

ARMADA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
September 14, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The September 14, 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 Corey, Ted Dalia, Mary Ebert, Jim Eckhout, Ken Goike Jr., Ken Goike Sr., Jim Hanvey, Phillip Kent, Rob Kitchen, Dennis Marcat, Fran Reygaert, Bill Schapman, Gerald Spriet, Mark Sweeney, Robert Tibbits,

**Absent:** Jim Hanvey, Excused Dean Reinhardt and Gary Witt

**AGENDA:**

A motion by Jim Eckhout to accept September 14, 2009 Agenda, motion was supported by Gerald Spriet. **Motion Carried.**

**GUESTS:**

Jeanne Treend wanted to thank the Armada Fair Board for allowing the Armada Alumni to meet in the refreshment tent on Saturday. Jeanne hoped that this could become an annual event.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mike Bohm and supported by Mary Ebert to table Treasurer's Report until next meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Read Thank You letter from Barbara Bellanca  
Read Thank You letter from Berlin Twp Parks and Rec.  
Read Thank Yu letter from Armada Educational Foundation  
Read Thank You letter from Eastern Michigan Fair Board  
Read Invoice from Delecke Welding showing charges that were donated to the Fair.  
Read Thank You notes from the Armada Queen and Court  
Read Thank You letter from Pat Hahn.  
Read Misc. complaints and suggestions from patrons who attended the 2009 Fair.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Armada Grain	\$30.30
Armada Music Boosters-Barns 1 & 2 Wages	\$3334.87
M.A.F.E.-2010 Membership	\$265.00
Mary Ebert-Reimbursement Supplies Grange 1 & 2	\$3404.88
Petty Cash	\$476.16
Ray Twp Lions-Barns 1 & 2 Wages	\$675.50
Richmond Lions-Barns 1 & 2 Wages	\$350.00

Sound Engineering	\$80.00
Goike Trucking	\$1400.00
Rob Kitchen	\$27.46
Jim Brohl	\$29.68

A motion by Mike Bohm supported by Jim Eckhout to return \$25.00 check to Mark Ureel for Parking Pass. **Motion Carried.**

A motion by Mike Bohm supported by Dennis Marcath to present a \$100.00 gift certificate to Ben Delecke from Delecke Welding for contributions to the Armada Fair. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Bill Schapman and supported by Rob Kitchen to pay bills. **Motion Carried.**

### **REPORT OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Nancy Bliss was contacted by Variety Attractions with information regarding upcoming entertainment opportunities.

The Fair Board should consider selling infield tickets.

By-Laws and Constitution changes are due by November meeting.

Need street banners for next year's fair and other events.

Should the Fair Board consider additional bill boards for advertising?

What about entertainment upgrades? Pay more for big name entertainment?

Bill Schapman suggested looking at campground for upgrades

Reported that exhibitors were seen leaving the grounds early, which is cause for premium forfeiture.

Does the Fair Board wish to continue with the June Event? The Board said yes.

Jim Brohl suggested sending thank you letters to all the fair sponsors.

Recommended looking at making universal set up times.

Dennis Marcath said that the premium committee get together to make recommendations regarding payment of premiums for the 2010 Fair.

Procedural changes need to be made at the back gate where arena participants are entering. Recommends that perhaps everyone pays at gates and entry fees for events are changed to keep costs the same.

Mary Ebert next year more help will be required at the Grange Hall

Phil Kent 30 yards of cardboard was recycled

Fairgrounds are now clean.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike Bohm inquired about insulating main bathrooms to reduce heat bills.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fair book changes need to be in as soon as possible.

Resumes for Fair Board must be turned in by November 7, 2009.

Winter Storage dates are October 17, 18 and 24, 25

- 1) There was a discussion concerning charging a fee for vehicles not picked up on time when removed from winter storage.
- 2) Jet Skis-a single jet ski on a double trailer will be billed as (2).

An addition to the existing information booth was discussed to store misc. equipment.

The cost was estimated at approximately \$15,000.00 for a 16 x 24 addition.

The furnace for the main bathrooms had been repaired.

Rob Tibbits made a motion that was supported by Ted Corey to select Cherry and Khaki as the colors for the 2010 Armada Fair.

There was a discussion in regards to replacing the asphalt between the refurbished bleachers and barn #15. A motion was made by Mark Sweeney and supported by Phil Kent to set a budget of \$8000.00 to replace the asphalt with concrete. **Motion Carried.**

Fran Reygaert made a motion that was supported by Phil Kent to trade Knights of Columbus in Armada tables and garbage cans for the use of the hall for the Armada Agricultural Society Annual Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Mike Bohm and supported by Bill Schapman to pay for registration, hotel and educational costs plus \$135.00 reimbursement for food to either the MAFE or MFEA annual convention. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Fran Reygaert and supported by Nancy Bliss to change the Senior Age from 55 to 62. **Motion Carried.**

Gerry Spriet asked to have the horse pulling sled stored inside one of the barns for the winter.

Gerry also wanted to inform the board that McDonough's does do background checks on their employees.

Gerry asked if 4-H buyers were supposed to be invited to the appreciation dinner. The answer was "YES". It was noted that better communication was need in terms of who is to be invited to the appreciation dinner.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT ECKHOUT'S REPORT**

Jim informed the board that the hogs purchased from the 4-H auction were donated and delivered to Turning Point and The Salvation Army

## **PRESIDENT GOIKE'S REPORT**

President Goike thanked all the board members for their efforts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Fran Reygaert and supported by Mark Sweeney to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.