

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

January 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 10, 2011 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by Ken Goike Jr. at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Armada Fair in Armada, Michigan with Mike Bohm as Recording Secretary.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Jim Brohl to except agenda with the following additions: Add letter "F" to Communications, referencing a letter from Jennifer Miller Co-leader of Alarro 4-H Club. Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Phil Ballard, Nancy Bliss, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Corey, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Par Fons, Ken Goike Jr., Jim Hanvey, Phil Kent, Rob Kitchen, Dennis Marcath, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Mark Sweeney, Robert Tibbits, Gary Witt.

Excused: Paul Marcath

MINUTES

A motion was made by Rob Tibbits and supported by Dennis Marcath to accept December minutes. Motion Carried.

GUESTS:

Eugene DeHondt, Josh Dominic

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report for January was presented by Treasurer Rob Kitchen. A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Phil Ballard to accept treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Read Thank you letter from Armada High School

Read Thank you letter from Mary Straubel

Read Thank you letter from Daryn Schluentz

Read Thank you letter from Armada Baseball Association

Read letter from Kathy Jamieson regarding the County Awards Banquet and the upcoming 4-H Leader and Superintendent meeting on March 21st. Kathy also asked for a \$200.00 sponsorship for the 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic. A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Mark Sweeney to sponsor the judging clinic for \$200.00. Motion Carried.

Read letter from Jennifer Miller co-leader of Alarro 4-H club asking if the club could host their second annual race/walk fundraiser during the 2011 Power Sport Weekend. A motion was made by Jim Brohl and supported by Jim Eckhout to allow the Alarro 4-H club to use the Armada Fairgrounds for their race/walk fundraiser. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Armada Ace Hardware	\$57.69
Blue Flame	\$172.91
Comcast-Internet	\$65.00
Korte's	\$36.91
Martech Systems-Blue Ribbon Program	\$239.00
PNC-Visa	\$1021.60
Petty Cash	\$5.00
Waster Management	\$108.17

A motion was made by Mary Ebert and supported by Nancy Bliss to pay bills. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Rob Kitchen asked for approval to pay next months Utility Bills and Payroll to avoid any penalties. Motion by Mark Sweeney and supported by Phil Ballard to pay utility bills and payroll. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nancy Bliss-A contract has been signed a sent back to Steel Magnolia for the 2011 Armada Fair Friday night entertainment.

Recommended plaques for longtime board members Ken Goike Sr. and Fran Reygaert.

Nancy made a motion to sign a contract with Animal Encounter for entertainment in the Grove at a sum of \$2000.00. Motion was supported by Jim Hanvey. Motion Carried.

Nancy made a motion to spend up to \$500.00 on crowns, food, etc. for the Armada Queen's Pageant. The motion was supported by Rob Tibbits. Motion Carried.

Inquired which day would be the opening day and time for the 2011 Armada Fair. No decision was made.

Nancy made a motion that was supported by Gerry Spriet to purchase a \$50.00 gift certificate for Mary Straubel to celebrate the birth of her baby daughter. Motion Carried.

Dennis Marcath-made a motion to move the livestock office into the horse office, the motion was supported by Mark Sweeney. Motion Carried

Dennis Marcath made a motion that the Armada Fair will no longer sell woodchips or hay and straw during the fair, the motion was supported by Gary Witt. Hand vote was requested: 6 against, 7 for, 7 abstained. Motion Carried.

I.D. Badges need to be monitored more closely. Each committee will need to provide a list of people eligible for I.D. badges; each list must be signed by two committee members.

All programs and information should be kept on fair computers not personal computers.

Gerry Spriet-Made a motion that was supported by Phil Kent to have a group dinner at convention and invite the McDonagh's with a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. 8 no's and 9 yes. Motion Carried.

Informed the arena committee that Dan's Excavating has cement barriers for sale that might be used in the arena.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yearly to do forms need to be turned into the office.

Power House update for the Fairgrounds by Gary Witt. The cement slab has been poured and the building should be finished by end of January. The switch gear will be the next item to order.

MAFE Convention and Hotel Reservations are in the mail boxes

Convention Stipend checks are also in board member boxes

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Lists were handed out; please review.

Approve and sign Horse Pull contract and give deposit of \$425.00 at convention. A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Dennis Marcath to sign contract and give deposit of \$425.00. Motion Carried

Approve and sign Pedal Pull contract. A motion was made by Jim Hanvey and supported by Jim Eckhout to approve up to \$1300.00 for Pedal Pull Contract. Motion Carried.

Rob Kitchen-made a motion that was supported by Mark Sweeney to hire another judge for judging Fleece.

Jim Hanvey -Presented the board with needed upgrades to the current sound system at the fairgrounds. The board asked Jim to come back to a future meeting with prices and additional information.

Jim also made some suggestions to the Dog Show superintendents, about dogs on the ground during the show.

Jim was also informed by the horse committee that there were problems with the CD player in the show tower.

Phil Kent- and the Retail Committee presented costs for the 2011 Armada Fair shirts that are sold at retail. The winning bid was submitted by Armada Print Wear. A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Nancy Bliss to purchase the retail wear from Armada Print Wear. Motion Carried.

Phil also asked for permission to upload \$500.00 to the postage machine. Jim Brohl made a motion that was supported by Gary Witt to purchase \$500.00 worth of postage. Motion Carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Goike asked everyone to please review the committee lists and if they have any questions please let him know. President Goike also hopes everyone is looking forward to working together and making this the best Armada Fair ever.

VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT

Nothing to mention at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Jim Eckhout to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. **Motion Carried.** Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm