

Minutes: April 6, 2017

Vice-President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

VISITORS: No visitors were in attendance.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes. Georgianne Adams seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the March financials. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported on several correspondences.

-A thank you was received from the family of Beverly Hepele (Carleen Andow and Tammy Wilcox's stepmother) for flowers received for calling hours.

-A thank you was received from Riverside Football for a 4 pack of tickets to their Chinese auction.

-An email was received from a neighbor requesting a No Truck Parking/Engine Idling sign from noise from trucks parked and sitting with their engines running in the grassy overflow parking area out back. The Fair Board reviewed the complaint and will review how to handle it.

OLD BUSINESS: PEP Grant – Bob Dawson reported that we have received the \$500 maximum grant and it will be used for emergency lights.

- Building Hours for Senior Day – Bob Dawson reported that he talked to Dick Parker and Cindy Woodman and they thought that we should cooperate with the County on opening at 10:00

am on Friday, Senior Day during fair. It was discussed to open all buildings at this time. Dave Wilcox did not feel the Agriculture building received enough traffic to open but will do so. It will be tried and monitored for this year to see how much traffic the buildings receive to determine what will happen next year. Bob Dawson made a motion to open all buildings at 10:00 am on Friday, Senior Day of fair for 1 year. Wade Crofoot seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarship meeting – Michelle Byram reported the scholarship committee will meet on Thursday, April 13. Michelle requested more people for the committee. Mike Peplowski will be out of town but suggested applications be emailed for him to review and determine a recipient. Lisa Siciliano-Miller also will be out of town but can review hers by email.

-Livestock Fundraiser – Joe Slansky reported that Sr. Market Livestock will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, April 15 at Harry Buffalo from 2-4 pm. Contact any livestock advisor for information. Lisa Siciliano-Miller also stated that Jr. Market Livestock will have a plant sale. Forms are available through livestock.

-Storage Take Out – Joe Slansky reported that storage take out will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Help is needed.

- OFMA & VIP Passes – Joe Slansky reported that passes are available and each director should have received theirs.

- District 9 Roundtable – Bob Dawson reported that the District 9 Roundtable will be hosted by the Lake County Fair on Monday, May 8th. Ladies Auxiliary will provide the meal for the roundtable.

-Helicopter Rides – Bob Dawson reported that Cindy Woodman was approached regarding helicopter rides at our fair. This was researched and we cannot do it. We do not have any place to put this. Our emergency plan states that there is no place for one on the fairgrounds.

- Decals – Michelle Byram reported that decals with the Cow logo and fair dates were made and will go to each person purchasing memberships and for sponsors, while available.

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising: Publicity: Bob Dawson reported last month was very active. Pat O'Brien, and Lake Health have committed. Excalibur has committed to both demos. The Farm Bureau will be the sponsor for the Entertainment Tent. Lakeland is also a sponsor. Tuesday will be Safety Forces Day at fair and will have a sponsor. AT&T will be a sponsor for Veterans Day. Bob stated that with the packets are advertising for the premium book to give to someone that may want to advertise. May 1st is the deadline.

Bob reported that we have Great Lakes Tech Solutions reworking the website. It is looking very nice. Ed Krause has provided some good pictures to use on the website. The site will be formatted to work on phones and tablets. Jeremy Hejduk asked about an app for the website. Bob stated it is pretty expensive to do. We will do a QR Code again for it.

-Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported that the entertainment is coming together. The demo on Sunday has been moved to 6:00 pm. Wade Crofoot inquired about what equipment will be needed. Joe stated the same as usual. More straw may be needed for the Mower Races.

-Fair Queen: Michelle Byram reported that applications will go out this month.

-Garage Sale: Michelle Byram reported that inside spaces are sold out. Bob Dawson stated that the electronic bill board can be used for the garage sale, since we get extra days for it.

-Gates & Tickets: Bob Dawson reported engagement letters have been sent out.

-Grounds: Wade Crofoot reported that Paul Polcar is willing to work with the electricians this year and then they will possibly take over it after that since Paul is looking to "retire" from it.

-Jr. Fair: Jim Slansky reported that the pancake breakfast had a good turnout and made approx. \$1300.

-Rings: Dunsailin & Plaisted: Michelle Byram reported that responses are coming back to renew rails.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported the Livestock fundraiser and plant sale. Lisa reported again about the food booth would like to expand their menu to add ground meat. The sales have been down the past few years and they would like to change the menu. This is a fundraiser that helps camp counselors, jr. leaders and the exchange program. Bob Dawson stated that Cindy Woodman (Concession Manager) could not attend the meeting because of a business commitment but he had spoken with her. Bob said the food stand in the 4-H building has always been and continues to be a major issue of concern for the Concessions Committee. The existence of an inexpensive, low or no cost food option, within 50 feet of our main food midway, puts it in direct competition with our concessionaires who are paying significant privilege fees and utility surcharges and who are generating more than \$60,000 in revenue which pays a substantial portion of the fair's operating costs. Bob also said that "walking tacos" had been specifically mentioned. The Walking Taco is a staple product of Bonnie Pligzqa's concession which is in close proximity of the 4-H Building and who has been a loyal concessionaire for 25 or more years. Much spirited discussion was had on both sides of the issue. Bob Dawson eventually made a motion to allow the use of ground beef as requested by Lisa Miller. Rich Van Pelt seconded the motion. Mike Peplowski asked for further discussion on the matter which included what specific products should be allowed. Mike Peplowski then moved to amend the motion to allow ground beef to be used (only) for "sloppy Joes" and "sloppy dogs". Wade Crofoot seconded the amendment. All were in favor of the amendment except Rob Sidley and Bob Dawson who voted "no". The amendment passed. The Board then voted on the amended motion. All were in favor except Rob Sidley who opposed. Bob Dawson abstained from voting on the amended motion. The amended motion passed.

OTHER MATTERS: Royce Gregory reported that Lake County Fight against Heroin contacted the fairgrounds about doing a rally in August. They are working with a national program, Hope over Heroin. There are anticipating over 2,000 people. There are over 100 volunteers, including the several church groups, county officials and the police. There will be immediate means of getting those wanting help into a program. Lisa suggested contacted the Adams Board to get them involved. Royce informed her that it is not our program, they are just contacting us for a place to hold the rally. They will need specific grounds area to hold the event and will meet with the Rental committee to decide what is needed.

Rob Sidley made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Mike Peplowski, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 4th @ 7:30 p.m.