**Sterling Fair February 13, 2023 Committee Meeting minutes**

Roll call: Attendees (in person or Zoom): Doug Downey, Megan Fowler-Magaw, Barbara Roberti, Carl Gromblom, Bob Holden, Donna Holden, Scott Handler, Terry Heinold, Tim Hardy, Dave Agurkis, Heather Rockwell, Dustin Whiteaker, Cynthia Dodge

1. Call to order at 6:27 PM
2. Meetings from the January meeting were read and approved
3. Chairperson report – Doug submitted a report to the town, as done yearly
4. Open issues / old business
   1. Outstanding bills / invoices / reimbursements – only one remaining
   2. Had a very successful fair party – thank you to all helpers and attendees
   3. Insurance
      1. Getting in contact with Bill Caldwell – Town Administrator, to get all insurance forms filled out and signed by him.
      2. Barbara has put it on the town warrant to be on the town meeting for the town to pick up a majority, if not all, of the bill. We have the support of John Kilcorn to do anything he can for the fair
      3. Financial committee knows that we are going to bring up the insurance discussion
5. New business
   1. Planning for the 2023 fair – September 8th, 9th, 10th, 2023
      1. Barbara: Speed Painter/ Artist – Rob Surette – large pictures of movie stars, celebrities, gets $10,000 a show and was at Disney for the last 3 weeks doing multiple shows. He offered to do an hour show for us and only charge $1200 (time and travel). He would prefer a tent, but he can work outside if it isn’t raining. All he needs is an electric outlet for music and a microphone. He would prefer a Saturday around 4 PM
         1. <http://www.amazingheroart.com/>

A good faith motion was made and seconded to hire Rob Surette from her Entertainment budget in the future. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on an to increase for the Entertainment budget to cover the Rob Surette. The motion passed.

* + 1. Barbara also found an animal show from Bolton for $300 a show. We could do multiple shows if we wanted
       1. Pancake tent – one concern is this would be hidden and shows would be missed
       2. Next to or across from Kneeland
    2. Drawing traffic to the animal area
       1. Heather: we could do an “antique” market from the Farmers’ Market to the old hangar area. Though we’re competing with Brimfield, there are other vendors she can work with. The high-quality items she wants to focus on would require security which we can’t provide – so vendors would need to be responsible for their items. This area could also include relocated crafters.
       2. Could move the exhibit booth over there, but it wouldn’t be on flat tar
       3. Could also consider moving a popular vendor, like the firefighters, over there as well / instead
    3. Parking: we need to ensure there is a radio that connects the parking groups to the fair group. We can mark the radios with the right channel. Need 1-2 people for parking starting at an earlier time (2PM Friday, 7AM Sat/Sun).
    4. Doug submitted for the town report, which he does once a year
    5. Reminder: Need a new livestock chair
  1. Voting on new members:
     1. A motion was made and seconded to vote Megan Fowler-Magaw as a new fair committee member. The motion passed.
  2. Election of officers
     1. **Doug Downey** was nominated and accepted a nomination for Chairperson. A vote was cast, electing him as Chairperson.
     2. **Terry Heinold** was nominated and accepted a nomination for Vice Chairperson. A vote was cast, electing him as Vice Chairperson.
     3. **Phil Campbell** was nominated for Treasurer. A vote was cast, electing him as Treasurer.
     4. **Megan Fowler-Magaw** was nominated for Secretary with the understanding this would only be official following being sworn-in as a fair committee this week. She accepted with the stipulation. A vote was cast for this motion.
     5. A motion was made and approved to vote on the slate of officers as indicated above. The motion passed.
  3. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15th in-person at Butterick Town Building

1. Adjournment at 7:50 PM