

June Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** By Joe Hubbell at 7:02pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By Sonya Youker
3. **Roll Call:** By Carolyne Woodhams
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Mike Barley, Frank Guerin, Jason Neumann, 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:** Mary Dennis
 - c. **Visitor's Present:** Kayce Caugh, Dale and Dorothy Fritz, JoAnn and Rose Bohrer, Tony Saxton, Robin Gildner, Cindy Gerou, Karen, Ivan, Joey, and Tommy Arnold, Amanda Wilkins, Barb Crosley, Hannah Fryer, Clarissa Johnson, and Mary Lynn Robertson.
4. **Review Agenda: Motion 6.11.20.1:** M. Lewis/J. Neumann made motion to approve June 11, 2020 Agenda. P.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **President's Report:** 58 days until fair if we hold it. We all have work to do. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Went over Treasurer Report. Waiting for questions. None asked. Went over accounts and numbers. Discussing QBO. \$160 a year. Tom Looks is the Deputy Treasurer.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:** I will add. Motion 6.11.20.2: M. Barley/J. Babik made motion to approve minutes with the change of adding April Meeting was cancelled.
9. **Public Comments:** None

10. New Business:

a. Joe Hubbell: Contacted by Elmers a couple days ago. They had some bleachers there that were going to the scrap yard. They offered them to the Fair and they will be taken apart and moved to grounds this weekend.

11. Livestock Council: 453 Market Animals, 192 Show only, and 157 Cloverbuds

12. Unfinished Business:

a. J. Hubbell: Everyone will get a chance to express their opinion on whether we close the fair down this year or go forward.

b. C. Woodhams: Information from Cedar Point and Grand Traverse Health Department.

c. A. Henning: Went online and found information from Center for Disease Control. Coronavirus is real and migrating. We get people here from other countries, states, and counties.

d. C. Foster: List of the Fairs from Mafe that are still going on. There is a list. We are elected Directors to do what is best for the kids and the Fair. Cody thinks we need to weigh our options.

e. Hannah Fryer: Owner of 3 businesses. Have a plan in place through the Health Department. Facts are proven to be disproven. Mental Health is very important. Fair is something that people look forward too.

f. D. Fritz: Slaughter houses are all closed up. Triple R is booked until January. It's not just about what is going on here. Everything is connected to the other.

g. C. Gerou: Have the shows and possibly the auction. No one else on the grounds. Shorten the Fair. Not worry about the public this year.

h. Robin Gildner: Have the show only.

i. Mary Jo Robinson: Trust the Board to make the decision. It's the kids favorite time of the year. But is it safe? Works for the American Cancer Society and they haven't been able to have a function until the end of the June. Think of time and commitment. The grounds have to be cleaned and worked and things

cleaned up. We all have regular jobs then come here and be ready in 59 days. Do we rush and make it happen or do we wait and come back bigger and better next year. It's the outside and the unknown that we don't know.

j. T. Arnold: They are still holding in there. They are still going to have to go by the guidelines, masks, and 6 foot spaces, There will a lot of cleaning to do. They are easing up some things in Florida. As we are going things are starting to open up. The virus is out there. They have to take the temperature everyday of their employees. After every ride they have to sanitize the ride. Their rides can be only at 50%. A family up 10 in a space. If we go on they will go by the guidelines.

k. Joey Arnolds: As Carolyn was reading the Health Department requirements. They will have their own plan for the rides/ camping areas. They will get their plan and procedures. From the start of the week they have a plan to the best of their ability. Purchasing some new modern equipment and treated daily/weekly to prevent the spread of Covid 19. To the best of their ability they will do everything they can to keep people secure.

l. J. Hubbell: Al did talk to Dan Hubbell. He is suggesting that we have had enough bad publicity and have some more coming. IF we have someone come to the fair and contract Covid 19 do we really need that publicity. Insurance said the business is covered. There are no restrictions for health pandemics.

m. Tony Saxton: Daughter and him went to different shows throughout the state and Ohio. Please explore possibilities to what can happen. Look into something to get the kids here. Trailers were 6 foot apart. Maybe just kids and livestock. Only families whose kids were in the ring could be around the ring.

n. K. Caugh: Questions about the financial things. Jason answered that we usually spend \$3000 in hand sanitizer and now this year probably close to \$12000. With everything at 50% our revenue would be down 50%. The way restrictions are going we may be at full capacity by August but the financial burdens are adding 20 to 30% to the overhead.

o. M. Lewis: the Grandstand has to be at 50% capacity which means we would not be making any money. 50% capacity for any event we would lose money. Even if we didn't have any Grandstand event then we would still lose money.

p. J. Neumann: Went over the numbers. Jason answered that we usually spend \$3000 in hand sanitizer and now this year probably close to \$12000. With everything at 50% our revenue would be down 50%. The way restrictions are going we may be at full capacity by August but the financial burdens are adding 20 to 30% to the overhead. The restrictions are expensive.

q. Voting by paper: Sonya collected and Carolyn will go through them. 10 no votes and 3 yes votes. **Motion 6.11.20.3:** J. Neumann/A. Henning made motion to cancel the 2020 Fair. P. Arnolds accept and support the decision we make.

r. K. Caugh: Triple R and Ebels for processors. MSU type of event and will follow their guidelines. Questions about using the Fairgrounds for the processors. MSU ran into an issue with the processors. Processors went to MSU to ask for help with getting the animals to the processors. Livestock Council is asking to use the fairgrounds to have the animals. Question and answers about scheduling and time constraints. May take 2 days for 453 animals. Maybe spread out the species over a couple of days.

s. B. Edgcomb: Asked for the official Statement from the Fair.

13. Committees:

a. Buildings and Grounds: Steer barn is ready to be built. The building permits are finally are a go. Kris will get started next week. He had concerns about their timeline but will move forward to get it done asap. Will be looking for some help in putting in some stanchions and some other small projects. Still continue with work bees. Frank and a few others put some vents in the rabbit barn. Bleachers coming.

b. Rentals and Contracts: Everything until July 1st has been cancelled. Jason will continue with getting in touch with the rentals.

c. Campgrounds: Have some essential workers coming in and will be camping until we closed. Bobbie and Grant are new camp hosts. The BMX has asked if we would want to sell 50/50 raffle tickets during their meet. Softball tournament has been rescheduled.

d. Website/ Facebook: will get out the news release as soon as possible.

14. Adjournment: Motion 6.11.20.4: S. Youker/ T. Sanchez made motion to adjourn at 8:32pm. P.