



## MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Marquette County Youth Organization Association, Inc.

September 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Harrisville Fire Department, Harrisville, WI

**Members present:** Dave Timme, April Proeber, Bette Krueger, Susanne Kufahl, John Bennett, Char Laney, John Kampen, Richell Kufahl, Matt Groskreutz, Savannah Kufahl

**Members excused:** Hannah Wolsdorf, Brenna Bays, Joanne Dalton

**Guests:** Vincent Heiman and Kathi Mead of Badgerland Midways; Char Bennett

**Extension staff:** Jackie Stoneman, Support Staff.

President called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Laney, second by Proeber. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of August 20, 2020 meeting made by Proeber, second by R. Kufahl; motion carried.

Susanne Kufahl gave the treasurer's report: beginning balance of \$28,438.27; checks/expenses in the amount of \$425.85; deposits of \$13,053.55; ending balance is 41,065.97. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Krueger, second by Kampen; motion carried.

### **Committee reports:**

Executive and Finance: None.

Entertainment: Vincent Heiman and Kathi Mead presented on behalf of Badgerland Midways from Stevens Point for the 2021 fair. Discussion included getting a daily report from the carnival on ticket sales; possible issues with the exclusivity clause of selling some food items, as other vendors at the fair will also be selling some of the same products, such as lemonade, popcorn, etc. (the 4-H Food

Stand sells french fries, for example); The Board may benefit financially from pre-selling megabands (which are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the ticket box and are one wristband good for ALL days the midway is open). Discussion that additional language may need to be added to the contract regarding COVID, including no fault/no penalty cancellation to the fair board if due to COVID. The cost of the carnival is \$20,000 guaranteed which could be taken care of through advance wristband sales, members thought. It was decided that the Board will vote on which carnival to go with for 2021 fair after further discussion at the October 8 board meeting.

Proeber reminded all that there is an Entertainment Committee meeting on Sunday, October 4 after the storage of boats/campers is done. Proeber reported she has “feelers” out for several different bands for possibly playing at the 2021 fair.

Volunteer: None.

Building and Grounds: Timme reported that boat/camper storage is coming up October 3, 4, 17 and 18. Has been in contact with Paul Van Treeck regarding the water issues at the fairgrounds; there is to be no more building/expanding until the water issues have been addressed and corrected.

Promotions and Technology: None.

Market Animal Auction: Matt Groskreutz reported that the large animal scale did not sell, but the smaller one did.

Action Items:

Prioritize fairground improvement list:

- LED lights in all buildings, track and grandstand
- Round barn: gates in the “circle” are all loose/rotted off; fences need repair
- Wash rack: boards are bad
- More outlets everywhere (limited power resources)
- Speakers in small animal barn (Timme has speakers)
- Boards on buildings need replacement (old small animal building)
- Note: Pig building extension, new wash area and surround drainage work including permanent scale location is on HOLD, per the County.
- Water run off problem near the 4-H food stand/drainage is being worked on.

Motion by Proeber, second by Matt Groskreutz to approve said priorities as listed; motion carried.

2020 Annual Meeting and next Fair Board meeting: Thursday, October 8; 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Meeting and 6:30 p.m. for Fair Board meeting; both to be held at the Services Center. Motion by Laney, second by Kampen to approve the meeting dates/times/location; motion carried.

Informational Items:

- Boat storage update: Coming up October 3, 4, 17 and 18.

- Financial Audit in November: Krueger will contact Jody Myers, Accounting Tech for Marquette County, to see if she would do an audit of the fair books with S. Kufahl prior to the November/December meeting.
- Bob Williams Grant Money: S Kufahl indicated that Compeer Financial also has money available for grants and will check into both grants.
- District Three past annual meeting: S Kufahl attended “virtually”.

**Report of Fair Board Members:** None.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Matt Groskruetz; second by R. Kufahl; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Krueger

Secretary