

Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** By Joe Hubbell at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By Sonya Youker
3. **Roll Call:** By Carolyn Woodhams
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Milt Lewis, Tom Looks, Joe Babik, Sonya Youker, Frank Guerin, Erika Halvorsen, Caleb Hubbell, Joe Hubbell, Mike Barley, Al Henning, Karen Zenner, Cody Foster, Clarissa Johnston, and Carolyn Woodhams
 - b. **Board Members Absent:** Tammara Sanchez
- C. **Visitors Present:** Rosali Collier, Susan White, Jo Ann and Rose Bohrer, Sandi Pyle, Mary Robertson, Amanda Wilkins, Anna Fryer, Kaycee Caugh, Tara and Roger Steffes, Leslie Campbell, Cindy Gerou, Deb Canfield, Bella Canfield, Mary Ann Wilsey, and Nancy Vanderstel.
4. **Review Agenda – Motion 5.13.21.1:** C. Johnston/J. Babik made motion to approve agenda.P.
5. **Correspondence:** J. Hubbell/C. Woodhams – None
6. **President's Report:** J. Hubbell – 86 days until fair. Keep working on things in committee. If you need help, please ask
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tom Looks went over the Treasurer's Report. No questions.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion 5.13.21.2:** C. Foster/ J. Babik made motion to approve April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. P.
9. **Public Comment -** None
10. **New Business**
 1. **Joe Hubbell:** Labor Committee: Had 2 interviews and are still seeking an Office Secretary. Proposed giving Joel Guy a raise of \$2.50 per hour increase. That would add \$4,000 to our end total. Also proposed a \$1 adjustment at the end of season. Motion 5.13.21.3: F. Guerin/ C. Foster made motion to raise Joel Guy's pay by \$2.50 per hour for the 2021 season plus a \$1.00 adjustment per hour at the end of the season. P.
Also, went over the signs for mask wearing.
If you have a committee meeting, please give Joe a copy of the roster of who was there.
 2. **Erika Halvorsen:** Request to meet with Joe and Horse and Pony Council. Looking for permission from the board for having a fundraising show to go toward upgrades to horse barns. Milt suggested checking with Elmers and Reith Rieley for pen pads. Motion 5.13.21.4: C. Johnston/ M. Barley that

the NMAWHC Horse Club use the fairgrounds in August for fundraising funds for improvements to be used in horse barn area. P.

3. **Cindy Gerou:** Equestrian Team Coach and would like to practice in arenas. Previous years have charged \$5 per day for practice. Would like to start on Sunday afternoons. She will contact Erika with other nights. Looking at grades 5 to 12. Parents would have to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement per practice. Email form to Cindy. Cindy would also like to come to fairgrounds Sunday afternoon. There is a Twilight Show next Wednesday. Would like to use the driveway off Nimrod Road so horse trailers come in back way.

11. 4H Livestock – Everything seems to be looking good on the MSU side of things. So far 2 dogs have registered. 23 Dairy Feeders, 91 Junior Beefs, 68 Large Beef, 187 Swine, 49 Lambs, 63 Goats, 97 Poultry, 67 Rabbit, 23 Llamas, and 62 Horses. There was 185 kids the first Workbee day and 70 the 2nd Workbee. June 15th is the next Workbee. Steer Specie Chair is posted until the 23rd of May.

12. Unfinished Business

1. C. Johnston: Working on the Memorial Quilt for Ivan's family. Looking for \$100 to go toward quilt. Kaycee said the Livestock Council will donate the \$100.

13. Committee Reports

- a. **Advertising:** Michigan Farm News got in touch with Carolyn regarding an advertisement for \$40 in the June 13th issue. Also, she met with WTCM/WKLT, etc...
- b. **Animal Health and Wellness:** Back 4H with mask wearing and social distancing. Look forward to things being brought down from the state.
- c. **Animal Superintendent:** Nancy Vanderstel for Sheep Superintendent. All in favor of accepting Nancy Vanderstel application. Approved.
 - i. **Question:** Kelly Saxton had a question. Will we be allowing parents to watch shows and will kids have to wear masks for shows. Al states that is a 4H question.
- d. **Bingo:** Frank will go out and check Bingo machine and talk to the leader from the church.
- e. **Buildings and Grounds:** Frank, Caleb, and Joel met at the fairgrounds and came up with a list that needed to be done.
- f. **Bylaws:** All good
- g. **Campground:** Opening Saturday 5/15/2021. Still need a camp host and Sonya will check in daily.
- h. **Concessions:** Talking with outside vendors. They are excited about Fair.

- i. **Free Entertainment:** Shelly will be providing free entertainment. Adventure Theater has not gotten a hold of Cody to see about deposit.
- j. **Entertainment:** Joe has signed Monster Truck contract, Rodeo is all set and Auto Barrel racing is good. Lawn mowers are all set.
- k. **Fair Camping:** Numbers will be most important.
- l. **Golf Cart Enforcement:** Carolynne will order stickers for Fair/ Livestock Council carts along with the colors for the other carts.
- m. **Volunteer Tent:** Joe Babik will hold a meeting and figure out volunteers.
- n. **Kids/Special Kids Day:** Joe Babik needs to get a hold of Angie.
- o. **Merchandise:** Mike will order things as soon as possible.
- p. **Museum:** Milt will get a hold of volunteers. Will go through some new things that were donated.
- q. **Non-Animal Superintendent:** Quilt stand in honor of a lady who quilted with a plaque to honor her.
- r. **Pancake Breakfast:** Health Department: we are all good there! Gibby's donated juice, Prairie Farms is donating white milk and we pay for the chocolate milk. Sysco is all set for the order in July. Reining Liberty Ranch are very excited to get the profits and will be there to help.
- s. **Premium Book:** There will be a meeting Monday on May 17, 2021 at 5:30pm to put stickers and add an insert.
- t. **Rentals and Contracts:** First rental last night which was Fire Graduation. Tagging will be done soon and confirmed police patrol, fire/ems, tents, and radios, etc... Kaycee has 3 hand sanitizer stations. Al is working on donations.
- u. **Ribbons:** Order is on its way that Mary had made.
- v. **Safety:** None
- w. **Tickets & Gates:** None
- x. **Veterans Memorial:** None
- y. **Website:** Start doing giveaways.
- z. **Mike/Frank:** There was a conversation with vendors about a t-shirt idea from 2019.
- aa. **June meeting will be in person and we can still have Zoom.**

14. Adjournment: Motion 5.13.21.5: M. Barley/J. Babik made motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.