

# Marshall County Fair Board

## March 25, 2019

1. Call to Order
2. Pledges
3. Public Comments
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Secretary- Jeff Gustafson motion to approve, Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carries
  - b. Treasurer- motion to approve, Jim Griewank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherry Smith – motion carries
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Extension – livestock letters are printed and should be sent this week, super-tag is May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 4-H Council- selected awards and talked about purchasing aluminum racks for the exhibit building
  - c. Livestock- superintendents decided to release livestock 30 mins after the auction but no earlier than 6 pm. Trailers will be lined up at mud bog area. Tack can be taken out after 10pm Thursday or before 8 am Friday. Beef club would like to pay for the wiring of the smaller fans in the arena. Jim Griewank, Zach Smith and Tom Watson will look at this. Jim also is going to look at the goat barn. April 20-21 and April 27-28 winter storage will be released. Dale made a motion to let the beef club take care of getting fans up, Sherry Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carries. Dale made a motion to go with livestock's recommendation for release on Friday night. Kim Bope – 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carries
  - d. Commercial – Contracts are sent out
  - e. Grounds and Maintenance- Argos sanitary/sewer dept sent a letter about our dump station. They have tracked increased problems back to the end of our fair and also after blueberry camping. They are going to plug our sanitary station. Kevin's assuming about 6-7 people use this service. Options are to fight it or put in our own pit and have it pumped after the fair and blueberry. However, this would be an increased cost that would need to be passed on. Jeff's concerned about leaving and "dumping as they go" if they don't have a place. They think also people may be dumping there when no one's around. Jack made a suggestion to lock the station until it's supposed to be used like on fair week or blueberry. Dick Murray is going to check with Rochester to see if they have an extra pit we could get and bury. Kevin asked about bleachers. If we aren't going to put the metal planks on some then we need to replace some boards on some sets. Jeff will check to see if they have more metal planks in North Liberty. Fair Security – Kevin would like to go back to Bourbon. Rob told Kevin to handle it. Kemco is the restroom supply company and they sold out to Tepe. Everything will remain the same.
  - f. Fundraising – They are going to set up another meeting
  - g. Auction – went through auction schedule. Will be doing lunch at 11 and auction starts at 12, dairy steers, beef steers, meat goats, rabbits, swine, poultry, dairy goats, sheep and dairy products.

- h. Long Range Planning – the contractors were bonded effective today. As soon as we have this in hand, they will begin. Anticipating next week. We are looking into going to a wood frame building, using metal beams. Jeff did the pad already so that's ready to go when the paperwork gets straightened out.
- i. Activities/Open Class -
- j. Junior Leaders – Played Bingo at Catherine Kasper and the next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- k. Sponsorship- We are down 1-day sponsor. She hasn't heard back from many of the smaller one. Barrel letters have not been sent yet.
- l. Advisory – No report

## 6. Old Business

- a. Township Rep – West – Jim Griewank is the new rep. Talked about looking at bylaws so we can appoint if we absolutely have to.
- b. Fair Schedule – Dale would like to keep a date this fall for a fish fry in the new building. Kaye said we should talk to council. Rob said they discussed it and want no part in it. Schedule was gone over day by day
  - i. Program – We are going to let Jackie at TCP do the design. We will email her an excel or word document and she will plug it into the layout.
- c. Entertainment/Carnival – Rob is still working on. They are scheduled that week, but we are working on money. By next meeting they will have a definite yes or no. It is being driven by sponsors. If we get enough sponsors to get them to their guarantee, then it's a go, but the guarantee they want is above what we have been paying or what we are comfortable with.
- d. Fair Photographer – We need a number put on it to make her an offer. We talked about a retainer fee and then letting Bailey sell them to make money. We also talked about not paying her and letting her post the picture and handing out a business card or having a card. Also talked about letting her sell them. Angel will call her.
- e. Saturday Events – Rodeo is a possibility. Sarah has 1 \$500 sponsor. She hit up trailer and feed companies, etc. The rodeo company penciled us in but if we can't come up with the funds, we won't do it. If anyone is interested in being on that committee, they will meet with fundraising.
- f. Other Old Business – Ron heard we were looking at putting a lien to on open class building. He said the west side would be bad for winter storage. They talked about putting in on the north side instead. 8x16 is what was discussed. Dick Murray said he will donate it. Permission was given to let him do it. Jeff asked what the 2 inlets out by the old bathrooms are for. The town thinks they're storm but Rob and Jeff walked and can't find anything.

## 7. New Business

- a. Advertising Proposal – We have no facebook page. 3 x 35 ft banner over Michigan street June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>. Jacki's graphics would be between \$800 and \$1000. She will make it so we can change the dates. There is no charge to hang it. We could check with "World Graphics." If they put their logo on it sometimes they will donate for free. Jack will get us a phone number. It was decided that they will let the advertising committee handle it.

- b. Other New Business - Polk Twp asked about the lawnmower project. He has had lots of questions. Kelsey said they need more volunteers. It is being talked about at the extension office.
- c. Gun raffle – we are still waiting on a guy that was denied on the background check. He petitioned it. Otherwise everything is paid out and the donation back to 4-H will be between \$7000 and \$7500. He will get that to Kelsey when she gets back.

8. Adjournment

In attendance: Sherry Smith, Zach Smith, Ron Rensberger, Don Morrison, Sarah Schultz, Diane Bradley, Ann Bradley, Jim Griewank, Kevin Holland, Keith Ellis, Bob Dunn, Dick Murray, Jeff Gustafson, Kelsey Sajdera, Helen Schmidt, Jack Roose, Kaye Schultz, Dale Schultz, Kim Bope, Rob Hurford, Angel Balsley, Blake Lemler

