

Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** By Joe Hubbell at 7:07pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By Sonya Youker
3. **Roll Call:** By Carolyne Woodhams
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Mike Barley, Frank Guerin, Jason Neumann, Mary Dennis, Al Henning, Karen Zenner, Sonya Youker, Tom Looks, Cody Foster, Joe Babik, Milt Lewis, Carolyne Woodhams, Joe Hubbell, Caleb Hubbell, and Tammara Sanchez.
 - b. **Board Members Absent:** None
 - c. **Visitor's Present:** Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Dale and Dorothy Fritz, JoAnn and Rose Bohrer, Sheryl Trolard, Karen, Ivan, and Tommy Arnold, Joey, Robin Gildner, Mary Ann Wilsey, Amanda Wilkins, Duke Elsner, Anna Fryer, Jennifer Emery, Mary Lynn Robertson, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Jodie Kaley, Barb Crosley, Clarissa Johnson, and Kelly Saxton.
4. **Review Agenda:** Motion 5.14.20.1: A. Henning/ M. Barley made motion to approve May 14, 2020 Agenda. P.
5. **Correspondence:** \$303 in Memorial Contributions made in memory of Gail Weber for the Open Goat Program.
6. **President's Report:** Joel turned on the campground water. 86 days until Fair. If you need help, please ask. **There are no April minutes due to the fact that the April Meeting was canceled.**
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Sent everyone the new check balances. Tammara is going through the accounts. She will have the accurate account balances next month. Deposits are in for Winter Storage and she will pay some pills. She is looking for prices for a new Accountant. Motion 5.14.20.2: A. Henning/ J. Neumann made motion to move to QBO at the end of the 2nd quarter which ends June 30, 2020. P.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion 5.14.20.3: J. Babik/ M. Barley made motion to accept minutes as amended. P.
9. **Public Comments:**
 - a. **Arnold Family:** They are ready to wear masks if they have too. Joe Hubbell called Karen Arnold earlier to see where they sat with all the cancellations. Tom said they were cancelled all the way up to August. They purchased hand sanitizer to put up by rides. They also

purchased packs which hold sanitizer spray and they purchased masks, gloves, etc. They will make sure social distancing is in place. They are keeping an eye on Disney and Busch Gardens to see how they handle opening back up.

- b. **Al Henning:** Al has concerns about reopening back up Michigan and having the Fair.
- c. **Carolyn Woodhams:** Also has concerns about the Fair and feels that the Board needs to make a decision tonight but it's been held until June meeting.
- d. **Milt Lewis:** Would like to wait until at least June 1st to make a decision.
- e. **Tammara Sanchez:** Question about deposits for entertainment.
- f. **Jason Neumann:** On the radio it is listing everything around us closing.
- g. **Joe Hubbell:** Agrees with Jason that there would be issues.
- h. **Mary Dennis:** Climbing numbers could get worse.
- i. **Frank Guerin:** Kids coming to the Fair to show their animals. How many would just come out to show? Would also like to wait until June 1st to make a decision.
- j. **Kayce Caugh:** Kids are hoping for an in person fair. They would like a "normal"
- k. **Angie Holmes:** Has 2 children on both ends of the spectrum. Would like the Board to set a date to make a decision.
- l. June 11th Board Meeting will be when the decision is made. Premium books will wait until then.
- m. **Jim (Unique Motor Sports):** Insurance is working with Jim. Please let him know ASAP when decision is made and if he has too he will move the contract to 2021.
- n. **Anna Fryer:** Will be up to the public whether they come or not. Vendors and Public Facilities could be pulled back and people would understand.

10. New Business:

- a. **J. Hubbell:** Tomorrow Fair grounds will be rekeyed. Gate and Office rekeyed per Officers' recommendations.
- b. **A. Henning:** Controlling rumor control. Lynn has been ordering and getting birds ready for fair despite what people are saying.

- c. **M. Barley:** Many people have been talking about Fair being cancelled (Carolyne will update Facebook regarding the June 11th decision).
 - d. **F. Guerin:** Frank has been talking to different vendors about doing a drive through service. Will be working on it.
11. **Livestock Council:** Kayce Kaugh updated the Board on animal numbers that are projected. Open Classes VS Youth Livestock Classes: The Fair is not requiring Workbees, Record Books or Educational Credits while the Livestock Council is requiring Record Books and Educational Credits for the Online Virtual Auction. Carolyne and Milt agreed to put more out on Facebook and the Website.
12. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Joe Hubbell: Steer Barn is 100% ready for building. Joel turned everything in to the Township. Thank you Milt!
 - b. Tammara Sanchez: Asked permission for a debit card connected to the checking account and has requested a night drop key from the bank. Joe and Karen asked what will happen with the card when not using it and also asked for a print out every month of the balances and the debit card purchases.
 - i. **Motion 5.14.20.4:** M. Barley/J. Babik made motion to give Tammara Sanchez permission to obtain and use a debit card hooked to the checking account for Fair purchases only! P.
 - c. Carolyne Woodhams: Will check with Cherry Festival and see if they have help for our Visitor's Tent and maybe office help. Also, went over Committees to make sure all were good.
 - d. Duke Elsner: Wrote and read a letter to the Board and explained that while he will still be the Tanner Building Superintendent he will not be present this year.
13. **Committee Reports:**
- a. **M. Barley:** Due to the economic situation this year he will invest a small amount of money in merchandise and wait until June to put an order in.
14. **Motion 5.14.20.5:** J. Babik/ S. Youker made motion to adjourn the May 14, 2020 Meeting. P.