MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION – MARQUETTE COUNTY FAIR

MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 17, 2019, 7 P.M.

- CALL TO ORDER @ 7:02 p.m
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 7:02 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 1st John, 2nd Robin, Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 1ST Robyn, 2nd April. Motion carried.
- TREASURER REPORT – Approximately $5288 outstanding in premiums bringing 1st National bank balance to around $32,000. 1st April, 2nd Robyn to approve treasurer report. Motion carried.
- CITIZEN INPUT: N/A

COMMITTEES

- EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE: 2019/2020 proposed budget presented. Proposal that money be raised through sponsors for harness racing to cover increased costs. Will set at next meeting. Discussion held on presenting more details of how money spent for a given line item. This is doable. Will be tracking the boat storage fees and misc repairs from county budget more rigorously. Discussion held on requiring liability insurance from groups serving alcohol.
- ENTERTAINMENT: Wentzel carnival not contracted yet but have not said unavailable. Whiskey Belles and Best Practice not available as a band. Other bands to pursue were mentioned. Discussion that tractor pull costs will go up by $500 due to increase in eliminator. Increase added to proposed budget. Other ideas of proposed future entertainment discussed. Entertainment committee will meet Nov 19, Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. at the Chateau. Will report back at December meeting.
- VOLUNTEER: None. Tammy Hamilton will serve as Judge for 2019/2020.
- BUILDING & GROUNDS – Rister and Schnell will be lending tractor to assist with boat storage this weekend.
- PROMOTIONS & TECHNOLOGY: Holiday parade being held in Westfield Nov. 29th. Susanne will make cards about fair dates and stress looking for volunteers & sponsors. Matt & others will work on building float with signs about fair date for the parade on that Saturday. Someone needs to pull the float in the parade.
- MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION briefly discussion. Education session for kids on hoof trimming set for November 10th at Hockerman Bros. with Lodi vet conducting the session.

ACTION ITEMS:

- SCHEDULE OF FEES: Changed proposed to fairgrounds rental agreement. Grounds only will be charged $200 and does not include the track. A $100 refundable deposit will be required for rental of chairs and table. Matt made motion to adopt all proposed changes to fairgrounds rental agreement. April seconded. Motion carried. Motion made by John B. to

raise boat storage fees for 2019/2020 to $10/ft; raise camping fee for tents to $20 for week; and raise camper camping fees to $75 per week. Robyn 2nd motion. Motion Carried.

- ESTABLISH COMMITTEES – Tabled until next meeting.
- SET DATE FOR APPRECIATION DINNER – Decision made to restructure this dinner in spring to encourage volunteers to show up and sign up for duties. Written job descriptions and instruction on volunteer roles will be conducted. Door prizes were suggested. The board will put an article in the paper about the event. The date for the dinner will be tabled until the December meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- John B and Susanne gave report on the District 3 meeting held October 10th. Discussion held on putting together an Ag Education program for the 2020 fair. The ag teachers on the board will help propose ideas. Discussion held on having an evacuation plan for the fair. It was suggested that this be brought up to the county board utilizing emergency planning. Suggestion at meeting to reach out to Luther Olson who assisted in killing a bill that was negative for county fairs. The district meeting suggested personal invites to local senators, congress members and representatives.
- Fairground Events, bleachers – no discussion.

REPORT OF FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: No discussion

NEXT MEETING: 1st by April, 2nd Char to hold next fair board meeting on Dec. 5th @ 6:30 p.m. Carried.

ADJOURN: 1st Matt, 2nd John B. Motion carried.