



NHMPA 7/24/2023 Special Meeting - Minutes 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Doug Byam, Kelly Byam, Charles Hunt, Dave Kemp, John Kenney, Kate Stanley, Will Streeter, Stephanie Kelly (Secretary).

Members Absent: Chris Olsen.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Interim President John Kenney.

Preparation for Cheshire Fair

1. John has been in touch with Alisha. He is going to check the building on Sunday. Setup is next Wednesday because the Fair starts Thursday. John apologized for “not carrying his weight” - the group told John he did not need to apologize because he has been working so much for DOT.
2. Doug has talked with Mike Moore, Marty Boisvert, Deb Locke, Larry Moore, Heidi Bundy, Dave Beadreau, Jessie James - left message but no response - Leigh Niland, and James Gove, all producers from last year. Dave will supply BBQ for Big E and Deerfield but not Cheshire. James Gove is going to pick up for Deb Locke making cotton candy - is there usable sugar in the trailer? Doug ordered 3 cases of sugar around last Thursday or Friday (before Christa did the Treasurer’s report) to go to Deb Locke for Deerfield and the Big E (Deb said it has not been delivered yet). Doug will call Heidi and Jesse James again tomorrow.
3. Doug asked everyone to bring the same things they brought last year. No one knows what was sold at Cheshire because afterward, Bud took everything and divided it up to go to the other Fairs. The goal this year is to get people paid for each Fair before



the next Fair. Deb said every sale should be accounted for in Square - even cash sales. Kate said all of the Board has access, and Christa is really good about getting them the code for Square. Deb said the Board needs to get James Gove the numbers for nuts so he knows how many to make. Stephanie sent a message to Christa from MAC to help get NHMPA items sold last year for people to know what to make this year. The Board agreed to keep prices the same as last year. James Gove is going to bring his ice cream machine; the price will be \$5, and the Association gets 20%. Mike Moore said they will be bringing 24 quarts, 24 pints, 24 1/2 pt, 24 500 ml gallone, 24 250 ml gallone, 24 - 100 ml, and 24 maple mustard. Mike said they will send a couple of bags of pretzels for the mustard samples.

4. Doug called Bascom's, and he talked with Sam. There was a note that said no one should be ordering except Andrew or Alisha; Doug asked Sam to remove that note (Sam agreed since he knew the situation with the Board).
5. Deb asked who would work the Fair. Doug said he will be there all 4 days. Leigh Niland can help in the evenings on Thursday and Friday and then all day on Saturday and Sunday. Deb wanted to be sure James Gove will not be there by himself. Kelly can help on Saturday and Sunday. Deb said the building was open 10 am each morning. Majority of sales were at night. John said there is nothing very late on Thursday and Friday so they could probably close around 8 pm. Saturday is busier with truck pulls. John said depending on the weather on Saturday, they might want to open earlier - maybe 9 am.
6. Wednesday night is setup night - John is planning to be available Wednesday night and hoping Doug and whomever else will be available to help. Doug and John will be at the Fairgrounds by 4. People can drop off product to John or Doug before the Fair if they are not able to deliver it directly to the Fairgrounds. Doug said there are a



couple of people who are taking product to Mike, and Mike will bring it to Doug. Mike said he is bringing his own product and Larry Moore's. Deb will send her candy with James. Mike said Marty is bringing his own as he doesn't want it there as early as Mike is bringing his to Charlie. Deb said extra cream is stored in the air conditioned room under the table. Kelly said they have large coolers that they could bring if necessary. John said they can go over how to use Square on Wednesday night. Will has the iPads and will get them to Mike or someone else to get to the Fair. Kelly will try to go to the setup on Wednesday night.

7. Charlie made arrangements with Mike Moore - Mike will drop off syrup to Charlie to go in the trailer. Charlie is planning to get the trailer to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday afternoon. He has been there before and knows where to go.
8. The Association needs to make a request for passes for admission. Doug is estimating at least 6 passes. Charlie said he wants to help and be involved but has to be careful (no lifting) because of his heart condition. John said he will request 8 passes. Deb said if you tell the people at the gate that you are working, then they will let you in.
9. Kelly reminded the group and confirmed with Deb about using the air conditioner.
10. Kate has the invoice for the new apparel. Hats cost \$14.73-16.73. Sell them for \$18. Quarter-zip sweatshirts cost \$47.98 for 3X; smaller sizes cost less. Sell them for \$50. Dark green hoodies cost \$50, and 2x were \$54. Sell them for \$60. Mike asked if the NHMPA apparel is being sold to nonmembers; the group said that is what has always been done at Fairs. Other (old) apparel is in Square already. Need to add photos to Square of new items - can be done on the iPads.
11. Kelly said they ordered hanging cotton candy bags with twist ties, taster cups, and spoons to be delivered to Doug and Kelly this week.



12. Dave mentioned startup cash for the drawers. Kelly asked how much is typically used - John said about \$200 in small bills. Kelly said she and Doug can provide that cash and be reimbursed. Deb suggested \$100 in ones, \$100 in fives, and \$100 in tens.

Motion to adjourn by Doug with a second by Dave.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Kelly, Morning Ag Clips