

**Minutes**  
**Sarpy County Agriculture Society**  
**June 29, 2020**  
**8 PM**

**Sarpy County Fair Grounds**

1. Roll Call Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by President Rich Jansen; Present were Dwayne Lang, Chad Heinert, Mike Rudolph, Tyler Krapp, Chad Nolte, Cody Ruff, Joe Smisek, Ron Tex Jr, Matt Simmons, Jim Jansen. Phone conferenced: Scott Voss
2. Proof of Publication presented by Mike Rudolph
3. Public meeting notice and proof of Public Meeting Laws. Noted on the south wall of the fair board office.
4. Approval of minutes of May 26, 2020 meeting. Motion made by Matt Simmons to approve the minutes seconded by Chad Nolte. Scott Voss abstained from the vote.
5. Treasures Report
  - a. Motion made by Chad Heinert to enter executive session at 8:06 p.m. seconded by Mike Rudolph. Motion made by Chad Nolte to end executive session at 8:15 p.m. seconded by Chad Heinert.
  - b. Motion made by Chad Nolte to use TACSS Services for the Sarpy County Ag Society tax return who will consult with RNG and Associates seconded by Cody Ruff. Chad Heinert abstained from the vote.
  - c. Motion made by Chad Nolte to approve the treasures report as presented seconded by Jim Jansen
6. Property Managers Report
  - a. Joe Hagerty came before the board to ask if the Boy Scouts can use the fair grounds to camp at to complete some of their badges. Chad Heinert made a motion to approve the use of the fair grounds for the Boy Scouts to camp July 17th-19th the motion was seconded by Tyler Krapp.
  - b. 2021 USLMRA Race Event - Sarah presented the idea of working with Sarpy County Tourism to host this event. The board would like Sarah to gather more information and bring it to be board at the July meeting.
  - c. Sarah presented Monster X Tour - who would like to rent the Motor Sports Complex to host 3 possible monster truck shows. - The board decided that they would not like to rent the motorsports complex at this time.
  - d. Sarah presented Drive up Tailgate Productions - North arena would be suggested but more details are needed before going to vote.
  - e. Sarah presented the idea of making an open air package for wedding ceremonies. A motion was made by Dwayne Lang to change the open air rental to a package deal which would include the open air and the restrooms for \$275.00 the motion was seconded by Chad Heinert.
  - f. Sarah presented the idea of purchasing round tables and chairs to have for livestock barn rentals - the board would like her to get some numbers on what it

would cost and if it would then become a package deal. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

7. SVFD / SCSO

- a. Jake Kinnman - Gretna Fire
  - i. Nothing to update with at this time
- b. Jeff Davis - Sarpy County Sheriff
  - i. The Sheriff's office has 8 people out with COVID-19
  - ii. Jeff Davis made mention that the Sarpy County Ag Society may need to reach out to other off duty agencies for help with the fair if we move forward as there is no telling what the future holds.
  - iii. Jeff Davis said they will help support us but would like the deputies to have the least amount of contact with the public as possible.

8. Old Business

- a. Rodeo Crows Nest
  - i. Dwayne is working on finishing up plywooding the inside of the crows nest. The new sound system is half way installed.
- b. Ticket office South
  - i. The ticket office is done and completed.
- c. Website overhaul
  - i. Working out a few bugs with PayPal and waiting until there is more to update before we start training on how to run the new site.
- d. Covid- 19 Follow up
  - i. Sarah Schram - Sarpy Cass Health Director
    - 1. Sarah Schram stated that the Health Department is here to help support our decision. They will help us create strategies and create best practices which will help create successful environments.
    - 2. The board will need to submit a opening safety plan to the Health Department for approval
  - ii. Chad Heinert made a motion to put on the Wednesday night Bull Riding, Friday night Rodeo and Saturday night Rodeo the motion was

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by Mike Rudolph The first vote was a tie 6- Yes 6-No The  
voted a second time with the same outcome 6-Yes and 6-  
second vote we were unable to find a straight answer as to  
during a tie vote. Cody Ruff made a motion to vote to  
the motion was seconded by Chad Heinert. The vote  
and the outcome was all 12 yes. Chad Heinert made  
Wednesday Bull Riding, Friday night Rodeo and Saturday  
motion was seconded by Mike Rudolph. The third vote was held,  
come was 7- Yes and 5 -No.

9. New Business

- a. Approval of 2020 Fair Contracts
- b. Committee updates

- i. The livestock barn could use some new speakers as there are some dead spots in the building, this was tabled to the next meeting.
  - c. Sarpy County Cities Wastewater Agency - waste water sewage system
    - i. Cody Ruff and Chad Heinert attended the public meeting on behalf of the Sarpy County Ag Society they asked HDR to attend a board meeting to discuss the design for the sewage system on the fair grounds property. Noted in the meeting was it would take two years for a design and two years for them to start.

#### 10. 4-H Report

- a. 4H building - Tuesday check in with signups being sent out prior so they have an assigned time to drop off their entries. Entries will then be picked up on Thursday. The building will remain closed and not open to the public.
- b. 4H can not require volunteers to wear a mask but the 4H staff is required to wear a mask.
- c. Livestock shows will be progress show style with check in from 8 am - 9 am and show start at 10 am.
- d. If pens are used in the livestock barn - they will use every other pen to maintain a 6ft distance.
- e. The horse show will stay the same and run on Saturday as you can social distance on a horse.
- f. Trailer parking - one way in and one way out. They would like to use the midway to park as well.
- g. Immediate family only will be allowed at all 4H shows.
- h. They plan to live stream all 4H events
- i. The board decided to give the 4H council a check for \$8,500 if they use more than that they will turn in their invoices for reimbursement.
- j. The Fashion show will be held Thursday evening in the Open Air building.
- k. Brett is working on getting a schedule of events put together and will get us a copy of it as soon as it's completed.
- l. No Rodeo tickets will be given to 4H kids and no parade of champions will be held.

#### 11. Communication from the public

- a. Master Gardners are all done with planting.
  - i. They would like to be informed when they are not allowed to be on the grounds for upcoming events.
  - ii. We have two AAS approved gardens and that will be advertised nationally.
- b. Motion made by Matt Simmons to approve the Farm Family award to Elaine and John Startzer motion seconded by Tyler Krapp.

#### 12. Executive Session (if needed)

13. Adjourn motion made by Ron Tex seconded by Matt Simmons adjourn 10:19 PM