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MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

JULY 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Fairgrounds, Westfield, WI

Members present: Dave Timme, April Proeber, Susanne Kufahl, Char Laney, John Bennett, Joanne Dalton, Matt Groskruetz, Addie Williams, Bette Krueger.

Members excused: Victoria Wachholz, Richell Kufahl, Hannah Wolsdorf, Brenna Bays, Mark Groskreutz, Alex Klapoetke; Addie Williams.

Member not present: Alex Klapoetke.

Staff present: Christa Van Treeck, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Guests: Char Bennett.

President Dave Timme called the meeting to order at 7:11p.m., followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the agenda by Bennett; second by Williams; motion carried.

Motion by Laney to approve minutes of June 23, 2022, meeting; second by Bennett; motion carried.

S. Kufahl gave treasurer's report; \$37,700 in accounts; still outstanding bills to pay from fair. Motion by Bennett to approve the treasurer's report; second by Krueger; motion carried.

Citizen's input: None.

Committee Reports: Executive and Finance: S. Kufahl explained that Fortifi Bank in Westfield closed and having to make deposits or get cash during fair meant driving to Montello. Discussion that the accounts will stay with Fortifi until the next annual meeting in October and then have accounts both at Fortifi and National Exchange Bank.

This is a public meeting. As such, all members or a majority of the members of the County Board may be in attendance. While a majority of the County Board members or the majority of any given County Board Committee may be present, only the above Marquette County Fair Board will take official actions based on the above agenda."

Entertainment: Timme reported that the contract for the carnival for 2023 is signed; consensus was that everyone enjoyed the carnival this year! Proeber indicated that the lumberjack show will not be invited back for future years, nor the Escape Room. She also indicated that she has communicated with Brakebush about sponsorships for 2023. Also, she has been in contact with someone who has a trailer to use for a stage so that it is not necessary to rent a stage in the future. Apparently, the number of participants for Bingo was very low. Krueger will make inquiry as to whether or not a horse pull for Sunday, July 9, 2023, is a possibility.

Volunteer: Dalton reported that everything went well in the exhibit building with volunteers, overall. However, more volunteers could have been used; discussion on possibly getting a software program for volunteers to use to sign up.

Building and Grounds: Krueger spoke with building and grounds asking for many new and smaller garbage cans and to have them spread around the grounds more.

Promotions and Technology: Krueger asked if rack cards could be spread around the fairgrounds more, especially where the youth are with animals, etc. Krueger will speak to Solis about software program for volunteers.

Market Animal Auction: Auction went extremely well for participants. They had some issues with audio, especially during the swine portion.

Action Items:

Correspondence from Keri Solis read and discussed.

Dates of 2023 fair: Motion by Grosskreutz to set the 2023 fair dates July 6 through 9; second by Proeber; motion carried.

Sponsorships: Proeber indicated that she would like to have sponsorship/donation letters out by January 15, 2023; have a meeting to get organized.

Review of fair: Done throughout meeting, thus far, through various discussions.

Entertainment meeting: Motion by Laney to have an entertainment meeting prior to next board meeting: Thursday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.; second by Krueger; motion carried. ALL FAIR BOARD MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Bull riding contract: Proeber tabled all contracts until all insurance language is approved by insurance carried.

Revise/review other contracts (if needed): All contracts tabled (see previous paragraph). Timme reported that the contract for the carnival for 2023 is already signed; reviews were very good on the carnival.

Wild West Soda Stand: Proeber indicated that Terry and Sherri VeARRIER, owners/operators of the Wild West Soda Stand, are always so helpful each year during the fair. Motion by Grosskreutz, as a thank you to the VeARRIER's, to purchase a \$200 gift card from Kwik Trip from the Fair Board; second by Proeber; motion carried.

Contracts: Question was raised as to what the process of a contract once signed. S. Kufahl indicated that once a contract is signed, she gets a copy, scans them in and puts in a Fairboard folder .

Fair board secretary replacement: Krueger reminded all that she will be stepping down as secretary for **the fairboard after the September 2022 meeting; please try to find a replacement by the October annual meeting.**

Westfield FFA Advisor position: Krueger received an email from Alexandra Klapoetke, Westfield FFA advisor, that she would be stepping down as the Westfield FFA advisor position and that a Westfield FFA high school student and his father would be the Westfield FFA advisor on the fair board. Van Treeck is going to speak with Westfield school administrator.

Per diem and mileage for fair board members: Krueger indicated to S. Kufahl that a budget for the next fiscal year would be necessary to present to the county administrator for Krueger to pursue per diem and mileage for fair board members. It is Krueger's understanding that the county can perhaps increase the amount of funds given to the fair board annually for expenses and then it is up to the fair board to decide how to spend the same, whether it be for entertainment, per diem and mileage, etc. Van Treeck asked if the three youth FFA representatives from Montello, Westfield and Portage FFA be included in per diem.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 25 at the Services Center in Montello. Reminder that all fair board members be in attendance for an Entertainment Committee meeting beginning at 6:30.

Timme adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Krueger
Secretary