

Cass County Fair Association  
Regular Meeting  
Gregorek Building  
July 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, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Jerry Zackary, Zelda Cloud, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Daryl Keesler, Guests Mike Luna, Tiffany Graves, Jon Blough, Neil Bowman, Patty Dohm, Lorraine Witham, Lacey Parsons, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Jeremiah Hartsell, Nicole Peck, Rachel Richmond, Linda Hertsel. Robin Brenneman, Sara Brenneman, Bridget Lemon, Jennifer Stockwell, Karen Wright, Kris Sweitzer, Jan Becraft, Nikki Williams, Bobbi Labar, Melissa Town, Erica Boulanger. Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

**Absent:** Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Directors Jim Teter, Mike Frushour, and Alex Wilson.

**Minutes:** Zelda Cloud moved to approve the June 2023 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:**

- Tiffany Graves shared details from the Emergency Management Planning Meeting that took place prior to the Regular Board Meeting. Emergency maps were distributed at the meeting. She reminded the board members that if a child is missing, have the parent/guardian stay with a Board Member or in the Fair Office until the child is located. The officers' uniforms will consist of a black t-shirt and black shorts.
- Rabbit Superintendent Jon Blough reported 245 rabbits were validated.
- Patty Dohm reported still exhibit numbers have gone up this year and may need to add another judge.
- Parent Lacey Parsons apologized to Zelda Cloud over a phone conversation that had. Parsons advocated for her daughter and not completing the Clover Bud permission form. She asked for grace and to allow the Clover Buds to show.
- Stephanie Bender-Bresemann representing Creative Kids 4-H Club. Stephanie was present to show her support for the Clover Buds that were missing the permission form. She asked if the form could be opened back up for a couple of days.

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- Parent Nicole Peck was in attendance to support the Clover Buds that are missing the permission form and asked to have the form opened.
- Rachel Richmond was in attendance to support the Clover Buds that are missing the permission form.
- Swine Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell shared the possibility of the processor coming Saturday night to load up at 11:00p.m.
- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright reported that there are a lot of goats this year.
- Dairy Feeder Superintendent Jan Becraft asked when the water would be turned on at the barn. Would like to powerwash the grand and reserve grand gates. Becraft also shared her concerns of the use of the barn for horses and moving the dairy feeders to the big old red horse barn.
  - Space Rental Mike Smego responded that there was a leak and that it will be fixed soon.
  - President Brian Kuemin took note of her concerns.
- Parent Nikki Williams was in attendance to support the Clover Buds that are missing the permission form and was not aware of that particular form.
- Horse Superintendent Bobbi Labar shared her support for the Clover Buds that are missing the permission form. Labar asked Daryl Keesler if he received a message about the broken bleachers. She also reported a tree that is breaking near the entry gate. Labar shared a question from a parent who is handicap if they are able to bring in a golf cart. She also shared that a 4-Her would like to participate in the barrel racing portion of the Rodeo. Would it be ok for her to walk the horse up to the grandstands? Labar asked if the dirt would be removed from under the railing.
  - Daryl Keesler did receive the message.
  - Mike Smego responded that the tree will be taken down.
  - President Brian Kuemin responded that the parent will not be allowed to bring a golf cart, but can use a mobility scooter.
  - The Board gave their permission for the 4-Her to walk her horse to the grandstand.
  - The Board recommended that the horse 4-H members can rake the dirt out from under the railing.
- Sheep Superintendent Kris Sweitzer asked if an exhibitor's lamb died can they still show in showmanship class.
  - Board responded yes.

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- Chicken Superintendent Melissa Town asked if a handicap ramp can be installed in the barn. Town also shared there were items stored in the ribbon room that will need to be removed from the barn.
- President Brian Kuemin asked how many Clover Buds were affected due to the missing permission form.
  - Director Zelda Cloud reported 9 exhibitors are missing the form.
- President Brian Kuemin responded regarding the issue of missing forms.
  - Two clinics were offered at the fair to help register 4-Hers.
  - The fair and Extension Office both shared many reminder posts concerning forms and the deadline date.
  - Media releases.
  - Unfortunately it has been an ongoing issue for many years.
- Zelda Cloud moved to uphold the rules in the fairbook that state late entries will not be accepted, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt.

Roll call vote.

Jill Hershberger	Absent	Jim Teter	Absent
Dave Bratton	Yes	Rodney Waldschmidt	Yes
Jerry Zackary	No	Ben Waldschmidt	No
Zelda Cloud	Yes	Gail Peterson	Absent
Gene Deubner	No	Mike Frushour	Absent
Shane Harris	No	Daryl Keesler	Yes
David Gleason	No	Alex Wilson	Absent

Motion was not carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Beer Tent Update - Prioritize things that need to be done before fair.
  - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared the price estimate from the gentleman that sells ice by the Lagrange Building estimated the ice would cost \$1,800.00 for the week.
- Director Shane Harris reported radio ads are all set and running.

**Old Business:**

- Review of Superintendents July 6, 2023 meeting.
  - President Brian Kuemin reported the meeting was well attended and successful.

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**New Business:**

- Out of concern for a few of our board members that are dealing with some health issues, we are requesting other directors be available to offer assistance or do the tasks that these directors currently do for the fair.
  - Director Alex Wilson will help in the show arena
  - Director Shane Harris also offered to help in the show arena.
  - There is a need for a board member to help with the pit gates.

**Adjournment**

8:05 p.m.

Dary Keesler, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Knepple