

Northwestern Michigan Fair
Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2019

- 1. Call to Order:** By Joe Hubbell at 7:05pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** By Sonya Youker
- 3. Roll Call:**
 - a. Board Members Present:** Joe Hubbell, Mike Barley, Jason Neumann, Jeremy Noel, Mary Dennis, Karen Zenner, Al Henning, Sonya Youker, Sherri Forton, Julie Nowland, Milt Lewis, Carolyn Woodhams, and Jillian Noel.
 - b. Board Members Absent:** Joe Babik and Frank Guerin
 - c. Visitor's Present:** Jennifer Emery, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Amanda Wilkins, Kayce Caugh, Rose & Jo Ann Bohrer, Kris Shafer, Caley Mehs, Dean Domnoske, Maddy Johns and Clarissa Johnson.
- 4. Review Agenda: Motion 7.11.19.1:** M. Barley/ A. Henning made motion to approve the July 11, 2019 Agenda. P.
- 5. Correspondence:** Farm Bureau and Cherryland Electric.
- 6. President's Report:**
 - a. Eric Somsel:** Blair Township Emergency Services. The fees have almost doubled because they have to pay overtime to cover the fair because of lack of volunteers. They will still participate in Kid's Day and provide First Aid. **Motion 7.11.19.2:** M. Lewis/ J. Noel made motion to pay \$9759 for Blair Township Emergency Services. P.
 - b. Joe Hubbell:** Less than 30 days before Fair. Please make sure if you need help, ask for help. When we have a Board Meeting, please keep business business!
- 7. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a.** Passed out Balance sheets and check details.
 - b.** Jillian answered questions.
- 8. Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion 7.11.19.3:** A. Henning/ M. Barley made motion to approve June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes as amended.
- 9. Public Comment: None**
- 10. New Business:**
 - a. J. Hubbell:** Had a talk to Blair Township Emergency Services and they suggested to stay off of the radio when we hear they need EMS

Services. Ask that we spread the “Code Red” initiative more also would like to see additional volunteers in the Grandstands during the busy nights to keep people away from the exits.

- b. **Jillian Noel:** Dan Bonnell (MAFE Board) has an opportunity for the Fair for a MAFE Days during the week of the Fair. Opportunity to show Fairs what we do here and how we run our Fair. ATM has been down for a very long time. Jillian has been trying to get it fixed. Fixing vs. A new machine. **Motion 7.11.19.4:** M. Lewis/ M. Barley made motion to purchase the new machine for \$5900. P.
- c. **A. Henning:** Spoke to BATA about making a run to the Fair Grounds from a large parking lot. They will be coming here to get a feel for the area and we will go from there.
- d. **J. Neumann:** Only received one bid for cleaning bathrooms. Heather Miller sent in a bid for \$2700. Fair is in a few weeks, everything will be finalized pretty quickly. Sherrif’s contract for our Law Enforcement at \$2400. Deadline for the Memorial Wall has passed and received 5 names.

11. 4H Livestock:

- a. The last work Bee went very well. The last one will be on July 23rd. 470 Market animals, 179 Cloverbuds, 225 Show only are signed up currently.

12. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Joe Hubbell:** The Pavilion is being worked on. Rabbit and Poultry Barns roofs look to be complete. Quote for old Horse Barn roof.
- b. **Wifi Chris:** Discussed a Robotics activity. Would just need a space and maybe come out during Kid’s Day. RC Day... used the BMX last year. For cameras, wifi, internet, announcing speaker, etc... would be the same cost as last year for \$7,000. **Motion 7.11.19.5:** J. Neumann/ J. Nowland made motion to approve the bill for \$7,000.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. **Advertising:** Radio stations are all covered, 17 Billboards, and Trifolds are ready to be dispersed.
- b. **Buildings & Grounds:** Dale graded the parking lot, and Joel and Milt are working on a list of things that need to be done. The biggest things will be grass cutting and weed whipping. Kaycee is working on arch at the entrance. Power upgrade down Zeke’s Way is complete.

- c. **Fair Week Free Entertainment:** Suggestion for next week... The jumping dogs coming to the Fair.
 - d. **Campgrounds:** \$18, 950 so far since May 15th.
 - e. **Concessions:** 6 or 7 new vendors this year. Everything is mapped out and ready.
 - f. **Fair Camping:** Will let us know next week.
 - g. **Golf Cart Enforcement:** Tags are ordered and registration will be online for them to print out.
 - h. **Information Tent/Volunteers:** Invitations are printed for the Volunteer Lunch. Give Carolyn your number of Volunteers you may have so she can get you the Invitations.
 - i. **Judge Hiring:** Still looking for a Dog Judge.
 - j. **Kid's/Special Kid's Day:** We asked Caley Mehs to help out with Kid's Day because she did it last year. \$300 in sponsorships additional. Going to try some new stuff this year.
 - k. **Merchandising:** T-shirts/sweatshirts are ordered. Keychains will be ordered.
 - l. **Museum/Historical:** Some things donated this year. Have all the volunteers needed.
 - m. **Pancake Breakfast:** Things are ordered and coming in. Carolyn only has to place an order with Sysco.
 - n. **Queens:** Thank you for everyone who helped with the Heritage Parade. Dan Hubbell escorting the queen in the Junior Royale and Grand Royale Parade. Board adding a Parade Committee.
 - o. **Safety & Security:** Brian Dreeves drives Molon Excavating Truck every morning. Would like to offer him 2 Mega Bands and reimburse Fair Camping.
 - p. **Tickets & Gates:** Have every Gate filled every day!
 - q. **Website:** Need Sponsors. New Superintendents for signs. Amazon Smile.... You can chose the Northwestern Michigan Fair for funds.
- 14. Executive Session:**
- 15. Adjournment: Motion 7.11.19.6:** J. Nowland/ A. Henning made motion to adjourn at 9:56pm.