



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

August 3, 2023

Mike Peplowski	Dawson	STP
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	Adam	
Jack	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	
Tull	Bob	
Jim Slansky	Cindy	
Bobaker	Bob	
Phil	Jerry Merhar	

Caretaker: David

Concessions: [Signature]

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Rep: [Signature]

### Minutes: August 3, 2023

Vice-President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2023. Jerry Merhar seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Michelle Byram reported the July financial is not ready to report on.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence to report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**NEW BUSINESS: OFMA Gala Ticket:** Bob Dawson made a motion to purchase two Gala tickets. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Fair Summary:** Bob presented a snapshot of the fair. The numbers were populated to match close to the numbers of fair. On the income side, admission was down 20% and everything else in line followed 20%. On the expense side, electric may be higher due to the heat but everything else seemed in line. Bob stated \$92,000 is a nice number considering the week we had with the weather. People came out to the fair when they could.

### COMMITTEES:

-**Advertising: Publicity:** Bob reported we don't spend a ton of money but what we are doing is working. All articles are charged to us. NH is very expensive compared to Tribune, which

we have a good partnership with. Bob reported that sponsorship set an all-time record of \$50,000. We still have \$7,000 coming from the Visitors Bureau.

**- Building: Care & Maintenance:** Joe Slansky reported he needs to get ahold of the company for the lock that is not working again

**-Camping:** Mike Peplowski reported it went well. There were a few plug ins to electric. Bob stated that other fairs are having issues with higher amp service on campers. May need to charge more for 50-amp service.

**-Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Rich Van Pelt reported it went pretty well.

**-4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor reported a record auction with over \$414,000. There were a lot of new buyers. The kids did a great job. Sam wanted to thank the advertising committee for pushing the auction on the radio and advertising and thank you to the Fair Board for all of their support and help.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported she will make changes for next year on camping for one. There was an issue with some items being sold on the midway, but vendors were good about removing them. The closing on Sunday went smooth.

**-Culinary-Farm-Dairy:** Dave Wilcox reported it went well. The Baked Goods Auction made over \$4,000. It helped having the credit card machine.

**-Decorations:** Michelle reported that hanging baskets that were left are free to take if anyone wants them.

**-Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported besides being rained out on a couple of events, the week went well. Weather was a major factor. The Demo Derby went well and is already on youtube. The Entertainment Tent was nice having tribute bands. The magic show got good crowds and Joe received positive feedback on it. Horse pulls drew a good crowd in the grandstands. Steve Ohmes stated that they would like to switch to Tuesday night for next year.

**- Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported the queen and her court were present a lot during fair.

**-Flowers:** Joe Slansky reported the shows were about the same. People were saying the weather affected their products.

**-Garage Sale:** Michelle reported applications will go out around the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**-Gates & Tickets:** Bob Dawson reported things went smoothly and Mike had his arm around it Mike stated he thinks we will need more credit card machines for next year. We need to get a solution to gate switch overs to keep the crowds flowing in. Bob stated with people using credit cards more, it helps the money room with having to deal with less cash.

**-Golf Carts:** Todd Demshar reported it was a rough year with a lot of breakdowns, however the company was quick to respond.

**-Government Coordination:** Jerry Merhar reported the government is in love with us.

**-Grounds:** Dave Herroon thanked everyone for their help. Some days were rough with pulling cars out of the lot. There were many compliments on how good the fairgrounds looks.

**-Draft Horse:** Steve Ohmes reported there were a lot of minis. He gave out a new award this year for Best in Show Exhibitor. He said the barns were cleaner than they were in the past due to this award. Draft horses would like to move the big hitching to the evening instead of versatility.

**-Saddle Horse:** Sam reported saddle horse seemed happy with the show ring. Sam thanked Jim and John Slansky for their work.

**-Infield:** Jeremy Hejduk thanked Wade and Dave for all their work moving dirt. People would like to have some kind of bleachers in the pit area if possible.

**-Insurance:** Jerry Merhar reported we should see a reduction in our insurance for next year.

**-Jr. Fair:** Jim Slansky reported sales were down a bit. Outside groups worked the booth three days.

**-Parade:** Joe Slansky reported the parade went well. First Church of Christ served food and drinks to those in the parade.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported other than the mud and losing parking spaced, it went well. Sheriff needs to park somewhere besides the infield due to it taking too long for them to get out of there. Mike also suggested we announce parking is free in our advertising.

**-Police-Safety-First Aid:** Cindy Woodman reported Jerry Infalvi stated the budget of \$16,000 looks good for next year.

**-Poultry & Rabbits:** Georgianne Adams reported we had a lot of market and fancy chickens. She also reported the hatchery had a variety of chicks.

**-Publications:** Bob reported we need to purchase less schedule of events for next year.

**-Race Program:** Dave Herroon reported there were 103 horses, with 19 races this year. Bob Dawson stated we should encourage adding a Sidley signature race for next year. Bob also suggested moving the Sidley monument closer to the gate. Two benches were presented and dedicated to Bob and Polly during the races.

**-Rentals:** Cindy Woodman reported she would be having a committee meeting following the Fair Board meeting.

**-Schools:** Cindy reported the building was full.

**-Voice of the Fair** – Jerry Merhar reported he felt it went excellent.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Manning reported she has not met with the committees yet. There seemed to be a different crowd this year with kids running around and hitting kids. The deputies were chasing some kids through the barns. Not 4-H kids. Cindy also stated there were issues on the midway with kids, but the deputies took care of it quickly. Lisa also stated there should be signage about no dogs. Cindy stated there are signs saying no dogs and the concessionaires contract states no dogs also. Lisa questioned why they were being charged the \$150 cleaning fee for the building since they cleaned it when they left. Michelle stated everyone that using the building is charged to have it deep cleaned. The building is supposed to look the way it did when you arrive, the deep cleaning is for the floors, walls and windows.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Michelle omitted the August birthdays but will add them to the September meeting.

Dick Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Merhar, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 7 @ 7:30 p.m.**