Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Frank Guerin at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Frank Guerin.
3. **Roll Call:**
   1. **Board Members Present:** Al Henning, Erika Sprenger, Milt Lewis, Cody Foster, Mike Barley, Tom Looks, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell, Caleb Hubbell
   2. **Board Members Absent:** Joe Hubbell, Sonya Youker, Carolyne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Karen Zenner, Tammara Sanchez
   3. **Visitors Present:** Samantha Magee, Emily Kotz, Keri Bancroft, Dan and Leslie Campbell, Kelly Stockfisch, Todd & Nicki Brown, Laurie Ashley, Rosali Collier, Nancy VanderStel, Kathy Easter, Amanda Wilkins, Susan Zenker, Kelly Saxton
4. **Review Agenda**
   1. **Motion 12.8.22.1:** M. Barley/A. Henning made a motion to approve December 8, 2022 Agenda. **Motion Passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** Tom sent a condolence card to the Breithaupt family, shared email from Draft Horse & Mule Association.
6. **President’s Report:** Frank presented the president’s report. There are 240days until fair. We have our committee list, reach out to committee members for an informal introduction.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Erika reviewed the treasurer’s report. Convention checks are in mailboxes at the fair. Erika pointed out that the cost of shipping radios was significantly higher than last year.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
   1. **Motion 12.8.22.2** E. Sprenger/M. Barley made a motion to approve minutes from November 10, 2022 meeting as written. **Motion Passed.**
9. **Public Comment:**
   1. No Public Comment
10. **New Business:**
    1. No new business.
11. **4H Livestock Council:** 
    1. Keri Bancroft – excited for 2023 fair year, happy to be working with the NWMI Fair Board again. Registration links are open on the website, they are still looking for a secretary, the secretary that ran in November was voted in as Vice President, also looking for a swine species chair. Links to the applications are on the website. The whole board is looking forward to the MAFE Convention in January.
12. **Unfinished Business:** 
    1. Erika – Tyler with TC Golf carts provided additional information on the use of the grounds to test moon bikes during the winter. They are setting it up for rentals at 20-minute time slots, they would have their own insurance, relay to their renters that there is no bathroom available. The idea would be to use the main parking lot and utilize a buddy lock for them to access. We would have to keep the main gate area plowed. We have not discussed pricing yet, we would not be providing any services except the plowing from the road to the main gate. He is willing to bring bikes out to let us see them, he will provide a demonstration for us if we would like to see. Milt suggested not charging Tyler since he gave us a good deal on the golf carts. Erika suggested a “wait and see” policy for how many times he uses the parking lot and then base the fees or he could take the costs off of our golf cart rentals. Frank agreed with milt’s suggestion of not charging. **Motion 12.8.22.3:** A. Henning/M. Lewis made a motion to allow TC golf Carts to operate their Moon Bikes in our parking lot with the exchange of discounted golf cart rentals for the 2023 fair year. **Motion Passed.**
    2. Erika – Has been in contact with Patrick McCurry has started his own draft horse club. He intends to take over the draft horse show if we allow it. He will have a proposal for us at our next meeting.
13. **Committee Reports:**
    1. Milt – Museum may end up with some harness racing items and videos. Still taking items in for winter storage, we are currently 99% full. Last month shown Tom how to work the website. Thank you, Frank, for getting the service doors on the barn. The water truck in the parking lot was dropped off by Pioneer Diesel, Milt asked them to move it but it is still there. We are not storing it this winter. Reminded everyone to use gate 2 and close the gate behind you.
    2. Al – Sent greeting to new superintendents. Will have more meetings and information after convention.
    3. Tom – Premium Book changes due January 1st. Please send them over, Melissa will be helping with updates and getting registrations online. We met to update registration forms and discussed raising annual membership fee. **Motion 12.8.22.4:** E. Sprenger/A. Henning made a motion to increase Annual Membership fee from $15 to $25 per year and raise the Adult Weekly Pass from $15 to $20. **Motion passed.**
    4. Mike – Nothing.
    5. Erika – Rentals Red Dresser cancelled their June event, but that weekend is looking to be filled. Erika reviewed other rental events that are interested in renting the grounds for June.
    6. Laurie Ashley(Non-animal superintends Co-chair) – Nothing.
    7. Jill – Nothing.
    8. Caleb – Nothing.
    9. Cody – Talked with a few vendors from last year, chainsaw man for ideas about getting a raffle license to raffle off some of his items rather than selling them
    10. Frank – Most vendor contracts are out and coming back, have one food vendor to get more information on and see if there is a fit. Need to get with Jennifer Berkey regarding grants. Bingo is on for next year, looking to get another TV to go in the tent for next year.
14. **Adjournment:**
    1. **Motion 12.8.22.5:** M. Barley/J. Duell made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. **Motion Passed.**