

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
October 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 6, 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 Corey, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Jr., Phillip Kent, Robert Lotan, Dennis Marcath, Fran Reygaert, Dean Reinhardt, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Dave Sutton, Mark Sweeney, Gary Witt.
Absent: Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey, Mark Rayman

AGENDA:

Motion made by Fran Reygaert supported by Dennis Marcath to accept agenda. **Motion Carried.**

GUESTS:

Steve Westfall: Steve was present to observe the meeting.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Gary Witt to accept September minutes with the following change: change spelling on Accounts Payable from June to July. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2008

Motion was made by Phil Kent supported by Dave Sutton to accept the minutes with the following change: Ken Goike Jr. requested that the minutes reflect the discussion of the Emergency Management Plan. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST:

Motion by Dennis Marcath and supported by Ted Corey to approve Treasurer's Report for August. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:

Motion by Dennis Marcath and supported by Dean Reinhardt to approve Treasurer's Report for September. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Read letter from the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions; asking for some type of donation to be used in the Silent Auction during the annual convention. A motion was made Dean Reinhardt and supported by Phil Kent to purchase a Holland Grill from Southeastern Heatmor (cost not to exceed \$225.00) to be donated for the silent auction. **Motion Carried.**

Read Thank You letter from Turning Point thanking the Armada Agricultural Society for the donation of Pork.

Read Thank You letter from Armada Educational Foundation for the donation.

Read Thank You letter from Joshua Eckhout thanking the Armada Fair Board for purchasing his pig at the 4-H Auction.

Read letter from M.A.F.E. outlining nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

Read letter from M.A.F.E. discussing reservations for Suites during the national convention in Grand Rapids.

Read invitation from Eastern Michigan Fair inviting local fair boards to attend a year end meeting Hosted by E.J. Brown to discuss various topics and share ideas.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER:

Ace Hardware	\$74.51
Carnago & Carnago	1450.00
Darling Waste Removal	50.00
DTE Energy	1252.80
DTE Energy	238.00
Greenia's Outdoor Power/Sport	121.00
Holmstead Printing	270.60
Hook's Engraving	16.38
Korte's	41.30
National City (Visa)	3714.00
North Center Farm	11.75

Additional Bills to Pay

Reinhardt Trucking	\$150.00 Sand for Horse Arena
Reinhardt Trucking	\$200.00 Hauling of Manure
Tom Manis Restaurant	\$240.00 Roast Beef for Grange Hall

PAY BILLS

Nancy Bliss made a motion to pay bills. The motion was supported by Jim Eckhout.

Motion Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Phil Kent: 1. The Website will now allow people to sign-up for e-mails.

Bob Lotan: 1.) Informed the board that he attended a dog meeting and is waiting for another meeting.

Nancy Bliss: 1.) Informed Jan of her appreciation dinner. The dinner is now on hold until further notice.

2.) The misprint in the Armada Times regarding winter storage has also been corrected.

Bill Schapman: 1.) Asked the Fair Board if they wished to have a 2nd annual Armada Power Sports Weekend; the dates would be June 5,6, and 7. Motion by Fran Reygaert and supported by Mike Bohm to have the Power Sports Weekend. **Motion Carried.**

Dave Sutton: 1.) Presented the Refreshment Tent report. Dave also mentioned that the Refreshment tent committee would be meeting with Petitpren regarding advertising ideas for the 2009 Armada Fair.

Gerald Spriet: 1.) Wanted to know if everyone was happy with the Golf Carts? The general consensus was yes.

Dean Reinhardt: 1.) Winter Storage dates are coming up.
2.) Richmond Good Old Days committee inquired about storing their stage at the Armada Fairgrounds for the winter. Motion by Fran Reygaert and supported by Dave Sutton to charge Richmond Good Old Days the standard rate of \$10.00 per foot. **Motion Carried.**

Fran Reygaert: 1.) Asked the Arena Committee if they were interested in having a Rodeo for the 2009 Armada Fair. A motion was made by Mike Bohm and supported by Dean Reinhardt to pursue a Rodeo for Tuesday or Saturday of the 2009 Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**
2.) Fran requested that a check for \$475.00 be taken to the M.A.F.E. convention for a deposit with the Horse Pulling Association for the 2009 Armada Fair.
3.) Fran recommended the Police Auxiliary to be paid \$1000.00 for their services during the Armada Fair. A motion was made by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Mark Sweeney to pay the Police Auxiliary \$1000.00. **Motion Carried.**
4.) Fran mentioned that some type of heating for the announcer's booth and main bathrooms is needed to prevent damage to equipment. A motion by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Mark Sweeney to spend up to \$1000.00 for heat in the announcer's booth and the main bathrooms.

Phil Kent: 1.) Announced changes for release times in Barns 1 & 2 to Sunday 7 to 9 and Monday 8 to 12. A motion by Phil Kent and supported

by Fran Reygaert to implement new release times for Barns 1 & 2.
Motion Carried.

2.) Phil informed the fair board that the Richmond Antique Tractor and Thrashing Association would like to perform demonstrations during the 2009 Armada Fair for \$2200.00. A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Ted Corey to pay the Richmond Antique Tractor Association \$2200.00 for demonstrations during the 2009 Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Dean Reinhardt and supported by Gerald Spriet to transfer \$100,000 to a current Money Market. The amount in the money market is not to exceed FDIC insured amount. **Motion Carried.**

A Motion by Phil Kent supported by Jim Eckhout to reserve 22 rooms at the annual M.A.F.E. meeting in Grand Rapids. **Motion Carried.**

Nancy Bliss submitted recommended changes to the Armada Agricultural Society By-Laws:

A recommended change to Article IV would be: An assistant Treasure may be elected when deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A motion by Fran Reygaert and supported by Dennis Marcath to accept as noted on sheet of recommended changes. **Motion Carried.**

A recommended change to Article V: All checks must have two signatures to be valid, the Treasurer and one of the following: President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. A motion by Mark Sweeney and supported by Gerald Spriet to accept as noted on sheet of recommended changes. **Motion Carried.**

A recommended addition to Article III: Section 5-In the event a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, due to resignation or death, the President or Nominating Committee may nominate a qualified individual to fill the vacated Board Seat for the remainder of the individual's term-of-office, with a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A motion by Fran Reygaert and supported by Ted Corey to accept as noted on sheet of recommended changes. **Motion Carried.**

VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT

President Goike informed the fair board about his dad's health. He also asked fair board members to help out during winter storage. Finally, he asked for help in organizing the winter storage of fair equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jim Eckhout supported by Mark Sweeney to adjourn. **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Mike Bohm