

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
April 11, 2023
Minutes**

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

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Jerry Zackery, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Daryl Keesler, Alex Wilson. Guests Patty Dohm, Jennifer Stockwell, Neil Bowman, Bobbie Labar, Nikita Mehaney, Nathan Town, Melissa Town, David Doyle, Karen Wright, Vicki Schoetzow, Nick Dussel, Robin Brenneman, Jan Becraft, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Minutes: Daryl Keesler moved to approve the March 2023 Minutes, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

- Patty Dohm reported that she is working on completing the fair book.
- Bobbie Labar reported that horse workouts will begin in May and confirmed \$100.00 a night. Forty-seven horses reported for vet clinic. Horse judging at state competition.
- David Doyle asked about working up the ground in the horse show arena.
- Karen Wright questioned the location for goat validation. Will take place in the back of the beef barn.
- Neil Bowman reported that there is slow progress with Ontwa township working on amendments for acreage.

Committee Reports:

- Sponsorship: Brenda Smego so far has received sixteen approvals from contacts.
- Beer Garden: Brenda Smego applied for a liquor license at the end of February and was happy to announce that the license has been granted. \$10,000.00 sale and over will have to pay 6% sales tax.
- Grand Marshall: Brenda Smego shared the list of previous years' of Grand Marshalls.

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- Brenda Smego reported that she mailed the Barn Believers grant application a couple of weeks ago for a new roof on the big red horse barn.

Old Business:

- List of project for 2019 and previous memorial funds
- 2023 Goat Gate Agreement: Karen Wright reported she received and has signed the agreement.
- 2023 Grand Marshall: Jill Hershberger moved to approve Dr. Fedore as the 2023 Grand Marshall, supported by Shane Harris.
- 2023 Theme: Daryl Keesler moved to approve A Timeless Tradition as the 171st Cass County Fair theme, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:50 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple