

Greene County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Monday: March 25, 2024

Attendance: Carol Adamson, Tammy Brookover, Jared Edgreen, Scott Hackenburg, Courtney Hursey, Pam Marisa, Betsy McClure, Bret Moore, Kelley Morris, Blair Zimmerman.

There was community presence of roughly 10 - 15 individuals.

President Carol Adamson called meeting to order promptly at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Jared Edgreen opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

- President Carol Adamson thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes of the February meeting were distributed and reviewed by the board.

- Asked for discuss/none needed

Carol Adamson motioned to accept the minutes, Jared Edgreen 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Courtney Hursey presents the treasurer's report, bills payment, and disbursement request.

- She discussed rate of Money Market Checking, 5%

Blair Zimmerman motioned to pay the disputation request, Jared Edgreen 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Grandstand LED Grant – No update and no contact.

Fair Queen Reimbursement – Discussion on the amount and when it should start.

Blair Zimmerman motioned to give \$1000 to the 2023 Fair Queen and Queen's Court \$100, Betsy McClure 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

- Discussion on a 1099 due to the amount of money.

Blair Zimmerman amended it to call it a Reimbursement, not a gift, so a 1099 will not have to be sent. Courtney Hursey 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Fair Book – Discussion on price per head, not class, date changes, and different classes

- Committee formed: Courtney Hursey, Carol Adamson, Kelley Morris and Lew Crouse

4H Horse Club – No update, but moving forward, Dulcie Christman wasn't at the meeting.

- Saturday Round-Up in the Arena of the barn
- Fair Board responsible for Ribbons/Club responsible for Trophies

Ticket Sales – Things are moving forward and being set up to be able to get tickets on line, e-ticket.

Infield/Vendors –

- Petting Zoo – Monday through Saturday
 - Courtney Hursey & Bret Moore working on getting tent
- Bounce House – Pam Marisa
 - 2 Bounce Houses, Photo Booth
 - August 4th – 10th
 - Total \$7125.00

Bret Moore motioned to include the Bounce House the week of the fair, Courtney Hursey 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Melody Longstreth is having the mirror booth/with farm props moved over by the bounce house.

Ask the tractor dealer outside the barn to be move the tractor to infield to keep children off the equipment.

GIS company will mark the grounds for placement of vendors.

Harness Racing – Rich Gillock

- Rules, Guild lines, Dates/possible different dates
- Importance of Horse Racing
- Fair receives \$18,500.00 if the races are held at the fair grounds
- No cost to have the races
- 2 Day event
 - 12 races per day/ 4 hours
- Carol Adamson's question about possible needles around the barn
 - Rich Gillock stated that horses are test that day of the race.

Blair Zimmerman stated we do not have access to have it this year

Pam Marisa said that the board had voted it down and that the board was trying to make a difference.

Then we discuss multiple options and dates.

Pam Marisa motioned to decline the harness racing this year at the fair, Blair Zimmerman 2nd, 3 board members voted in favor, 5 were opposed.

With further discussion the board agreed to look at different dates but not during the fair this year.

Pam Marisa motioned to decline the harness racing this year at the fair, Blair Zimmerman 2nd, all approved and the motion carried.

Going to revisit possibilities of another date and advertising to promote the races.

Scott Hackenberg motioned to do the harness racing on a different Saturday and Sunday. Betsy McClure 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

New Business:

Wine Tasting – Betsy McClure

Discussion dates, control the distribution of wine, multiple local wineries and which day.

- Tuesday Night of the fair
- Possible adding Ciders
- Possible Music – 1 to 3 people entertainers

Scott Hackenburg volunteered to work on this and report at the next fair board meeting.

Mini Senior Fair – Thursday of the fair.

Lead Line – Tammy Brookover

- Explained Lead Line has become a more significant event and has increased in cost.
- Decrease in donations
- I asked the board for a budget.

Pam Marisa motioned to give lead line a budget of \$1,000.00, Courtney Hursey 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

Vendors/Campers:

- **Vendors:**
 - Discussion on prices and space size
 - Reviewed the Lease
 - Lease will be mailed and have a return date.
- **Campers:**
 - Reservation Request Form
 - Increase in Camper Spaces – Front row \$150.00/Back row \$200.00
 - Camper Spaces selected using a lottery system
 - NO Parking at Camper Spaces/where the old barn was.

GIS Company will mark the spaces for vendors and camper spaces.

Pam Marisa asks vendors to send pictures of their food, and she will post them on the Fair Website.

Scott Hackenburg motioned to accept vendor/camper increase and spaces, Betsy McClure 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

Capital Improvement Grant & Agricultural Program:

- The deadline is coming up
- 50% Reimbursement
- Items of Interest
 - Roof
 - Stand Rails (Jared Edgreen – “P” railing)
 - Wash Rack (by scales need repaired)
 - Restrooms
 - Improve the Electric box or Amperage
 - Mess under the bleacher, safety issues

The committee was formed to include – Kelley Morris, Tammy Brookover, Courtney Hursey and Scott Hackenburg.

Carol Adamson made a motion to move forward with Capital Improvement Grant, Blair Zimmerman 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

County Pa Spring Conference April 18, 2024, cost \$25

- Courtney Hursey & Carol Adamson are planning on attending

Courtney Hursey asked the board for a credit card.

Jared Edgreen motioned to get Courtney a credit card, Pam Marisa 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

June 8th Pulls – Jared Edgreen

- Steel City Pulling (7:00)
- Moving Forward
- Subcommittee
 - Justine Ziefel
 - Bret Moore
 - Betsy McClure
 - Courtney Hursey
- \$40 Space
- Beer/VFW
- 50/50 Farm Bureau

Tammy Brookover motioned for the Farm Bureau to sell 50/50 Tickets at the pulls, and Kelley Morris 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Track – Steel City Pulling,

- Thursday Night, Saturday Morning and Saturday Night

Fair Queen – Melody Longstreth

- Spaghetti Dinner – May 5, 2024: 5 to 8 pm
- Raffle Baskets
- New Contest Forms going out.
- Queen Contest July 21 – 27, 24

Melody questioned prices of the Fair Tickets, reducing the cost. But under the Fair Board's contact, that isn't possible.

Midway & Attractions – Bret Moore

- Contract out to the Demolition Derby

Advertising/Sponsorship – Pam Marisa

- Moving forward/on track
- Needs Rodeo Art for website
- I asked for an advertising budget for the Rodeo

Scott Hackenberg made motion to give Pam a \$8000.00 budget for the June Truck Pulls Advertising, Betsy McClure 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

Home & Garden – Courtney Hursey

- I asked to remove from the fair book that entries can't be in plastic bottles

Tammy Brookover motioned to remove from the fair book about entries in plastic bottles, Pam Marisa 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried

- I asked to remove the .25 cent entry fee and the day of is \$1.00.

Tammy Brookover motioned to remove the .25 cent entry fee and \$1.00 for entry at the start of the fair, Betsy McClure 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

Courtney stated that Greene Co. and Jacktown Fairs are teaming up to send postcards for Home and Garden entries into both Fairs.

Tammy Brookover motioned to team up with Jacktown Fair to send out entry postcard for the entries of Home and Garden. Blair Zimmerman 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

Barn – Wes Simpson

- There is nothing at this time to report, Wes wasn't at the meeting.

Carol Adamson stated that five 12-foot gates need to be purchased to make the show ring bigger.

- Carol wants to keep it local at Mason Dixon Gates - \$300.00 a piece

Blair Zimmerman motioned to have Bret Moore purchase the gates for the show ring, Betsy McClure 2nd, all approve, and the motion carried.

James Cowell stated that the fair could store the new gates back with the Farm Bureau gates.

Musical Arts –

- Bret Moore noted that the stage can be used on Monday and Tuesday nights
- The stage will be in front of the Grand Stands

Fair Book – Still a work in progress

Discussion on the Opening Ceremonies that will be held on the Sunday of the Fair.

- Round Up
- Ribbon Cutting
- Confetti Cannons
- Local Bands: 5 members from each school

Details are still being worked out: To Be Continued

Public Comments:

- Lew Crouse stated to be carefully about the wine tasting. In the fair book, no alcohol is permitted on Fair Ground.

Blair Zimmerman motioned to amend the Fair Book to allow no outside alcohol permitted on the Fair Grounds, Brent Moore 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn:

Blair Zimmerman motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tammy Brookover 2nd, all approved, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting April 29, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Respectively Submitted

Tammy Brookover

Fair Board Secretary