

Marquette County Youth Organization Association, Inc

October 20th, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Services Center, Montello

Members present: Dave Timme, Susanne Kufahl, John Bennett, April Proeber, Richell Kufahl, Victoria Wachholz, Joanne Dalton, Denise Gerbitz, Brenda Petersen, Char Bennett, Char Laney, Hannah Wolsdorf, Brenna Babcock, Addie Williams and Dillan Gerbitz.

Members excused: Mark Groskreutz, Matt Groskreutz

Extension Staff: Jackie Stoneman, Administrative Assistant

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

April Proeber made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Char Bennett. Motion carried.

John Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/22/2022; seconded by Susanne Kufahl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Same as annual meeting. Motion by Richell Kufahl and seconded by Denise Gerbitz to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen's input: None

Committee Reports:

Executive and Finance: S Kufahl reported she had accountant file 1099.

Entertainment: Dave Timme reported contract for bull riding is same as 2021, \$17,500. May also include a clause for fuel. Dave will call back next week and report at December meeting. The DJ used at the fair this year would come back again if wanted. R. Kufahl reported looking into an exotic petting zoo from Eau Claire, seems very expensive. Discussion regarding Nicks show and face painting. Also, discussion regarding the bands Best Practice and Southbound.

Volunteer: Volunteer sheets were passed around and upcoming appreciation dinner was discussed.

Buildings and Grounds: J Bennett reported that they have over \$20,000 in revenue for boats and campers in storage at the fairgrounds, only 2 more to get into storage. Did it in 1 weekend this year instead of 2 as in previous years. Big plans were presented at County Board for the Fairgrounds to be done in stages.

Promotions and Technology: S Kufahl reported on the website. Chromebooks will be available from Montello Schools for registration. Discussion regarding grant for the display cases.

Market Animal Auction: 2 required session of training are required for all auction exhibitors. December 10th Beef weigh in, with a snow day of December 17th. Donation to Budda Box. Bleachers from Arlington are not available for 2023 fair. Questions regarding maybe meat/animal committee or Fair Board will pay for bleachers. Columbia County has a chair option to finish dinner and then move them. Next meeting of the meat animal committee is January 18th at 6:30 at Harrisville Fire Station.

Polka Band- Moved by John Bennett and seconded by April Proeber to hire the polka band for \$875 on Sunday of the 2023 Fair from 1pm to 4pm. Motion carried.

Horse Pull: Would run 11am until 2:00 or 3:00 pm. \$5000 purse, secure donations as a group. \$20.00 fee with the contract. Moved by R Kufahl and seconded by John Bennett to send in the contract for the horse pull. Motion carried.

2023 Budget: Request to county was \$29,500 and \$5,500 towards bleachers. According to the budget, County aid will be approved at \$12,500, per diem out and grandstand bleachers amount unknown.

Advertising grant- \$2000

State Aid- \$2500 estimate

Parking- \$5000 estimate

Sponsorship Donations- need at least \$27,300 to balance.

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Victoria Wachholz to approve the amended budget. Motion carried.

Bylaws: It was agreed to leave by laws as is.

Non-Animal Entry Day Schedule: July 5th Junior and open entry. Moved by Joanne and seconded by Richell. Motion carried.

Letter for donations: Richell will work on new letter for donations for Tractor pull, bull riding and horse pull.

Appreciation dinner: Will be held October 30th.

November Financial audit: Just had an audit when we changed Treasurer. The accountability is that finances are going to tax accountant to file with IRS. Had tax audit last year.

Char Laney brought up horse issues last year with the day of show asking for suggestions.

Pick a theme for 2024 Fair next meeting. 2023 Theme is Barn in the USA.

Moved by S Kufahl and seconded by John Bennett for next meeting to be December 8th, 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Petersen