

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
January 10, 2023**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors, Dave Bratton, Jerry Zachary, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt , Alex Wilson, Guests Laura Blough, Tom Gregory, Jennifer Stockwell, Janice Becraft, Neil Bowman, Kevin Waldschmidt, Pauline Harris, Robin Breneman, Bobbie Labar, Nikita Mehaney, Karen Wright, Patty Dohm, Melissa Town, Nathan Town, Sara Heuer, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Directors Mike Frushour and Daryl Keesler.

Minutes: Rodney Waldschmidt moved to approve the December 2022 Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Shane Harris moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright thanked the board for the approval to purchase twenty more pens for the goat barn. Wright also made the suggestion she would like to offer a raffle and the proceeds from the raffle go towards the purchase of pens.
- Draft Horse Superintendent Sara Heuer presented proposed fair book changes.
 - President Brian Kuemin responded that the board will review the changes.
- Tractor Pulls Superintendent Kevin Waldschmidt shared the changes of the pulls and the adjustment of winnings. In hopes of the restructure of the payouts will entice more participants.
- 4-H Extension Secretary Patty Dohm shared that fairbook changes have been received from superintendents. January 28th at Church of Cassopolis is the 4-H Senior/Leader Banquet at 4pm.
- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Janice Becraft shared the change of vaccinations will be done at validation.
- Swine Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell shared details about flu shot vaccination.

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- Horse Superintendent Bobbi Labar shared the age update for the fairbook change.
- Rabbit Superintendent Laura Blough shared details about changes made.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared that new contracts were received. Smego also shared details of her meeting with the Village of Cassopolis Manager Emilie Lagrow concerning a collaboration of the Village's October event with the Fall Campout at the Fairgrounds. Smego also asked Lagrow about details for the Beer Tent at the fair and submission of license application process.
- Space Rental Mike Smego shared the description of the Beer Tent set-up. Smego also shared about water issues and working on resolving the issue with Ben Anderson from Cassopolis Village. Rentals have been very good and not many weekends left to book.

Committee Reports

- Grandstand
 - Director Rodney Waldschmidt shared that Thursday night needs something scheduled and the derby has been switched to Friday.
- Beer Tent
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the Beer Tent during Fair week, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Convention
 - President Brian Keumin shared new updates for the weekend for board members that would be attending.
- Grant Options
 - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared that she is waiting to hear back from Barn Believers and can receive a potential \$5,000.00 grant.

New Business

- 2023 Fairbook Changes- Tabled
- Judge Expenditures
 - President Brian Kuemin shared the idea of reducing the number of judges in some areas
 - Zelda Cloud moved to pay judges an increased fee by 20% and cap mileage to no more than their pay, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.

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- Ribbons
 - Shane Harris moved to have species' ribbons to be printed the same, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.

Adjournment

8:06 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple