

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
November 3, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The November 3, 2008 Board Meeting of the Armada Agricultural Society was called to order by President Ken Goike at 7:00 p.m. at the Armada Fair Office with Mike Bohm as Recording Secretary.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Nancy Bliss, Mike Bohm, Jim Brohl, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Ken Goike Jr., Phillip Kent, Robert Lotan, Dennis Marcath, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Dave Sutton, Mark Sweeney, Gary Witt.

**Absent:** Ted Corey, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey, Mark Rayman, Fran Reygaert

**AGENDA:**

Motion made by Gerald Spriet supported by Bill Schapman to accept agenda. **Motion Carried.**

**GUESTS:**

Charlie Capozzo and another representative from NATPA.  
Robert Kitchen

Charlie Capozzo approached the Armada Fair Board; asking to hold a NATPA event the same day as the Southwest Ontario Pullers. The NATPA would hold their event prior to the Southwest Ontario event (starting at approximately 9:00 a.m. and finishing by 3:00 p.m. running two tracks).

NATPA will:

- Make all arrangements with the Near Pass Pulling Sled.
- Will pay purses from hooking fees and sponsorships.
- Have their own insurance and will have Armada Fair added to the policy.
- Have their own staff and will handle all aspects of the pull.
- Have 10 campers for overnight stay, they will not need dumping or hook-up.
- Need a barn to hold their drivers meeting.
- Work with the Southwest Ontario Pullers on advertising.

All gate revenues will go to the Armada Fair. A \$10.00 per person fee was discussed.  
Pay one price to stay all day.

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Motion was made by Ted Dalia and supported by Gary Witt to accept October minutes with the following Amendments: "Fran Reygaert will pursue a major sponsorship from Dodge." "Winter storage dates were October 18 & 19, 25 & 26." **Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER:**

Motion by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Dave Sutton to approve Treasurer’s Report for October. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from the area merchants asking to use of the Armada Fairgrounds for the Lighted Christmas parade on December 6, 2008. Motion was made by Dave Sutton, to allow the use of the Armada Fairgrounds for the lighted parade, motion supported by Dean Reinhardt. **Motion Carried.**

Read a letter received from the State of Michigan Ag Department informing the livestock committee that rounding of weights is considered a felony and is not allowed.

Read an invitation to the MAFE Zone 2 fall meeting.

Read a letter from the Romeo School District asking for a donation for the Romeo Jr. Bulldogs sports banquet. Motion by Dean Reinhardt supported by Mark Sweeney to prepare a basket made of Armada Fair tickets and parking pass, the amount not to exceed \$50.00. **Motion Carried.**

Read letter from Michigan State Ag department noting that the Terminal/Test requirement for swine has been lifted.

Read a letter from 4-H dogs asking for the use of a barn. Unfortunately no barns are available. Mary was to notify 4-H.

Read Thank You on behalf of Nancy Price-Ted Corey’s mother.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR NOVEMBER:**

Ace Hardware	\$69.26
Carnago & Carnago	440.00
Village of Armada	\$3569.03
Village of Armada	556.36
Harmon Oil	484.29
Nation City (Visa-Payment)	1500.00
Pitney Bowes	31.55

**PAY BILLS**

Dave Sutton made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Gerald Spriet. **Motion Carried.**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Dave Sutton-The Refreshment Committee had a meeting with Budweiser and discussed several ideas for the 2009 Armada Fair. Dave reported that the Budweiser Clydesdales will be available for the 2011 Armada Fair.

Discussed an earlier start to the 2009 Armada Fair, it was decided to wait until the 2010 Fair.

Presented resumes from the candidates for the 2008-2009 Armada Fair Board.

Bob Lotan-Informed the board that he would be attending a 4-H dog meeting and asked President Goike to attend the meeting with him.

Bill Schapman-Made a motion to set an advertising budget for the Power Sports Weekend at \$10,000, the motion was supported by Mark Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Made a motion to allow the NATPA to hold a tractor pull on June 6, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending by early afternoon, the motion was supported by Phil Kent. **Motion Carried.**

Dennis Marcath-Asked the board if they were satisfied with our current insurance company? The board did not have any issues however, they asked Dennis to get (3) competitive quotes.

Mary Ebert-Motion by Mark Sweeney made a motion to spend up to \$5000.00 on Hospitality for 2009 Armada Fair. Motion was supported by Bill Schapman. **Motion Carried.**

Carol Carlson would like to donate \$100.00 towards Photo Contest (details to be worked out later on the contest), this discussion was tabled.

Mary asked the fair board for any ideas to help increase exhibits in barns 1 & 2.

Dean Reinhardt-Winter Storage is completed.

Dean is seeking quotes on re-doing eaves on barns 1 & 2.

Clean-up and organization was done under the covered grandstands.

Nancy Bliss-It is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armada Township. The supervisor asked if the Armada Queen and court would ride the float. The board agreed that this was a great idea.

Nancy mentioned the Jason Freiwald Benefit. Dave Sutton made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Jason Freiwald Benefit. The motion was supported by Phil Kent. **Motion Carried.**

Variety Entertainment suggested a motorcycle stunt show as possible entertainment for the 2009 Armada Fair.

Nancy presented several entertainers for the 2009 Armada Fair. The Fair Board voted on signing a contract with Luke Bryan.

Phil Kent-Phil asked that everyone please be careful when driving around the fairgrounds, people are causing damage to the grass.

Phil is investigating ideas for replacing the refreshment tent.

Mike Bohm-Heating requirements for the announcer's booth and the main bathrooms are greater than previously thought. Dave Sutton made a motion to increase the heating budget to \$3000.00. The motion was supported by Jerry Spriet. **Motion Carried.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Sutton made a motion to have Phil Kent draft a letter to the State of Michigan for matching premium funds. Motion was supported by Mark Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Mike Bohm to make reservations at TGI Fridays during the MAFE convention for up to 60 people with a budget not to exceed \$3600.00. **Motion did not carry.**

Motion was made by Phil Kent to make reservations at TGI Fridays during the MAFE convention for up to 60 people with a budget not to exceed \$2000.00. **Motion did not carry.**

Motion was made by Dave Sutton supported by Jim Brohl to make reservations at TGI Fridays during the MAFE convention for up to 60 people the cost to be paid by board members. **Motion Carried.**

A motion by Nancy Bliss supported by Mark Sweeney to no longer offer insurance to vendors during the Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**

2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budgets

<b>BARN 1</b>	<b>\$2500.00</b>
<b>BARN 2</b>	<b>2500.00</b>
<b>BARN 3</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>BARN 4</b>	<b>1500.00</b>
<b>BARN 5</b>	<b>1500.00</b>
<b>BARN 6</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
<b>BARN 7</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
<b>BARN 8</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
<b>BARN 11</b>	<b>2000.00</b>
<b>BARN 12</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>BARN 13</b>	<b>NO BUDGET</b>
<b>BARN 14</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>BARN 15</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>ARENA EVENTS</b>	<b>48,000.00</b>
<b>PETTING FARM</b>	<b>2500.00</b>
<b>QUEENS CONTEST</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>ADVERTISEMENT</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
<b>REFRESHMENT TENT</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>
<b>PARKING</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>GATES</b>	<b>PENDING</b>
<b>CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>3000.00</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>1000.00</b>
<b>POWER SPORT WEEKEND</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>DOG SHOW</b>	<b>2500.00</b>

Motion was made by Nancy Bliss and supported by Dave Sutton to raise advertising budget to \$35,000.00. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Nancy Bliss and supported by Mark Sweeney to approve budgets as presented. **Motion carried.**

**VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT**

None

**PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT**

Annual meeting will be held at the Armada K of C Hall located just south of Armada on North Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mark Sweeney supported by Ted Dalia to adjourn. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm