

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 6, 2009 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by President Ken Goike Jr. at 7:00 p.m. at the Armada Fair Office with Mike Bohm as Recording Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA:

Motion by Dennis Marcath and supported by Ken Goike Sr. to accept agenda. **Motion Carried.**

GUESTS:

Rob Tibbits spoke on behalf of his mother Penny. Penny Tibbits asked the board to reimburse her \$49.50 for topsoil used in the flower bed near the main office bathrooms. Jim Eckhout made motion supported by Nancy Bliss to pay the bill from Penny Tibbits. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2009

A motion was made by Jim Eckhout and supported by Jerry Spriet to accept June 1, 2009 minutes with the following corrections: on page 1, under heading MINUTES, should have read MAY not December, on page 2, the number of baskets donated by Deneweth's Greenhouse is to be changed to 30, page 4, under heading NEW BUSINESS, Fran Reygaert needed employee's to fill out W-4's not W-2's. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Bill Schapman to accept the Treasurers report. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read letter from Armada Athletic Boosters requesting donations for their Dick Enberg golf outing. Jerry Spriet made a motion supported by Phil Kent to donate \$100.00 to the Armada Athletic Booster's fund raiser. **Motion Carried.**

Read Thank You letter from Maria Schluentz.

Read Thank You letter from Debbie Reinhardt.

Read Thank You letter from Armada High School "Project Graduation"

Read E-mail from E.J. Brown informing fairs that Berlin Fair has cages for sale.

Read Thank You letter from Cole Waterstraat

Read Thank You letter from Lupus Alliance Bike A Thon

Read information regarding Fair Premiums.
Read Thank You letter from the Wes Kent family.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JULY:

Ace Hardware-Maintenance	\$1140.42
Air Works-A/C Maintenance	80.00
APEX-Website	180.00
Armada Florist-Schluentz/Reinhardt	90.00
Armada Pharmacy-Poster Board	C/C
Battery Warehouse-Bathrooms	26.80
Carnago & Carnago	225.00
CBS Outdoor-Bill Board Advertising	2500.00
Mary Ebert-Barn #1	60.75
Muir Graphics	4925.00
Muir Graphics	137.25
Ken Kisner-Bleachers	2500.00
Korte's IGA	174.17
Lapeer Fire-Fire Extinguishers	110.00
National City-Credit Card	6075.23
Petty Cash-June	563.60
Reliable Office Supply	200.70
Romeo Observer	277.88
Schneider Water Supply	84.66
Sherwin Williams	220.91
Sound Engineering	4711.00
State Of Michigan-Sales Tax PSW	147.63
Stitches and Styles	286.40
Stitches and Styles	2908.48
Stitches and Styles	220.57
The Lapeer Group	150.71
The Voice Newspaper	893.13
Theut Products	150.00
Tri City Times	217.60
Waste Management	461.40
WBGV	250.00
WWJ	3000.00
Zee Medical	64.75

Additional Bills:

Armada Grain	49.50
Jim Eckhout	203.41

PAY BILLS

Mike Bohm made a motion to hold \$500.00 from payment to Tom Kisner until work is completed on bleachers. Motion was supported by Dennis Marcath. **Motion Carried.**
Mike Bohm made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Dennis Marcath. **Motion Carried.**

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mike Bohm-Concession and merchant contracts are coming in on a regular basis.

Nancy Bliss-Took the Armada Queen and court to Festival Days in Lansing, it was a great experience.

Nancy also informed the board that the advertising committee had rented a bill board on I-94 and M-59.

Jerry Spriet-Everything is going according to schedule. Jerry asked the maintenance committee to check electrical power in the refreshment tent.

Bill Schapman-Was contacted by Motor City Bobcat expressing an interest in trading equipment for sponsorship. Bill returned their call requesting more information.

Phil Kent-Asked the board if they wanted the dead trees removed prior to the fair.

Jim Eckhout-Poultry Tagging is on July 7.

Gary Witt-Informed the board that the Back-Flow Preventer is leaking and may cost up to \$2800.00 to repair.

Jim Brohl-Pulled a float during the 4TH of July parade in Pt. Austin advertising the Armada Fair.

Dennis Marcath-Informed the board that Dorothy Chida who was injured on the bleachers at the 2008 Armada Fair did not pursue any legal recourse. A motion was made by Dennis Marcath and supported by Mark Sweeney to send Dorothy 6 adult admission tickets and 1 parking pass. **Motion Carried.**

Mark Sweeney-Informed the board that on July 13 at 7:00 p.m. help in barn #15 would be appreciated.

Fran Reygaert-Informed the board that the Michigan Work's employees are working out "ok". Fran also informed the board the Michigan Work's employees will be available during the fair and after.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fair Board members need to pay their \$35.00

Pig Roast for Media Day August 18, Mike Bohm will contact Richmond Meat Packers and The Smoke House to get quotes and report back to the board. Also a price is needed for The "Appreciation Dinner".

Printer and Software to print publications in house is tabled till after the fair.

Contact with the drain commission regarding drainage issues on Esther English's property is tabled until a later date.

The contract with Esther English for the 2009 Fair has not been signed. President Goike indicated he would talk with Esther.

Garbage contract for the fair was waiting a response from Bob Raska; our rep from Waste Management.

A motion was made by Fran Reygaert and supported by Phil Kent to reimburse Dean Reinhardt and Ken Goike \$200.00 each for fuel used during PSW weekend and various Fair projects. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Bohm spoke about a letter received from the Michigan Gourd Society asking for the opportunity to display and demonstrate various uses for gourds. The board needed more information before a decision could be made about donating a space.

Mike Bohm asked the board to raise the pay scale for all fair employees to (1) rate of \$8.00 per hour. This would save time and accounting expenses. The board agreed.

Nancy Bliss asked the maintenance committee if the Grove Stage had been looked at for safety. Several members of the board had looked at the stage and felt that it was structurally sound.

Dennis Marcath gave a report on the Sandusky's Fair tractor trade-in program. Dennis explained that this type of program may be worth pursuing with Armada Fair's local suppliers as a way of keeping expenses for equipment repair down.

Mary Powers asked the board if the Armada Fair is going to pay premiums. The answer was yes, however, reduction in the amounts maybe required based on gate attendance.

The Appreciation dinner will be held on August 29. A ½ of hog, hot dogs and hamburgers will make up the menu.

A motion was made by Phil Kent and supported by Jim Brohl to have President Goike purchase (2) hogs from the 4-H auction. The hogs are to be donated to local charities and used for the Appreciation dinner on August 29. **Motion Carried.**

VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT

Encouraged board members to ask each other for help.

PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT

The refurbished bleachers need to be installed and the new seats need to be painted and also installed.

A motion was made by Jim Brohl and supported by Jerry Spriet to pay someone to paint and install the seats. **Motion Carried.**

Armada Fair assist other local fairs with their arena events ex.. Demolition derby's, figure 8's and bump and runs in exchange for their help and supplies during the Armada Fair. Any help with these events would be appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bill Schapman and supported by Rob Kitchen to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm