

**Central Wisconsin State Fair
Board of Director Minutes
May 22nd, 2017 7:00PM**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jeff Hartman, Sara Schmitt, Ed Wagner, Jeremy Carolfi, Andy Keogh, Jason Zaleski (City), Jeff Viergutz, John Hartman (Jr. Fair), Bob Ashbeck (County)

Absent: None

The meeting of the Central Wisconsin State Fair was called to order at 7:10pm in the Jr. Fair Building at the Central Wisconsin State Fair Grounds.

Closed Session: As per State Statute 19.85 (1)(f), Andy moved for the board to enter into closed session and Jason seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all board members accepted the motion to enter into closed session. Once in closed session, Ed made a motion to accept the resignation of the Executive Director, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary with regrets, Jeremy seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Discussion about the Executive Committee followed. It was decided to not remove Officers from the Executive Committee. Jeff announced to the board that the fair tentatively hired Dale Christiansen as the Executive Director. Discussion followed. Ed moved to enter back into open session and Jason seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken and all board members accepted the motion to enter back into open session.

Open Session: Sara reported on the events of the closed session. Jeff announced the hire of Dale Christiansen and Sara read the bio that Dale prepared. Additional discussion followed regarding Dale's resume and qualifications. Jason made a motion to appoint Dale Christiansen as the Executive Director of the Central Wisconsin State Fair and John seconded the motion, all moved. Jeff explained the terms of Dale's employment as \$36,000/year salary, a 3 year contract with a 3 year trial.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Andy nominated Jeff and Sara seconded. Ed nominated Jeremy and Jason seconded. Jeff asked three times for any other nominations and no one came forward. Sara moved to close nominations and Jeremy seconded, motion approved unanimously. Melissa Hanke and Lori Salzmann collected and counted ballots. Melissa reported there were 5 votes for Jeff and 4 votes for Jeremy making Jeff the new Chair.

Vice Chair: Ed nominated Jeremy and Jason seconded. Sara nominated Andy and John seconded. John moved to close nomination and Jason seconded. Melissa and Lori collected and counted ballots. Melissa reported that Jeremy won Vice Chair with 5 votes and Andy had 4 votes.

Secretary: John nominated Sara and Jason seconded. Ed moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sara, Jason seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Jeff nominated Andy and Sara seconded. Ed moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Andy, Jason seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Sara reported the results of the elections. Ed mentioned the County Directory was coming out and he needed contact information for the members of the Executive Committee.

Other Discussion: There were concerns about a maintenance manager to take care of the horse arena and horse show. Jeff met with Steve Taylor and announced that Steve will be coming back to help with the fair grounds maintenance for this year and will be working on the grounds soon. Jeff also gave an update that the Horse/Multipurpose building is almost complete and that there is some final excavating work to be finished soon. Ed discussed the need to fill 3-4 open positions on the Board of Directors. Ed stated that there will be posts on our Facebook page and website, or to contact a current board member before the next meeting on Monday, June 19th, 2017. Jeff included that anyone interested should present a written resume or bio stating why you want to be on the board, and what you can do to help the fair and the board. There was a question about the progress of posting information to the fair's website and Jeremy stated that we hope to have information posted before the June meeting. There was also discussion about the best way to advertise the open board positions to find new members and it was determined that new board nominations must be submitted by Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 7:00pm. Jason then suggested that the Executive Committee should meet to discuss ways to advertise open board positions. John moved to adjourn the meeting and Andy seconded, motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Schmitt
Secretary