



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 7, 2023

Michael Peplowski	Bob Dawson	Joe Slansky
_____	_____	Jim Farrell
Jim Slansky	_____	BO
_____	Jerry Merhar	
C. Woodman		

Caretaker: Patrick Merrow

Concessions: _____
4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: September 7, 2023

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

VISITORS: There were no visitors in attendance.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2023. Dick Parker seconded the motion. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for July 2023. Michelle reminded the Board that this is only half of the fair info, since the weekend of the fair fell into the August financials. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the financial report. Jerry Merhar seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Fair Summary: Bob reported the income and expenses are clearer now that most bills have been submitted and paid. No surprises except that the electric is less than expected due to the high heat during fair.

NEW BUSINESS: Convention Reservations: Michelle reported that convention reservations are in the packet. Please be sure to let her know if you even plan on going so that hotel reservations can be made.

- **Election Workers:** Michelle reported that election workers are need for the elections that will be held on Thursday, October 5 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Cindy and Georgianne both offered to help.

COMMITTEES:

- **Building: Care & Maintenance:** Michelle reported that the changing table in the ladies restroom is broken again and Ladies Auxiliary is ordering another one.

- **Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Sam Taylor reported they are looking to get more activities into the open barn.

- **Entertainment:** Joe Slansky will have a committee meeting before convention.

- **Finance & Budget:** Bob Dawson advised the Board that the OFMA was successful in getting two separate funding allocations in the recent State budget (HB33). \$4.7 million (\$50,000 per fair) was approved for general support. An additional \$10 million (\$100,000 per fair) was allocated for "projects" and will be distributed by the Department of Development. The rules for this grant program are currently being developed and there are high expectations that the money will be made available to fairs specifically for capital projects. Rules are currently being developed for the program. Bob reported that he recently met on grounds, with an electrical engineer having considerable experience in building camping areas on fairgrounds. The engineer has provided us with a set of considerations, rough specifications, a potential material list and estimated costs to build a 50-spot campgrounds. Bob discussed several of the considerations involved and recommended a planning procedure for such a project. He also expressed optimism at the possibility of making this a reality utilizing the funds from the Department of Development.

There will be a budget meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 in the fair office.

- **Foundation:** Michelle reported the Foundation held their annual meeting this evening prior to the Fair Board meeting. New officers in attendance were Mike Peplowski and Joe Slansky.

- **Garage Sale:** Michelle reported the numbers are down for the garage sale. Sam Taylor stated it may be time to think about having just one garage sale in the spring each year.

- **Government Coordination:** Jerry Merhar asked for an estimate for electrical LED upgrade for the infield lighting to submit to the county.

- **Grounds:** Joe reported that the lighting in the flea market building was upgraded to LED. 50 florescent lights were switched over by Joe, Bob, Jim and Dave. This will use less power to operate. Barn 20 will get upgraded lighting next. The back barns are on the list to also get upgraded.

- **Saddle Horse:** Sam reported he is trying to put together a price for the bottom windows of the entry booth to have for the budget meeting.

- **Rentals:** Cindy Woodman reported that the golf cart company is looking to trade storage for golf cart rental for fair.

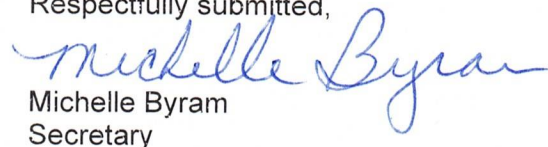
4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning had nothing to report at this time.

OTHER MATTERS: Jerry Merhar made a motion to invite a Commissioner to the OFMA Convention at the fair's expense. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM FARRELL!**

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

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.