

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

October 12, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Frank Guerin at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Tammara Sanchez
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Sonya Youker, Al Henning, Erika Sprenger, Milt Lewis, Carolyne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Mike Barley, Tom Looks, Frank Guerin, Tammara Sanchez, Jill Duell, Caleb Hubbell
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** Joe Hubbell, Karen Zenner, Cody Foster
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Mike Forton, Sherri Forton, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Keri Bancroft, Amanda Wilkins, MaryLynn Robertson, Kelly Saxton, Laurie Ashley, Nicki Brown, Todd Brown, Kathy Easter, Ben Walker
4. **Review Agenda**
  - a. **Motion 10.12.23.1:** M. Barley/C. Woodhams made a motion to approve October 12, 2023 Agenda as amended. **Motion Passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** No Correspondence.
6. **President's Report:** 296 days 16 hours until fair
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara shared the treasurer's report.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 10.12.23.2:** A. Henning/M Barley made a motion to approve minutes from September 14, 2023 meeting as amended. **Motion Passed.**
9. **Public Comment:**
  - a. Dale Fritz – Asked about us being interested in using up the sawdust. He may know of a spreader that will be able to be spread on the back parking lot this fall, by next year it would be dirt. He will check into the spreader capable of spreading it.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. No new business.
11. **4H Livestock Council:**
  - a. Keri Bancroft - Cattle townhall meeting went very well. Meeting with species chairs again next week for changes in the cattle program. Next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup> and is the annual meeting with project give aways. There are currently 3 per species or feed grants to give away and they are still accepting donations. All registrations are live on the website.
12. **Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.
13. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Al: Superintendent meeting and voted the 3 applicants for the vacancies of swine, goat and rabbit. Todd Brown is the swine superintendent; Sherri Forton is the new goat superintendent and Laura Guerin is the new rabbit superintendent. Thank you, Joe Hubbell, for taking the flag poles down and sealing holes. After the species chair meetings, they will have superintendent meetings and discuss hiring of judges. All Premium Book changes need to be in by January 1<sup>st</sup>. No exceptions. Sonya asked about the showmanship class that was in the premium book. We are running out of room in the cattle barns and should not be adding classes. Frank added that if we add classes, we need to look at the capacity of the fairgrounds. Keri – Buyers are asking for a finished steer project, from Jr

Beef all the way to a finished Dairy Feeder project. Many farms are willing to sell the animal back to the kids that started with it. Al reminded everyone that we cannot tell 4H what projects they can do and they cannot tell us what we can do, but there will need to be a give and take. If class numbers reach a set amount there may need to be a lottery system and other classes may need to be entered instead. There is an upcoming meeting on Monday at 6:30 pm to discuss the results of the town hall meeting.

- b. Sonya: Nothing.
- c. Tammara: Reviewed the five applicants for the five open fair board seats.
- d. Erika: Rentals committee meeting, working on contracts for 2024. The Barktoberfest event may be cancelled. No rentals until May 2024. May to September 2024 has only 3 weekends available. Frank asked about a few events that have interest in renting the grounds next year and scheduling conflicts.
- e. Jill: Nothing.
- f. Clarissa: There are a few events for Queen Kelsey to participate in.
- g. Milt: Website is good. Tom met with the web developer. Sunday is the last day for winter storage. We only got about ½ of the items in the first two weeks, we are making progress putting stuff away. It is nice not having to move items multiple times from barn to barn this year.
- h. Carolyne: Facebook has been quiet. Working on sponsorships for next year already. We will have a By-Law and Policy meeting after November.
- i. Caleb: Nothing. Frank spoke on the Junior Beef Wash rack, Shannon Bayton is heading up the fundraising, there are multiple companies committing to sponsoring the project. If all of them come through the project will be completely paid for. Shannon was asking if we have merchandise that we can use for volunteers fundraising at Taco Bell.
- j. Mike: Nothing.
- k. Tom: Met with Mary from Byte Productions. She gave tips for updating the current content and image sizes for the sponsors. She is going to look at the issue with the mobile web app drop down menus and the sponsor images not linking to the sponsor's website. The @northwesternmichiganfair.net emails will be good to use once we add licenses for Microsoft Exchange users. One premium book change submitted. **Motion 10.12.23.3:** Frank makes motion to create email accounts that end in @norhtwetermichingairr.net with individual names on the front. With the cost of \$48 per user per year for 14 users minus Tom who is under the business subscription on an annual basis. Clarissa suggested the committee list on the website with email contacts. Sonya asked if we needed to have an email address. For those that already have the Gmail accounts. **Frank rescinded motion, no vote took place.** Carolyne and Clarissa suggested hyperlinking personal email accounts with the committees.
- l. Frank: Nothing

#### 14. Adjournment:

- a. **Motion 10.12.23.4:** T. Sanchez/S. Youker made motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. **Motion passed.**