

MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION – FAIR BOARD MINUTES

January 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Timme, John Bennett, John Kampen, Hannah Wolsdorf, Kayla Darr, Robin Buchholz, Josh Knoch, Brenna Bays, Richell Kufahl, Susanne Kufahl. April Proeber by phone

EXCUSED: Char Laney, Bette Krueger, Josh Capodarco

GUESTS: Abby Swan, Tori Timme, Jackie Stoneman, Charlene Bennett

President called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda made by Kampen, seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve previous month's minutes made by Kampen, seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kufahl presented budget to actual expense report to date. Approximately \$2,141.03 of the budget has been spent to date. There is \$30,608.78 in the bank. Of that amount, there is \$269.75 of premiums payable outstanding. Timme asked that the report be modified to show the amount in the bank. Timme made a motion to approve the financial report. Seconded by Darr. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT: Tori Timme reported on the Fairest of the Fair contest. She asked that the sponsorship solicitation form be updated to add sponsorships for the Fairest contest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- EXECUTIVE & FINANCE: No report.
- ENTERTAINMENT: Entertainment committee will meet Feb 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Chateau.
- VOLUNTEER: No report. Covered by later agenda item.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Timme reported that looking into fixing the drainage issues between the barns and 4-H stand. Wolsdorf noted that the FFA alumni would consider funding support if worked in conjunction with the county land & water department.
- PROMOTIONS & TECHNOLOGY: No report
- MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION: There is a question on beef weigh-in due to stress factors on the animal that might affect growth. Other fairs dropping weigh-in and rate of gain contest.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **BYLAWS**-Grammatical error corrections. Krueger has been in charge of this and cannot make today's meeting. Motion made by Bennett, seconded by Buchholz to table this matter to the next meeting.
- Decisions on **the AG education program** was tabled until next meeting by motion by Darr, second by Kampen. Motion carried
- **Entertainment contracts:**

- Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Kampen to approve contract for Harrisville to hold tractor pull at fair for \$7,555 and relabel trophies not used from last year. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kampen, seconded by Bennett to approve Nicks kids show. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bennett, seconded by Knoch to approve one-year contract for \$16,000 for bull riding at this year's fair. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kampen, seconded by Bennett to **approve hiring of a summer intern** to help with this year's fair. The announcement was adjusted to record max hours at 360. Recruitment will end April one with a vote to approve a candidate at the April 23rd meeting. Motion carried.
- Discussion held on **Volunteer appreciation/recruitment date**. Proeber will check to see if the Montello American legion hall is available to accommodate a larger audience than Westfield village hall. Motion made by Kampen, second by Proeber to hold dinner with a meal on March 28, 2020 starting at 1 p.m. Motion carried.
- Kufahl reported that **sponsorship forms** updated, see handout. Form will be given to Brakebush by Timme by Feb. 1st. Form revised to add Fairest of Fair program. Motion by Timme, seconded by Kampen to approve form as revised. Motion carried.
- Timme reported obtaining a great deal on **PA system** for the fair grounds. The cost is \$2K for speakers, system, etc. As part of the deal the seller will help with set-up and use the first year. Bennett made motion to approve up to a \$2,000 purchase, second by Buchholz. Motion carried. The old equipment may be able to be sold to offset the cost.
- The **next board meeting** will be set for February 27 at 6:30 p.m. Among action items should be approval of the premium books.

DISCUSSION ONLY/INFORMATION:

- Discussion held on **theme** for this year's fair. The following themes were considered: Camp Out; Diversity; Game Show, Small Town/Big dreams; Hollywood or Proud to be American. Unanimous opinion was for the Game show theme to be voted on at the Feb. meeting.
- It was confirmed that there will be a **talent competition** at this year's fair.

Bennet made motion to **adjourn**, seconded by Swan to adjourn. Motion carried.