

## Sterling Fair Committee Meeting Minutes

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in-person at the Butterick Municipal Building, or via zoom

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- I. Call to order: 6:34 PM
- II. Roll call
  - a. In-person: Doug Downey, Megan Fowler-Magaw, Heather Rockwell, Merylee Callahan, Scott Handler, Tim Hardy, Cynthia Dodge, Barbara Roberti, Maggie Agurkis, Dave Agurkis, Phil Campbell, Terry Heinold, Bob Kneeland
  - b. Via zoom: Bob Holden, Adam Bennett, Rachael Catlow, Carl Gronblom, Muriel Johnson, Tahna Hallet
- III. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting
- IV. Chairperson report
  - a. Last call for outstanding bills and invoices – final receipts have been received
  - b. FOX25 is coming to Sterling in August – Scott will reach out to them for press for the Fair. Goal would be to get exposure for donations, press within the town for volunteers
  - c. Insurance – still in progress. If anything comes up we may need to have a quick meeting
  - d. There will be a 2023 fair and the intention is to continue with an annual fair – please don't spread any rumors to the contrary
- V. Open issues/old business
  - a. The Cub Scouts want a booth – Terry passed this onto vendors
  - b. Kevin from Charles Acres Landscaping wants to volunteer. Terry offered Mon-Wed after airplanes are moved out the area needs to be weed wacked/mowed and will stay in touch
  - c. Check on Ed Perkins weighing our horse & oxen (sold his business). The staff is still the same, but Muriel is still looking into it.
  - d. Henrickson will amend the 2022 signs for free. 100 new signs for 2023 will be ordered
  - e. Scott reported on possible grant options including a Festival Grant for \$2500
- VI. New business
  - a. Budget:
    - i. Create two line items to distinguish between money allotted for band entertainment and other entertainment shows
    - ii. Discussion on fencing around the tractor pull area for security and button sales. Consider placing a button seller instead, but that doesn't address security
  - b. Livestock chair:
    - i. Start advertising for the position. Brockton Fair? Andrews family? Email to all our chairs first. Muriel has one name she is pursuing and will also contact Eric Jacobowitz.
    - ii. Could we sponsor a 4H show at the fair – Tahna will reach out to Middlesex and Terry will reach out to Worcester. Lancaster? Plymouth? There may be 4H insurance to consider
    - iii. We could consider reaching out to agricultural schools in the future
  - c. We will not be moving forward with the antique/Brimfield idea because it is the same weekend
  - d. Next meeting will be on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- VII. Adjournment at 7:56 PM