**Sterling Fair Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 24th, 2023 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in-person at the Butterick Municipal Building, or via zoom

1. Call to order: 6:34 PM
2. Roll call
   1. In-person: Doug Downey, Megan Fowler-Magaw, Gloria Rugg, Scott Handler, Cynthia Dodge, Phil Campbell, Veronica Smith, Mary Roy, Heather Rockwell, Val Pruneau, Mark Pruneau, Maggie Agurkis, Dave Agurkis, Tim Hardy, Carl Gronblom
   2. Zoom: Muriel Johnson, Bob Holden, Barbara Roberti, Carter Gruca, Diana Andrews, Gina Melnick
3. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting
4. Chairperson report
   1. Joan Strang was a founding Fair Committee member from 1981 that recently passed away. We will have a 15-gun salute with the Fireworks at the fair
5. Open issues/old business
   1. Livestock chair/team – still looking for volunteers. Terry and Doug met with Chip and Tahna
      1. Diana Andrews (beef) is willing to step in with direction from Chip and Tahna
      2. Gina can help with online entries or other aspects
      3. We have two volunteers interested in Livestock show assistant in contact with Tim
      4. We can schedule a meeting within the next week to discuss livestock responsibilities
      5. Looking for more volunteers for rabbits, chickens/fowl
      6. Working on getting in touch with judges from last year
   2. Insurance – no updates as of today
   3. Entertainment – all shows have been confirmed – just double check the Strummers
      1. Friday
         1. 8 – 9:30 PM – Shot of Poison
      2. Saturday
         1. 10 – 11 AM Sterling Strummers \*confirm with Linda Davis
         2. 11 – 12 PM Animal Adventures
         3. 12 – 3 PM 60s band
         4. 3 -4 PM Steve Charette magician
         5. 4-6 PM Blake & Emma band
         6. 6 – 7 PM Steve Charette magician
         7. 7:15 PM Rob Surrette speed painter
         8. 8 – 10 PM Michael David band
      3. Sunday
         1. 11 – 12 PM Animal Adventures
         2. 12 – 1 PM Steve Charette magician
         3. 1 – 5 PM Karaoke
   4. Veronica from Senior Center:
      1. Last year: 36 passengers on Saturday including strummers (25%)
      2. Updates: better advertised, is there an option for a “fast pass” that adds a benefit as opposed to driving themselves, signage for the Entertainment tent needs to be clearer
      3. Will continue with the “priority seating” signs for the lower benches and rest tent
   5. Fence: quote submitted ($4323.76) for the same fence
   6. Fireworks - quote signed ($8500, minus $1000 from Gillette), add 10-gun salute for Carl Strait and 15-gun salute for Joan Strang.
      1. To clarify – no guns, this is a firework without
   7. Radio station 107.3 – now booked for this year, but interested for future years
   8. Legos will be moved into the Exhibit Hall this year – more exposure and more security
   9. Zip trip – they would love to highlight the Fair! Aug 18 interview with Doug 8 AM live. We should have aerial photos from last year that we paid for that we can provide
6. New business
   1. Reinforce with vendors that they can’t have dogs with them unless they are service dogs
   2. Buttons should be arriving this week ~10K
   3. Ray Rugg Jr. and Sue Rugg submitted a letter of resignation as of Sunday, September 10th, 2023. We thank them for their many years of service, hard-work and commitment
   4. Hydrotech has volunteered to do the water for us – set-up and take-down
7. Adjournment at 7:53 PM