

Central Wisconsin State Fair

Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2015 at MACCI

Present: Bob Ashbeck, Carol Kerper, Ed Wagner, Jeff Viergutz, John Garbisch, Larry Gilbertson, Marilyn Heiman, and Sara Schmitt

Absent: Andy Keogh, Jeff Hartman, Keith Kay and Rob Posteluk

Non Board Members Present: Adam Fischer, Executive Director

Meeting called to order by Larry Gilbertson at 7:30 PM

Guest Comments: Larry Gilbertson opened up the floor for further vendor comments from Wayne Meyer who is a vendor with the Central Wisconsin State Fair. Wayne shared his concerns about the new policy concerning the 15% commission off of gross sales from the Food Vendors.

Discussion followed with a few questions being asked of Wayne. The Board then talked further about the new policy after Wayne left. The decision was made to not take any further action on the matter.

Minutes from the February 16, 2014 Meeting: A correction to the minutes was made by Larry Gilbertson to read “The motion passed to go out of closed session.” A motion was made to accept the minutes with the correction by Carol Kerper and seconded by Bob Ashbeck. The motion carried.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Marilyn Heiman. She went through each account giving a summary of the accounts. Discussion followed. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Executive Directors Report: Adam Fischer went through the Executive Director Report and talked about all of the activities of the Fair office and went through a summary of various situations that he has been addressing.

Committee Reports:

- **Building & Grounds Committee:** John Garbisch went through the Building & Grounds Committee Report. Discussion followed.
- **Marketing Committee:** Rob Posteluk went through the Marketing Committee Report. Adam also made a few comments. Discussion followed.
- **Draft Horse Committee:** Larry Gilbertson went through the Draft Horse Committee Report. Discussion followed.
- **Market Animal Sale Committee Report:** Larry Gilbertson gave a report concerning the Market Animal Sale Committee and their legal standing. A motion was made

by Jeff Hartman and seconded by Sara Schmitt to make the Market Animal Sale Committee a subcommittee of the Junior Fair. The motion carried.

- Fairest of the Fair Committee: Marilyn Heiman gave a report concerning the Fairest of the Fair Committee and some of the planning going into the event this year.

A motion was made and seconded by to accept the committee reports. The motion carried as presented.

Junior Fair Report: Sarah Schmitt gave a report on the Junior Fair and was discussed at the Junior Fair Management Team meeting. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Junior Fair Report. The motion carried.

Fair Commission Update: Bob Ashbeck gave a brief update on the Fair Commission. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fair Commission Update.

Old Business:

Kevin Lindow Situation: Adam Fischer gave an update on the Kevin Lindow situation. He also shared the advice of the Fair's legal counsel was regarding the issue. Larry Gilbertson also shared a letter that was given to him in defense of Kevin Lindow. Discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to have Adam talk with the legal counsel again to receive further clarification regarding how to move forward with Kevin Lindow and the decision to either honor the five year ban or to drop the decision.

New Business:

John Garbisch asked if the bylaws allowed for a member of the Board to be removed due to lack of attendance. Adam Fischer and Larry Gilbertson said no section of the bylaws existed. Gilbertson suggested that Garbisch bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting if he felt that it such a section should be added.

A motion was made by John Garbisch and seconded by Bob Ashbeck to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by Andy Keogh
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