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# Senior Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

EMA Building- Defiance @7:00pm

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## Attendees

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| Gary Backhaus<br>(Out at 8:05pm) | X | Paul Bowers      | X  | Ben Sandleben                 | X  |
| Tracey Backhaus                  | X | Desirae Mack     | X  | Jerry Sanders                 | X  |
| Kay Johnson                      | X | David Hartman    | X  | Carol Sines                   | X  |
| Yvonne Blosser                   | X | Blake Zeedyk     | X  | Jeff Holtsberry               | Ex |
| Rena Cottrell                    | X | Jeff Rohlf       | Ex | Bridget Ruppert               | X  |
| Deb Cocke<br>(Out 8:45p)         | X | Ethan Scantlen   | Ex | Ethan Wirick                  | X  |
| Marrisa Rohlf                    | X | Adam Mack        | X  | Jeremy Limber<br>(Out 9:10p)  | X  |
| Isaac Ankney                     | X | Taylor Bockelman | X  | Mary Bishop                   | X  |
| Jessie Otto                      | X | Alexis Sprow     | X  | Teresa Johnson<br>(Out 9:10p) | X  |

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## Agenda

### Called to Order

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

### Secretary's Report

- **Motion** by Ben Sandleben : Abstain from the reading of the minutes.  
**Seconded** by Paul Bowers.  
Motion **Passed**.
- **Motion** by: Ben Sandleben: Approve Minutes.  
**Seconded** by: Paul Bowers  
Motion **Passed**.

### Financial Report

1. **Motion** by Paul Bowers: Accept the financial report.  
**Seconded** by Blake Zeedyk
2. Motion **Passed**.  
**Motion** by Blake Zeedyk: Approve bills to be paid.  
**Seconded** by Paul Bowers.  
Motion **Passed**.

### Guests:

1. None

### Correspondence:

1. None

### Committees:

1. Executive Board- Christmas Cruise Thru Update
2. Teresa Johnson- Livestock update. Jeremy Limber will reach out to auctioneers.

3. Blake Zeedyk- Open Swine SHow would like to raise class entry fee to \$10 and showmanship to \$5.  
**Motion** by Deb Cocke: Raise entry fee.  
**Seconded** by Yvonne Blosser: **Motion Passed.**
4. Paul Bowers- Canine Units of Defiance and Hicksville will be doing demonstrations on 'family day'- the last Saturday of the fair.
5. Desirae Mack- Submitting an application for the grant from Defiance Area Foundation. -Golf cart rental, NTPA and Michigan Horse Dynamometer Contracts have been signed and sent.
6. Ethan Wirick- Horse pulls has \$250 in donations coming in soon.
7. Tracey Backhaus- Has 6 bands that have confirmed for band night.
8. Gary Backhaus- Contracts for harness racing judges  
**Motion** by Paul Bowers: Send the contracts.  
**Seconded** by Ben Sandleben: **Motion Passed.**
9. Bridget Ruppert- Recommendation we had one day vendors selling tack etc. during livestock shows. Desirae will work on a contract.
10. Carol Sines- Going to send letters out stating the price adjustment for next year's winter storage.
11. Alexis Sprow- Going to look into Truland sponsoring the truck pull sled.
12. Marissa Rohlf- Cheerleading committee will meet soon.
13. Isaac Ankney- Update on fire and EMS coverage for the fair. Possible fulltime squad during fair. Fair day passes to volunteer squads-Tabled.

## Old Business

1. Christmas Cruise Thru-  
**Motion** by Tracey Backhaus: Offer one year contract at \$11,350.  
**Motion Modified** by Issac Ankney: Two year extension to contract if it is followed and new construction doesn't interfere.  
**Seconded** by Carol Sines  
Vote- 10 Yes, 6 No (Jeremy Limber and Deb Cocke abstain from voting)  
**Motion Passed.**

2. Golf Cart Accident Update
3. AEP Update
4. Stolen Check Update
5. Spring Meeting- David, Gary, and Jerry attending.
6. Annette volunteered to send sponsorship letters out this year.

## New Business

1. Demo Derby Update
  2. Windows broke in the race horse barn
  3. Garden Tractor pulls during antique tractor pulls
  4. Jeremy needs a list of vendors/judges that need hotel rooms.
  5. Blake- Update on Poultry Barn improvements.  
**Motion** by Yvonne Blosser: Send letters for sponsorship of the new cages.  
**Seconded** by Ben Sandleben: **Motion Passed.**
  6. KOI Drags on September 20th at the fairgrounds.  
**Motion** by Ben Sandleben: Hold Sept. 20th for KOI  
**Seconded** by Paul Bowers: **Motion Passed.**
  7. **Motion:** Paul Bowers: Eliminate Fair bucks for 2024  
**Seconded:** Kay Johnson: **Motion Passed.**
  8. Eclipse- Order a few port-a-pots for the parking lot  
**Motion:** Ben Sandleben: Order port-a-pots.  
**Seconded:** Carol Sines: **Motion Passed.**
- Motion** by Adam Mack: Adjourn the meeting.  
**Seconded** by Ethan Wirick.  
**Motion Passed.**

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 @7:00pm. Open for committees to meet at 6pm.

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