

# U.P. State Fair Authority Board Meeting

## Minutes

April 21, 2015

Escanaba, MI

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### Members Present:

Micky Rondeau, *Alger Cty*  
Daune Smith, *Baraga Cty*  
Jake Campbell, *Chippewa Cty*  
Tom Elegeert, *Delta Cty*  
Henry Wender, *Dickinson Cty*  
Jim Gale, *Houghton Cty (via phone)*  
Gary Burk, *Iron Cty*  
Calvin McPhee, *Mackinac Cty*  
Chuck Bergdahl, *Marquette Cty*  
Janis Linderoth, *Menominee Cty*  
Ann Harrington, *Schoolcraft Cty*  
Dave Anthony, *Hannahville*

### Members Absent:

Dan Siirila, *Gogebic Cty*  
Joe Langdon, *Keweenaw Cty*  
Phyllis French, *Luce Cty*  
Richard Bourdeau, *Ontonagon Cty*

### 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  
John Kositzky, UP State Fair Maintenance  
Representative Ed McBroom, Chairman Advisory Committee  
Lori Branstrom, UP State Fair  
Joe Cilc, Steam & Gas  
Skip DuFour, Steam & Gas  
Katie Botsford, PHDM  
Kristi Steger, PHDM  
Tonya LaFave, UPCAP  
Dr. Barry Waener  
Stephanie Bruno, Swine Superintendent UPSF  
Casey Young, PHDM  
Shanna Hammond, Hannahville Health Educator  
Tiffany Oisick, PHDM  
Jeff Sicotte, Rainbow Packing

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. Roll call is recorded above.

## 2. Public Comment

Ed McBroom expressed the need for a tank washer in the milk house. Approximate cost is \$1500.

Jeff Sicotte, Rainbow Packing discussed youth livestock sale concerns with recent closure of Michigan Meats.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Elegeert, supported by Campbell, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

## 4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Campbell, supported by Linderoth, to approve the minutes of the February, 2015 Meeting. Motion carried.**

## 5. Tobacco-Free / Smoke-Free Presentation ~ Kristi Steger, Public Health

Ms. Steger presented information and handouts on a Tobacco Free Fairground. She noted some fairs whom have already gone "tobacco free." PHDM can offer assistance in helping with preparing a policy and will provide free signs to post at fairgrounds.

Discussion on continuing discussion and educating the public. The Board will do research on other events held at fairgrounds.

**Motion by Anthony, supported by Harrington, to set up a committee to investigate a smoking policy for UPSF. Motion carried.**

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Harrington reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements through March 31, 2014.

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

The Audit will be presented at the June Mtg.

## 7. Management Report

Ms. Micheau reported on various activities going on at fairgrounds.

### Maintenance:

Mr. Kositzky reported on communications with American Transmission Company. They will lease road space effective May 1<sup>st</sup> which is currently used for overflow

parking during the fair. They will fix the road when leave and UPSF will net about \$20,000.

Mr. Kositzky stated they are currently getting bids to finish horse arena.

Mr. Kositzky also reported on four incidents with winter storage at fairgrounds. Discussion on contract and possibly taking pictures when units are delivered.

## 8. Old Business / New Business

### Moker Appeal:

Mr. Mead and Ms. Micheau updated the board on their meeting with Jim Moker. Mr. Moker realizes he made a mistake and would like to be given the chance to come back to the fair. Board discussion on allowing Mr. Moker to be on the fairgrounds for any activities related to his children from a half hour before to a half hour after the exhibiting. Board also discussed limitations and getting something in writing. Mr. Moker cannot assist at the auction. He can be there on sale day, but cannot be allowed in the ring.

**Motion by Cambell, supported by Rondeau, to allow Mr. Moker to be on the fairgrounds during the 2015 UP State Fair for any activites related to his children from a half hour before to a half hour after the exhibition. This will be in writing and signed by Mr. Moker. In addition, Mr. Moker will not be allowed to assist at auction. Motion carried.**

### DAC Recommendations:

- Medical Revision Policy Proposal:

If a Jr. Market Livestock Exhibitor is unable to be ringside during the judging, due to a medical emergency, a substitute exhibitor may be used. Upon verification **in writing** of the emergency from a licensed medical professional, a Jr. Market Exhibitor (preferable a family or same club member) approved and designated by the Department Superintendent may act as a substitute exhibitor to show and/or sell the market animal. The animal must meet all eligibility requirements and a completed record book must still be entered. The Exhibitor's Manager and the Department Superintendent must be notified as soon as possible to request this exemption, with enough time allowed for the necessary medical verification(s). The medical emergency must have occurred after the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, and does not apply to the Showmanship or open classes.

**Motion by Campbell, supported by Campbell, to accept the DAC Recommendations to the Medical Policy Proposal as noted above. Motion carried.**

- Elimination of Keyhole classes in Open & Jr. Horse Show:

Elimination of Keyhole classes in the Open & Jr. Horse Shows and change them to Pole Rollback class and to add a Pole Rollback class (all ages) into Department 12, Section 2 Registered Jr. Horse.

**Motion by Harrington, supported by Wender, to eliminate keyhole classes and change to rollback class and to add a pole rollback class as noted above. Motion carried.**

- Addition of class into Department 27, Section 5 (creative arts) for homemade bath and body products (soaps, balms, scrubs, etc.)

**Motion by Harrington, supported by Burk, to add homemade bath and body products class to Department 27, Section 5 as noted above. Motion carried.**

- Ventilation in Swine Barn – Lori recapped earlier discussion with Dr. Waener regarding air exchange/ventilation in swine barn. Discussion that Buildings & Grounds will work on updating ventilation.
- Jr. Beef Breeding Show – Ms. Harrington stated open show was split up with addition of following classes:

Aged cow & last calf born (cow 3, 4 and 5 years old, calf born after prior year's fair – will be premium pay out class)

Aged cow & last calf born (cow 6 years and older, calf born after prior year's fair – will be a premium pay out class)

Champion cow & calf – will be premium pay out class

**Motion by Campbell, supported by Harrington, to add classes as noted above. Motion carried.**

- Elimination of underlined portion of rule #4 under Junior Exhibitor Livestock Rules:

Currently reads: If an animal in the junior show is to be shown in the open show, it must be done by the same youth or member of the family. In the case of a partnership animal, the junior may show in the junior show and another partner in the open show.

**Motion by Campbell, supported by Gale, to eliminate underlined portion of rule #4 under Junior Exhibitor Livestock Rules. Motion carried.**

- Proposal to change language of rule #2 under the Junior Exhibitor Livestock Rules:

Currently reads: Animals that have been given tranquilizers other than which are normally fed shall not be shown. No drugs shall be administered to market livestock that are prohibited by state or federal regulations. Livestock receiving

such drugs shall not be sold. Animals must be past the withdrawal period to **show or sell** at the fair.

**Motion by Burk, supported by Harrington, that states animals must be past withdrawal period to show or sell in the fair. Motion carried.**

- Department 4, Beef Cattle Open Show Rule #2

Currently reads: Proof of breed registration shall include all 2015 calves or animals will show in crossbred/commercial (section 10). Registered purebred animals must be registered in their respective registers and records. It shall be the duty of each exhibitor to present his certificates or registration and transfers for all entries to the Superintendent. Transfers must be signed by secretaries of the registry association and must show date transfers were made. The herd books and records recognized by the fair management include all American her books and records of their respective breeds and all Canadian and European her books and records that are recognized by the American Record Association for the same breeds. Proposal to add: **Pending papers** will not be accepted.

**Motion by Campbell, supported by Gale, that we leave rule #2 “as is” for this year and investigate it more for next year. Motion carried. Rondeau opposed.**

## 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**10. Next Meeting** – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Media Reception @ Island Resort & Casino

## 11. Adjournment

**Motion by Wender, supported by Campbell, to adjourn. Motion carried.**  
The time was 2:42 p.m.

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Jonathan Mead, Secretary/Admin. Agent