

U.P. State Fair Authority Board Meeting

Minutes

February 27, 2015

Escanaba, MI

Members Present:

Micky Rondeau, *Alger Cty*
Daune Smith, *Baraga Cty*
Jake Campbell, *Chippewa Cty*
Tom Elegeert, *Delta Cty*
Dan Siirila, *Gogebic Cty – by phone*
Jim Gale, *Houghton Cty – by phone*
Gary Burk, *Iron Cty*
Phyllis French, *Luce Cty*
Calvin McPhee, *Mackinac Cty*
Chuck Bergdahl, *Marquette Cty*
Janis Linderoth, *Menominee Cty*
Richard Bourdeau, *Ontonagon Cty*

Members Absent:

Henry Wender, *Dickinson Cty*
Joe Langdon, *Keweenaw Cty*
Ann Harrington, *Schoolcraft Cty*
Dave Anthony, *Hannahville*

Agent Staff & Guests:

Jonathan Mead, UPCAP (Administrative Agent/Secretary)
Vickie Micheau, Delta County Chamber of Commerce (Management Agent)
Tracy Lektzian, UPCAP
Sheila Krueger, Delta County Chamber of Commerce
Lori Branstrom, UP State Fair
Joe Cilc, Steam & Gas
Skip DuFour, Steam & Gas
James Moker
Jenny Skarzinski
Steve Wery, Delta Parks Manager
Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation
Diane Mattson, Delta Conservation
Katie Botsford, PHDM
Kristi Steger, PHDM
Tonya LaFave, UPCAP

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. ET. Roll call is recorded above.

2. Public Comment

Rory Mattson ~ DNR, addressed the board regarding development grants.

Jim Moker, addressed the board about being allowed back into the fair. Ms. Micheau and Mr. Mead will set up a meeting with Mr. Moker to discuss.

Kristi Steger, Health Educator for Public Health, addressed the board on health concerns and making the fair tobacco free. Ms. Steger will be put on the agenda for the next UP State Fair Mtg.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by French, supported by Linderoth to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Board Appointments

Board members welcomed new members, Tom Elegeert from Delta County and Richard Bourdeau from Ontonagon County.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Burk, supported by Smith, to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2014 Meeting. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Micheau summarized the Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss Statements through January 31, 2015. Overall the Authority maintains a strong financial position.

Motion by Linderoth, supported by French, to approve the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet as presented. Motion carried.

7. Management Report

Ms. Micheau reported on the following:

- Received first grant award of \$15,000 from Hannahville – will be used for upgrades to equestrian center
- Premium books and wrist band changes
- Golf cart policy – will bring to next meeting
- MAFE Conference

8. Old Business / New Business

CUPPAD Grant Status – The Authority did not receive the grant

DAC Recommendations -

- Poultry: Discussion on exhibitors being responsible for taking care of their own animals i.e. feeding, watering and cleaning of pens.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Linderoth, for all junior exhibitors camping on the fairgrounds or showing other animals, to be responsible for the care of their own poultry, rabbits or covies. Motion carried.

- Sheep Classifications: Discussion on sheep classifications and possible grievance if changes were not made.

Motion by Campbell, supported by French, to mirror open class breeding to reflect on junior show. Motion carried. Abstentions: Burk

Motion by Campbell, supported by French, that we do not add extra breeding class. Motion carried.

- Fraud or Procedure Policy Violations:

Motion by Linderoth, supported by Campbell, to approve the recommendations to the Policy as recommended by the DAC. Changes will go in the premium book.

- Market Class Verbiage: Discussion market class.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Linderoth, that if entered as a “market animal,” that animal shall not be allowed to move to open class. Must stay as market animal. Motion carried.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. **Next Meeting** – Friday, April 24th

11. Adjournment

Motion by Campbell, supported by Rondeau, to adjourn. Motion carried. The time was 2:35 p.m.

Jonathan Mead, Secretary/Admin. Agent