does not have the utility golf carts but can give us more of the 4 seat golf carts with folding down

seats, working on getting \$8,000 for the week previous year we paid \$13,000 to Great Lakes Golf Carts. 27 - 4 seat and 6 – 6 seat golf carts.

- v. Requested quote from last year bathroom cleaner.
- vi. Requested quote from Andy for photos.
- vii. Sheriff same price as last year.
- viii. EMS – still waiting on quote.
- f. Al: Nothing
- g. Sonya: Nothing
- h. Tammara: Gates all covered, waiting on one confirmation for Grandstands for one night. Gate meeting will be in April or May for contracts and W9 Forms. Frank calling George Champlain for gate security rather than using a private security company.
- i. Milt: Updating website – if there is anything you want changed get them to Milt within the next month.
- j. Jill: Nothing
- k. Frank: Grants – Received email from MAFE for MDARD grants. If we need projects or items (poultry cages, equipment, etc.) please let Frank know the item and the cost so he can ask for it specifically. Per Kayce we are eligible for the Rotary Grant, and she is willing to work with the Fair Board on writing the grants.

**14. Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 02.10.22.4:** M. Barley/T. Sanchez made motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion Passed.