

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2023

Fair Office

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

316 East Charlotte Street

Centreville, MI 49032

President Keith Bower called the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Fair Board Meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the Fair Office located on the Fairgrounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair in Centreville Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Fair Board Directors stated the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:04 a.m.

Present: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board Members that were present; Keith Bower, Angie Mingus, Bill Younts, Mindy Timm, Charlie Carpenter, Gary Clark, Deborah Davis (arrived at 8:15 a.m.), Bill Lindsley, Tom Miller, Betty Persons, Tricia Ulsh, Barb Weston (arrived at 8:10 a.m.), and Christina Yunker.

Absent Directors: Tony Hochstetler and Eric VanHeukelum

Excuse any absent Directors:

There was not a motion to excuse the absent Director. The absent directors were UNEXCUSED.

FFA Presentation:

The Centreville FFA Parliamentary Procedure team took over our board room table to demonstrate to the Fair Board their skit for their upcoming competition on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

n.) Outsourcing Security and Porters (bathrooms) – Tom Miller

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion was made to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of one new item under new business was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Tom Miller.

Motion passed 12-0

Adopting of the Minutes:

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Mindy Timm

Motion to approve and adopt the Meeting Minutes from the December 5, 2022, Board Meeting was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Mindy Timm. **Motion passed 12-0**

Recognition of Visitors:

Visitors at the meeting were Stacey Bower, Ella Yunker, Kayla Mitchell, and Lisa DeLeo.

Public Comments:

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report:

Christina Yunker, Fair Board Treasure addressed the Board before the Board reviewed all documents she has prepared for the Board. Christina stated that we cannot vote on any financial statements that have not been audited at a meeting. Financial reports will be placed on the record moving forward at every meeting, but unless the report has been audited, we as a Board cannot make a motion to approve it. All audited documents can be voted on.

a. Income Statement (not finalized):

The Fair Board Directors reviewed the Income Statement that was presented to them by Christina Yunker. The Fair Board Directors had discussions.

b. Balance Sheet (not finalized)

The Fair Board Directors reviewed the Balance Sheet that was presented to them by Christina Yunker. The Fair Board Directors had discussions.

c. Proposed Budget:

The Fair Board Directors reviewed the 2023 Proposed Budget that was presented to them by Christina Yunker. The Fair Board Directors had discussions. The Fair Board Directors will look over the 2023 proposed budget and will back any questions they have to the Monday, February 6, 2023 Fair Board Meeting.

****Laying it on the table:** by: Christina Yunker

Laying it on the table: Laying on the table the discussion of zeroing out accounts at the end of the year or rolling the account balance over? Account examples: Birthing Tent and Community Tent, was made by Christina Yunker.

d. W-9 to be completed by all Board Members

All Fair Board Directors please complete the W-9 today and return it to Christina Yunker by the end of the meeting.

e. Remove Bill Younts from all bank accounts.

MOTION by: Tom Miller, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to remove Bill Younts from all of the Fair's bank accounts was made by: Tom Miller and the second was made by: Tricia Ulsh. **Motion passed 11-1**

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Barb Weston

Motion to place the presented financial reports on the record was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Barb Weston.

Motion passed 12-0

MOTION by: Debbie Davis, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to reimburse Stacey Bower for the food she purchased to prepare our meal today was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh. **Motion passed 12-0**

Correspondences:

- a. ***Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce wants to see if there is a willingness to donate fair passes again for the Ice Breaker Raffle. Two-week passes were given to them last year.***

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to approve giving two-week passes to the Three Rivers Area Chamber for their Ice Breaker Raffle, was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

Motion passed 12-0

Director Reports and updates for the Committee's each Director Head's up

- ***Bill Younts***

- *4-H Extension and Liaison Committee-* The committee met this past week and had lots of ideas and suggestions for Bill to bring back to the Fair Board. They are asking for communication between the Board and the 4-H. The 4-H representatives believe that communication is a lot better than in years past. 4-H is willing to help and volunteer wherever it is needed. 4-H's questions to the Board were: Storing the dog agility equipment on the Fairgrounds, Dog workouts in the summer on the Fairgrounds, and Horse clubs holding shows on the Fairgrounds. The Fair Board discussed all of these issues/questions that were brought to the Board.
- *4-H 2023 Show Changes:*
 - Dog Show will be September 16, 2023
 - Poultry and Rabbit Show will both be on Sunday, September 17, 2023
 - Cat Show will still take place on Thursday, September 14, 2023
- *Grants/Legacy Committee-* The committee is wrapping up all of the paperwork for the 2022 grant we received. The Fair did receive the \$15,000 grant from the County and we are hoping to use that for the internet project.
- *Birthing Tent Committee-* The Birthing Tent has lost its cow supplier and they are in search of a new one. They are cutting down the number of sheep this year, but they will have goats this year.

- ***Debbie Davis***

- *Co-Chair of Policy and By-Laws Committee-* The committee has a lot of work to do. They first need to figure out what is considered to be put into our Policy and what is considered to be put in our by-laws. Remote meetings are going to be another issue they discuss and voting while you are remote and not at the meeting.

****Laying it on the table:** by: Debbie Davis

Laying it on the table: Laying on the table the discussion and a plan to move the Fair dates, starting in 2027, to July or August was made by: Debbie Davis.

- **Keith Bower**
 - *Entertainment Committee*- Keith's items to discuss are on today's agenda under new business.
 - *Ice Committee*- No report to give. We are not making ice at this time.
- **Charlie Carpenter**
 - Buildings and Grounds Committee – Charlie has not had a committee meeting yet, he was waiting for the budget to be finalized before having a meeting. Larry Piper is our new Maintenance Supervisor. He has a laptop down at the Maintenance barn and will be doing electronic scheduling, emailing, and communicating all events with Tori in the office. Larry met with Chuck Zinsmaster and will be hiring Chuck for our Maintenance Lead position. Larry would also like to hire 2 more part-time people when the weather breaks.
 - Maintenance Issue – Tony Hochstetler Issue
 - Angie addressed the Fair Board regarding the letter she wrote to Tony Hochstetler and emailed it to him this week. She is assuming that is why he is not here today. No one has heard from him about why he is not at the meeting. Angie read the letter to the Fair Board. Below is the letter.

On the Record; 1/28/2023

We are continuing to have discord in the maintenance department. The executive committee has been tasked with coming up with a plan to retain a maintenance crew. In doing so we, as well as several other board members and association members have spent an enormous amount of time to structure us in a fashion to obtain such. We continue to get feedback of Tony Hochstetler doing the exact opposite to undermine the work and progress we have made. His continual questioning, checking on, and discussing publicly is directly affecting the results of all the hard work for the fair. Tony was removed from the building and grounds committee to try to rectify this situation and that has not worked. This isn't the first, second, or even tenth time, it is constant. It is him constantly negatively questioning every choice made by board members or employees bringing down the moral of the fair. Yet when, himself, being questioned on what he is doing, he is highly offended. He continues to be insubordinate, stepping out of his lane based on nothing more than what he sees and his opinions. He does not communicate, ask the questions he has and help to rectify things for the fair or be an asset for a solution. He continues to be destructive in his actions instead of helpful. The continued negative attitude and actions will continue to be a problem for the fairgrounds until it stops 100%. Effective immediately, Tony Hochstetler is not to do anything on the grounds unless asked on a case-by-case basis. Anything more than this will not be in the best interest of the fair. The source of my information is Tony Hochstetler himself. Tony doesn't have discretion in his conversations and makes it common knowledge in his travels. We find his actions to be a great determinant to the fair's success. It is very unfortunate that after several discussions about communication and being helpful with a solution that this continues to transpire.

None of us wanted it to come to this but as leaders, it's not about what we want, it's about doing what is right for the fair. I challenge you all to have the courage to continue to lead and recognize the difference between duty and self.

Angie Mingus - St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors

- Maintenance Issue – Tony Hochstetler – Continued
 - After Angie read the letter, the Fair Board had a discussion regarding this issue and the direction for this issue.

*****ON THE RECORD:** Christina Yunker is asking on the record for Tony Hochstetler's resignation and she also supports Angie's letter.

- Barn #6 & #7 Discussion – Angie Mingus
 - Discussion with the Fair Board Directors regarding the work being done on Barn #6 and #7.

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to rescind any or previous motions regarding Barn #6 and Barn#7 that has been made in the past, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Debbie Davis

Motion passed 12-0

- *Fair Week Maintenance Committee*- Charlie will have a committee meeting in the months to come.
- *Harness Racing*- Harness Racing for the 2023 Fair will be on Monday and Tuesday of Fair Week. The group of Michigan Harness Racing will be coming to the Fair in the Spring to look at our track. At MAFE convention Angie talked with a group from the Michigan Harness Racing group about the track and they said our track was a B at the beginning of the races and a F at the end of the races. We have too much sand and need more of a sand/clay mixture.
- ***Gary Clark***
 - *Courtesy Cart Committee* – Committee has been set. No other report to give.
- ***Angie Mingus***
 - *Machinery Dealers/Tractors Committee*- No report to give.
 - *Beer Tent*- Item on the agenda to discuss.
 - *Heritage Park Committee* – We received a lot of feedback regarding Heritage Park last year and this year it will be bigger, better, and more things in the Park. The committee will meet in the months to come.
 - *Food Vendors and Commercial Barns* – Lisa DeLeo will be helping Angie with the contracts for the vendors inside and outside of the buildings as well as the Food vendors.
- ***Bill Lindsley***
 - *No report to give.*
- ***Tom Miller***
 - *Hall of Fame/Awards Committee*- Tom will be adding Bill Lindsley to the Hall of Fame/Awards Committee.

- **Tricia Ulsh**
 - *Grange Building Superintendent*- Wendy will be working on SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for the Grange Building.
 - *Milking Parlor* – No report to give.
 - *Policy and By-Laws Committee* – The committee will be meeting next Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- **Betty Persons**
 - *Superintendent of the Home Arts Building*- This year Betty will be having sewing demonstrations in her building everyday around 10 a.m. She will also have sewing machines so people can learn to sew as well.
- **Barb Weston**
 - *Community Tent Committee*- The Community Tent will have more activities in the tent. Will be working with 4-H to have some of their events in the tent.
 - *Free-Stage Committee*- The Free Stage will have new things and entertainment this year.
 - *Fair T-Shirt* – No report to give.
 - *Personnel Committee* – The personnel committee has had a few meetings. Barb presented the Fair Board with the Organizational/Flow Chart the Personnel committee has put together. The Fair Board discussed the Organizational/Flow Chart.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to accept the organizational/flow chart that was presented to the Board, with the exceptions changes the Board has suggested, was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Tom Miller

Motion passed 12-0

- **Eric VanHeukelum**
 - *Open Class Horses*- Eric's item is on the agenda under new business.
- **Mindy Timm**
 - *Fair Advertising and Marketing* –
 - MAFE Communication Awards
 - 1st Place – Advertising Specialties/Merchandise – T-Shirt, Frisbee, and Pen
 - 3rd Place – Newspaper advertising from Farmers Exchange
 - 4th Place – Brochure
 - Mindy will be creating a TikTok account for the Fair and will be posting/creating content videos on TikTok.
 - Mindy brought up an idea for Director emails and an Interactive Calendar. The Fair Board had discussion on this. Mindy will bring her idea to the next Technology Committee meeting for their thoughts, then will bring it back to the board.

- 2023 Off Season Event List – Mindy asked Tori to provide a list of all off-season events that have been either signed or are in negotiations. Mindy presented the list to the Fair Board.
- Off Season Rental Fees – Tori has put together a list of all our rental fees for off-season events. Tori created this list to help herself when she is scheduling events. Tori does have some questions regarding charging for certain things as some things are unclear with current pricing. Refer to yellow highlight topics on the 2023 Off Season Rental Fees Paper for the items we need to make a decision on as a Board.
 - *Bathroom Charge for an Event* – The Fair Board discussed the topic of charging to use the bathrooms for off-season events.

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to charge \$250.00 to use/open a bathroom for off-season events, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Debbie Davis. The Fair Board had discussions.

Motion passed 12-0

ADMENDED MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to charge \$250.00 to use/open each bathroom per event for use of bathrooms for off-season events, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Debbie Davis.

Motion passed 12-0

- *Table and Chair charges for Off-Season Event Rental* – The Fair Board discussed the topic of charging for the use of tables and chairs for off-season events.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Betty Persons

Motion to include tables and chairs (up to the building's capacity) for all indoor building rentals for off-season events was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Betty Persons. The Fair Board had discussions.

Motion Passed: 10-2

ADMENDED MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to include tables and chairs (up to the building's capacity) as part of the contract price listed in the contract for all indoor off-season events was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Debbie Davis.

Motion passed 11-1

*****Recess for lunch at 12:32 p.m. The meeting will resume at 1:10 p.m.**

***1:10 p.m. back from Lunch, meeting resumes**

- ***Tony Hostettler***
 - *Trash and Bathrooms*- Tony was absent from the meeting.
- ***Christina Yunker***
 - *Finance, Wages, and Budget Committee* – Report was given during the Treasures report.
 - *Technology Committee* – The Committee will meet in February, no meeting date is currently set. Mark Trowbridge is working on the voicemail issue and will also be looking into the wireless printing option that currently does not work on laptops in the office. Christina is also exploring a new ATM processing company and a new POS system. We currently use Clover.
 - *Parking Lot Committee* – The Committee consists of the executive committee. We will be working on a plan.

Old Business:

- a. ***Board Members be all present to vote in the event of a major vote.***
Table for the next meeting. The Policy and By-Law Committee is working on this.
- b. ***Review a policy for voting majority and super majority.***
Table for the next meeting. The Policy and By-Law Committee is working on this.
- c. ***Policy and by-law changes and revisions***
Table for the next meeting. The Policy and By-Law Committee is working on this.

New Business:

- a. ***2023 Grandstand Events and Price Increase for Grandstand Tickets – Keith and Mindy***
 - a. ***See handout for list of proposed events, pricing, and grandstand ticket price increase.***
Mindy reviewed the document with the Board Members. See below for all information included in the handout. The Fair Board Directors had discussions.

2023 Fair Grandstand Events Proposal to Fair Board

- **Farm Truck and Semi Pulls – Sunday, September 17th at 3 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – Doug Brazo and Crew
 - Cost: **Doug gets all his sponsorships to cover purse money**

- **Super Kicker Rodeo – Championship Rodeo – Monday, September 18th at 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – Super Kicker Rodeo Production
 - Events: Bull Riding, Saddle Bronc/Ranch Bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, team roping, girls barrel racing, mutton busting and boot scramble.
 - Cost: **\$15,500.00. Pit pass Fair gets all money.**
- **TNT Figure 8 Races - Tuesday, September 19th at 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – TNT Demolition Derby
 - Cost: **\$5,500.00. Pit pass split money 50/50 with Fair and TNT, TNT gets all driver entry fees.**
- **TNT Bump N Run and Demo Derby – Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – TNT Demolition Derby
 - Cost: **\$5,500.00. Pit pass split money 50/50 with Fair and TNT, TNT gets all driver entry fees.**
- **Dirt Drags – Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – Charlie Rifenburg and Crew
 - Cost: **Unknown- in discussion but no more than \$6,000.00**
- **Antique Tractor Pulls – Friday, September 22nd at 8 a.m.**
 - Show put on by – Doug Brazo and Crew
 - Cost: **Doug gets all his sponsorships to cover purse money**
- **NTPA MODIFIED TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS – REGIONAL SHOW – Friday, September 22nd 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – Wolverine Pullers
 - Events: FWD, Combo, Super Farm Tractors (Regional Class), and Mini Rods (Regional Class).
 - Cost: **\$18,088. Pit pass Fair gets all money.**
- **Too Hot to Farm Tractors and Modified Pickup Trucks – Saturday, September 23rd at 11 a.m.**
 - Show put on by – Doug Brazo and Crew
 - Cost: **Doug gets all his sponsorships to cover purse money**
- **NTPA MODIFIED TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS – REGIONAL SHOW – Saturday, September 23rd 7 p.m.**
 - Show put on by – Wolverine Pullers
 - Events: Combo (State Class), Super Farm Tractors (Regional Class), Two Wheel Drive Trucks (Regional Class), and Mini Rods (Regional Class).
 - Cost: **\$15,638.00. Pit pass Fair gets all money.**

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Christina Yunker

Motion to accept and approve the 2023 Grandstand events as presented, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Christina Yunker.

Motion passed 11-1

Grandstand Ticket Pricing for 2023 Proposal to Fair Board

- Increase Grandstand Ticket Prices
 - 2022
 - Adults: \$10.00
 - Children (5-12 years old): \$5.00
 - 2023 Shows Sunday – Thursday
 - Adults: \$12.00
 - Children (5-12 years old): \$6.00
 - 2023 Shows Friday and Saturday NTPA Shows (evening shows)
 - Adults: \$15.00
 - Children (5-12 years old): \$6.00
 - 2023 Too Hot to Farm & Modified Tractor Show (Saturday Morning Show)
 - Adults: \$12.00
 - Children (5-12 years old): \$6.00
 - 2023 Pulling Special – Good for all three Pulling Shows Friday Evening, Saturday Morning, and Saturday Evening.
 - Adults: \$35.00

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to accept and approve the 2023 Grandstand ticket prices as presented, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Tom Miller.

Motion passed 12-0

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to accept and approve the 2023 Grandstand Event pit pass pricing as stated on handout, was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

Motion passed 11-1

b. 2023 Free Entertainment – Keith and Mindy

a. See handout for list of proposed events and pricing.

Mindy reviewed the document with the Board Members. See below for all information included in the handout. The Fair Board Directors had discussions.

2023 Fair Free Entertainment Proposal to Fair Board

- **PorkChop Revue**
 - Three Shows Daily (Sunday through Saturday)
 - The show is already booked.
 - **Cost: \$11,500**

- **DeWayne Spaw**
 - Dewayne is a country singer.
 - Playing music for 3 hours each day. We get to choose the times and location he plays.
 - When he plays, he moves around midway in an area and gets the crowd and people into it.
 - The idea is Rodeo night he plays a few songs before the Rodeo to get the crowd going.
 - Cost: **\$700.00 per day**
- **Petting Zoo with Blueberry Hill Farms – Pony Guy**
 - Two pony ride locations
 - Down across from the Garden
 - Back by 4-H barns same location as last year
 - Petting Zoo will be with the one pony ride location down across from the Garden, where the Camel used to be.
 - Cost: **He pays us \$500.00 for both pony areas and will bring petting zoo no extra cost**

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Christina Yunker

Motion to approve the 2023 Free Entertainment events as presented, was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Christina Yunker.

Motion passed 12-0

c. Heritage Hall – Angie Mingus

Angie presented to the board her vision for Heritage Hall for the 2023 Fair. Building #49 was very empty last year with vendors for Fair Week. Debbie's idea of putting picnic tables in the building was a good idea but not a solution. Angie would like to see "Heritage Hall" transform into another FREE area on the Fairgrounds full of education, heritage, and history. Ideas are not finalized but would like to be able to start discussions and brainstorming.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to progress moving forward with the planning of Heritage Hall for the 2023 Fair was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

Motion passed 12-0

d. Beer Tent Location – Angie Mingus

Both Beer Tent locations made \$24,000 last year. Angie needs to know if we want to have the same two locations or move the second location? The Fair Board Directors had discussions on the location of the second Beer Tent.

e. Commercial Buildings Plan – Angie Mingus

Angie presented to the board her vision for filling the empty spaces in the Commercial Buildings for the 2023 Fair. Discussion among the Fair Board Directors was to put interactive and educational displays for kids and everyone to learn something while walking through the barns.

f. New 2023 Ride Layout – Executive Committee

Mindy, on behalf of the Executive Committee presented the Fair Board with the New Ride Layout for the 2023 Fair from Skerbeck Entertainment Group. During the Executive Committees meeting with Skerbeck at the 2023 MAFE Convention, Skerbeck proposed this new ride layout to the Executive Committee. The Fair Board discussed the new layout.

g. 2023 Fair Theme – Year of the Rabbit – Mindy and Barb

a. We're HOPPING around the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair.

b. Come see what's HOPPIN-ING at the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

c. HOP on over to the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

The Fair Board discussed the 2023 Fair Theme. A hand vote was taken and c. **HOP on over to the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair**, is this year's theme.

h. 2023 Fair Prices – Mindy

a. Gate Prices

- Adults: \$8.00
- Children 10 and under are Free. Propose to change to 12 and under Free.
- Special Days
 - Kids Day – 18 and under FREE
 - Ladies Day – Ladies \$4.00
 - Seniors Day – Seniors \$4.00
 - Veterans Day – Veterans \$4.00
- Week Passes
 - Purchased August 1st – August 31st– \$40.00.
 - Purchased after September 1st or later - \$45.00.

b. Camping

- \$220 for two weeks of camping. Limit of two gate admission week passes for \$25.00.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Bill Younts

Motion to change the kid's gate/admission price to 12 and under is FREE, eliminate Ladies Day discount, and increase the gate/admission discount price for Senior and Veterans Day to \$6.00, was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Bill Younts.

Motion passed 11-1

****Laying it on the table:** by: Christina Yunker

Laying it on the table: Laying on the table the discussion of changing the name of Ladies Day to something else, since we removed the discount for Ladies, was made by: Christina Yunker.

i. 120 Day Report – Mindy

Mindy presented the Fair Board with the documents for the 120 Day Report. Mindy has been working on preparing the 120 Day Report. She needed to ask the Board a few important questions that are asked in the report regarding upkeep/maintenance of the buildings and any expected repairs on buildings or projects for the year.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Angie Mingus

Motion to accept the 120 Day Report as presented was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Angie Mingus

Motion passed 12-0

j. American Stalls has Horse Stalls for Sale – Eric (Mindy will be discussing)

a. \$1,000.00 per stall. Selling in lots of six stalls per lot.

Mindy called Eric to have him on the phone explaining all of this to the Fair Board, as they have questions regarding this. The Fair Board, along with Eric had a discussion on the stalls.

MOTION by: Tom Miller, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to approve buying 12 stalls if they are the lightweight vinyl stalls, was made by: Tom Miller and second was made by: Debbie Davis

Motion passed 11-1

ADMEDED MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to purchase 24 stalls upon visual inspection before purchasing the stalls, was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Debbie Davis.

Motion 6-6, Keith voted NO.

ADMENTENT FAILED

ADMEDED MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to spend no more than \$12,000 on stalls, do not purchase without visual inspection, and try to get a discount, was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Debbie Davis.

Motion passed 10-2

k. Food Vendor Charge – Angie

a. Flat Rate

b. Percentage

Angie presented to the Board how we would like to handle charging food vendors for our off-season events. The Fair Board had a discussion on this topic.

MOTION by: Barb Weston, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to charge food vendors a \$75.00 a day flat rate for off-season events, was made by: Barb Weston and second was made by: Tom Miller

ADMEDED MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to charge food vendors a \$100.00 a day flat rate for off-season events was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Debbie Davis.

Motion 4-8,

ADMENTENT FAILED

ADMEDED MOTION by: Barb Weston, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to charge food vendors a \$150.00 a day flat rate for off-season events was made by: Barb Weston and the second was made by: Tom Miller.

Motion 4-8

ADMENTENT FAILED

****Laying it on the table:** by: Christina Yunker

Laying it on the table: Laying on the table the discussion on what to charge food vendors for our off-season events, was made by: Christina Yunker.

l. Camper Direction – Angie Mingus

Angie brought to the Fair Board the issue regarding camper direction for off-season events. Angie stated that in the past the campers for off-season events were told they were not allowed to park with their awnings facing each other. Angie did some research and as long as they are in the lines of their designated camping area they can have their door and tongue facing anyway.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to allow off-season campers to park their campers in any direction as long as they are in their designated camping space and the local fire codes allow this was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

Motion passed 12-0

m. Dump Station Fee. \$10.00 – Angie Mingus

The current fee for the dump station is \$5.00, Angie would like to move it to \$10.00 per use. This is for using the dump station during off-season and for the public.

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Christina Yunker

Motion to increase the dump station fee to \$10.00 per use was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Christina Yunker.

Motion passed 11-1

n. Outsourcing Security and Porters (bathroom) – Tom Miller

At MAFE Convention Tom talked with a guy from a company that outsources their own security team and also porters for the bathrooms. The Fair Board agreed to let Tom discuss with this company.

o. Zeroing out accounts at the end of the year

- a. Discussion was brought up previously in the meeting regarding whether accounts like the Birthing Tent, Free Stage, and Community Tent can be rolled over from year to year or should it start out as zero? The Fair Board had discussions on this topic.

MOTION by: Debbie Davis, Second by: Barb Weston

Motion to leave money in accounts at the end of the year and do not put those accounts at zero, was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Barb Weston.

Motion passed 12-0

p. White Board Topics/Issues

a. Dust Control in camper areas back in 40

The area that needs better dust control is back by the old racetrack and the back row H area. Derek Maystead will water this area more during Fair Week.

b. Food vendor monopolies

Lisa will be handling this as she is handling the vendor contracts this year.

c. 4-H benches- Map of placement so they can direct people to their bench.

Debbie will be taking care of this.

d. Electrical issue in vendor camping and water hook up.

Table issue

e. Tractor, classic car, and horse wagon ride routes

Table issue

f. Courtesy cart stop at Community Tent

Gary Clark will handle this.

g. Policy Committee – Code of Conduct

The Policy and By-law committee is working on this

Adjournment of Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Angie Mingus

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Christina Yunker and the second was made by: Angie Mingus. **Motion passed 12-0**

Meeting Minutes taken and prepared by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary.