

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL

Reverend Tim Christopher, Sarah Cade
Hauptman, and the Minnesota Gun Owner's
Caucus,

Court File No. 62-CV-21-4223

BRIDGET BOYLE'S DECLARATION

Plaintiffs,

v.

Ramsey County, Bob Fletcher, in his official
capacity as Ramsey County Sheriff, and the
State Agricultural Society,

Defendants.

Bridget Boyle, in accordance with Minn. Rev. Stat. § 358.116, states as follows:

1. My name is Bridget Boyle. I am a United States citizen residing in Minnesota and an attorney with Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister LLP at 2200 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth Center, Minneapolis, MN. I submit this declaration in conjunction with Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Injunction. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and accurate copy of a June 28, 2021 letter sent from Plaintiff Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus to Defendant State Agricultural Society, through counsel.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and accurate copy of a July 9, 2021 letter sent from Defendant State Agricultural Society to Plaintiff Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, through counsel.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a true and accurate copy of the Minnesota State Fair website “Allowed and Prohibited Items” page in PDF form downloaded from <https://www.mnstatefair.org/faq/allowed-and-prohibited-items/>.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is a true and accurate copy of the Minnesota State Fair website “Health and Safety” page in PDF form downloaded from <https://www.mnstatefair.org/faq/health-and-safety/>.

6. Attached as **Exhibit E** is a true and accurate copy of the 2021 Agricultural Society Rules, or “Minnesota State Agricultural Society Rules Chapter 37” downloaded from <https://assets.mnstatefair.org/pdf/competition/21-rules-regs.pdf>.

7. Attached as **Exhibit F** is a true and accurate copy of the 2016 Minnesota State Fair website in PDF form. I downloaded this information from “web.archive.org” which is an initiative of the Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit building a digital library of Internet sites.

8. Attached as **Exhibit G** is a true and accurate copy of the “Board Action” section from the State Agricultural Society’s 2016 Annual Report on the Minnesota State Fair and the accompanying cover page and table of contents.

9. Attached as **Exhibit H** is a true and accurate copy of the “Board Action” section from the State Agricultural Society’s 2017 Annual Report on the Minnesota State Fair and the accompanying cover page and table of contents for context. This exhibit was downloaded from the Minnesota legislative reference library.

10. Attached as **Exhibit I** is a true and accurate copy of the “Board Action” section from the State Agricultural Society’s 2018 Annual Report on the Minnesota State Fair and the

accompanying cover page and table of contents for context. This exhibit was downloaded from the Minnesota legislative reference library.

11. Attached as **Exhibit J** is a true and accurate copy of the “Board Action” section from the State Agricultural Society’s 2019 Annual Report on the Minnesota State Fair and the accompanying cover page and table of contents for context. This exhibit was downloaded from the Minnesota legislative reference library.

12. Attached as **Exhibit K** is a true and accurate copy of the “Board Action” section from the State Agricultural Society’s 2020 Annual Report on the Minnesota State Fair and the accompanying cover page and table of contents for context. This exhibit was downloaded from the Minnesota legislative reference library.

13. Attached as **Exhibit L** is a true and accurate copy of the article “Private security, metal detectors part of the Minnesota State Fair Safety Plan” in PDF form downloaded from <https://www.kare11.com/article/entertainment/events/minnesota-state-fair/ramsey-county-sheriffs-office-will-lead-security-at-minnesota-state-fair/89-758ecf5a-2320-4325-bd1c-9857e8f65499>.

14. Attached as **Exhibit M** is a true and accurate copy of the article “Minnesota State Fair will add metal detectors at entrance gates” in PDF form downloaded from <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/01/19/minnesota-state-fair-will-add-metal-detectors-at-entrance-gates>.

15. Attached as **Exhibit N** is a true and accurate copy of the article “State Fair policing issue could be settled Tuesday; Ramsey County board to consider contracts” in PDF

form downloaded from <https://www.twincities.com/2021/07/26/state-fair-policing-issue-could-be-settled-tuesday-ramsey-county-board-to-consider-contracts/>.

16. Attached as **Exhibit O** is a true and accurate copy of FFA 2019 Dormitory Rules and Regulations in PDF from downloaded from <https://assets.mnstatefair.org/pdf/competition/19-ffa-dorm-rules.pdf>.

17. Attached as **Exhibit P** is a true and accurate copy of FFA 2019 Dormitory Pre-registration in PDF form downloaded from <https://assets.mnstatefair.org/pdf/competition/19-ffa-dorm-registration-form.pdf>.

18. Attached as **Exhibit Q** is a true and accurate copy of FFA Rules of Conduct in PDF form downloaded from <https://assets.mnstatefair.org/pdf/competition/19-ffa-rules-of-conduct.pdf>.

19. I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.

/s/ Mary Bridget Boyle
M. Bridget Boyle

9 day of August, 2021.

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June 28, 2021

**Sent by Email (Jerry.Hammer@mnstatefair.org)
and U.S. Mail (Certified)**

Jerry Hammer
Secretary
State Agricultural Society
1265 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108-3003

Re: Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus

Dear Mr. Hammer:

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is counsel to the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, a grassroots organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. I write regarding the State Agricultural Society's prohibition on lawful, permitted pistol carry by Minnesotans at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair, scheduled for August 26 to September 6, 2021.

As a "public corporation,"¹ the State Agricultural Society may not lawfully violate the constitutional and statutory rights of citizens. The Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess firearms.² That individual right has been incorporated against the state.³

¹ Minn. Stat. § 37.01.

² *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008).

³ *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010); *State v. Craig*, 826 N.W.2d 789 (Minn. 2013). Because the First Amendment has already been held to bind the society, *Heffron v. International Soc. for Krishna Consciousness, Inc.*, 452 U.S. 640 (1981), there can be no doubt that the Second Amendment also binds it.

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I understand that the State Agricultural Society purports to prohibit from the 2021 State Fair all weapons⁴ including pistols, which are protected by the Second Amendment and by state law. Specifically, Minnesota law preempts any local regulation of firearms and ammunition that is inconsistent with state law “to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance or regulation,”⁵ subject to two exceptions not relevant here. Thus, even though the State Agricultural Society may enact ordinances,⁶ those ordinances cannot validly conflict with state or federal law.

If the State Agricultural Society is represented by counsel, please forward this letter accordingly. My client wishes to promptly ensure that the State Agricultural Society will not prohibit lawful, permitted pistol carry by Minnesotans at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair. The public interest is best served by ensuring that public corporations honor state and federal law.

MGDPA Request

Pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act,⁷ my client requests copies of the following five categories of data:

1. All bylaws, ordinances, or rules, as those terms are used in Minn. Stat. § 37.16, that:
 - a. have ever been filed with the secretary of the society State Agricultural Society; and⁸
 - b. are presently in effect, or will be in effect through and including September 6, 2021.

⁴ *E.g.*, <https://www.mnstatefair.org/faq/allowed-and-prohibited-items/> (last visited June 24, 2021).

⁵ Minn. Stat. § 471.633; Minn. Stat. § 624.714, subd. 23; *see* Minn. Stat. § 624.717 (providing that the Minnesota Citizens’ Personal Protection Act of 2003 supersedes any local regulation the carrying or possessing of pistols); *see also* Minn. Stat. § 624.714, subd. 22 (“The legislature of the state of Minnesota recognizes and declares that the second amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms. The provisions of this section are declared to be necessary to accomplish compelling state interests in regulation of those rights. The terms of this section must be construed according to the compelling state interest test.”).

⁶ Minn. Stat. § 37.16 (providing that the society may enact ordinances, violations of which are misdemeanors).

⁷ Minn. Stat. ch. 13.

⁸ My client does not seek copies of bylaws, ordinances, or rules which the society does not contend are in effect, even if filed with the secretary. This request is prospective, though, and does seek any later-effective bylaws, ordinances, or rules filed after today.

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2. All data regarding any authorization or permission given to any person to carry firearms on the State Fairgrounds⁹ during any state fair since 2016, inclusive.
3. The data inventory required by Minn. Stat. § 13.025, subd. 1.
4. The public data access policy required by Minn. Stat. § 13.025, subd. 2.
5. The data subject rights and access policy required by Minn. Stat. § 13.025, subd. 3.

If access to any of this data is denied, I request written certification along with citation to any and all statutory sections or other authority under which the denial is made, for each and all of the data to which access has been denied. To the extent any data is deemed classified as security information, I request a description explaining the necessity.

Sincerely,

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP

s/ Scott M. Flaherty

Scott M. Flaherty

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⁹ As defined in Minn. Stat. § 37.01.

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July 9, 2021

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus

Dear Scott:

We represent the State Agricultural Society. We write in response to your letter dated June 28, 2021. In your letter, you state that your client—the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus—“wishes to promptly ensure” that the State Agricultural Society will allow private citizens to carry guns on the fairgrounds at the 2021 State Fair. The State Agricultural Society has the obligation and the authority to impose rules and policies that prioritize the health and safety of fairgoers. To that end, the State Agricultural Society has consistently maintained the policy that private citizens may not bring weapons onto the fairgrounds during the fair.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest in the nation. On an average day during the annual fair, more than 180,000 persons crowd the fairgrounds. The State Agricultural Society leases/licenses space and structures to more than 1,000 exhibitors and concessionaires each day of the fair. To ensure the safety of the fair, the policy prohibiting weapons on the fairgrounds during the fair must be maintained.

In your letter, you request certain information from the State Agricultural Society. With respect to your first request, the State Agriculture Society’s rules are available on the Minnesota State Fair’s website at: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/faq/>. The Agricultural Society does not have documents responsive to request No. 2 and does not maintain the inventory or policies requested in Nos. 3, 4, or 5.

Scott M. Flaherty
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Very truly yours,

s/ Leah C. Janus

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What should I bring the fair?

In order to help you better plan what to bring to the fair, we made a video of what you can – and cannot – bring to the Minnesota State Fair. Check it out.

What items are prohibited at the fair?

The Minnesota State Fair's security program includes walk-through metal detectors at all entry gates. Bags, purses, coolers and packages will be subject to search at each of the State Fair's entrances. Prohibited items include:

- Weapons or objects that appear to be weapons
- Fireworks or other explosive and flammable objects
- Alcoholic beverages or any illegal substance
- Drones or any remote-controlled toys

- Bikes, skateboards, skates, hoverboards

Other items may be refused at the discretion of State Fair management or law enforcement.

Can I bring food and drinks onto the fairgrounds?

Certainly. Fair guests are welcome to bring outside food and drinks. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the fair.

Can I bring in a backpack, bag or cooler?

Yes. Backpacks, bags and coolers are permitted on the fairgrounds, but are subject to search. There are no lockers or a bag check at the State Fair. Please note: Coolers are not permitted at the Grandstand.

Can I bring my pet to the fair?

During the 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair, pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds, with the exception of service dogs or animals approved as part of an exhibition. Service dogs are those that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NON-FAIR EVENTS

Pets are not allowed at most non-fair events, with the exception of certain shows and service dogs or animals approved as part of an exhibition. Please contact events@mnstatefair.org or 651-288-4400 for information on pets at specific non-fair events.

See the fairgrounds events calendar.

FAIRGROUNDS – NON-FAIR TIME

During the non-fair time, pets are welcome on the fairgrounds provided they are confined or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. The fairgrounds are open to the public daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. except during times when the fairgrounds are closed for grounds-wide events. See the non-fair events calendar for more information.

Are selfie sticks allowed?

The use of “selfie sticks” and camera poles is prohibited in the Grandstand concert venue, free entertainment stage seating areas and on rides at Mighty Midway, Kidway, Adventure Park and ticketed attractions.

Can I bring my camera to the fair?

Guests are welcome to bring cameras to the fair; however, audio/video recording of performances on free entertainment stages is prohibited. For Grandstand performances, audio/video recording is not permitted, and still photography may be restricted by the artist(s). Contact the Minnesota State Fair Ticket Office with questions about a specific Grandstand concert at 651-288-4427. GoPro cameras are prohibited on all rides at the Minnesota State Fair, even if the camera is fastened to a harness or other device intended to hold the camera.

Media, production crews and individuals interested in shooting with tripods or equipment other than standard point-and-shoot cameras during the fair should refer to the fair’s photography and video footage guidelines.

If you are looking to take photographs or video footage during the non-fair time on the fairgrounds, please contact the non-fair events department at events@mnstatefair.org.

Can I operate my drone over the fairgrounds?

No, you cannot. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, the Minnesota State Fair prohibits unauthorized operation or use of any unmanned aerial vehicle on or above the Minnesota State Fairgrounds year-round. This includes all UAVs, commonly known as “drones,” regardless of commercial or recreational purpose. Any UAV(s) observed at or near the Minnesota State Fairgrounds will be reported to local law enforcement and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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What are the fair's COVID-19 health & safety guidelines?

For all information regarding health & safety at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair, please visit our [Updates](#) page.

Will the fair have law enforcement this year?

Yes. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will provide law enforcement services at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair. Learn more about the fair's [comprehensive safety & security plan](#).

Who should I call in the case of an emergency?

Call 911 in an emergency. During the fair, call 651-291-1111 for non-emergencies related to law enforcement, medical or fire.

Where are hand wash stations located on the fairgrounds?

During the fair, hand wash stations are available at many entrances to buildings in the livestock areas, including Compeer Arena, Cattle Barn, Cattle Annex, Sheep & Poultry Barn, Robert A. Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn) and the CHS Miracle of Birth Center. Hand wash stations are also located in the Food Building.

We invite guests to enjoy time with the animals, but highly recommend washing or sanitizing hands before and after visits and especially prior to eating.

Where are the designated smoking areas on the fairgrounds?

For the comfort and safety of all, designated smoking areas have been established at convenient locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes and vape pens) is permitted only in these areas. Each designated smoking area consists of a bench and receptacle to safely deposit spent cigarettes. Designated smoking areas are identified on State Fair maps, which are available at all information booths.

Where is First Aid located?

There are two First Aid locations during the fair, sponsored by Regions Hospital.

- First Aid West: 8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., across from West End Market.
- First Aid East: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), on the outside of the north end of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street.

Call 911 in case of an emergency. In a non-emergency, call 651-291-1111.

What are the gate entry guidelines?

The Minnesota State Fair's security program includes walk-through metal detectors at all entry gates. Bags, purses, coolers and packages will be subject to search at each of the State Fair's entrances. Prohibited items include:

- Weapons or objects that appear to be weapons
- Fireworks or other explosive and flammable objects
- Alcoholic beverages or any illegal substance
- Drones or any remote-controlled toys
- Bikes, skateboards, skates, hoverboards

Other items may be refused at the discretion of State Fair management or law enforcement.

What should I do in the case of inclement weather?

The Minnesota State Fair is held rain or shine. Severe weather shelters are noted on a State Fair map. Follow @mnstatefair on Twitter for severe weather updates during the fair.

Grandstand concerts also go on rain or shine. Concert bookings do not allow for refunds or exchanges in the event of rain. If weather appears inclement, please bring jackets or ponchos. Use of umbrellas is prohibited at the Grandstand.

Can I still enjoy the fair with food allergies?

The Minnesota State Fair's group of independent concessionaires and restaurant operators work hard each year to help fair guests with food allergies. Most of the food vendors, although not a requirement, will post allergy warnings, particularly those pertaining to nut issues, but we encourage fair guests to inquire about specific concerns with each vendor.

Consider visiting the Health Fair 11 exhibit, which offers free or low-cost health screenings and information, as well as information to help visitors navigate and safely enjoy the fair. Pick up a list of gluten-free fair food options produced by Twin Cities ROCK, also found [here!](#)

Fair guests are welcome to bring outside food and drinks. Coolers are permitted, but are subject to search at the entrances. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the fair. Please note: Coolers are not permitted in the Grandstand.

Where can I find an AED on the fairgrounds?

Stop by an information booth for a list of AEDs. In case of emergency, call 911. During the fair, call 651-291-1111 in a non-emergency.

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Minnesota State Agricultural Society Rules

Chapter 37

Minnesota Statutes JANUARY 2021

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CHAPTER 37 MINNESOTA STATUTES

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Rules governing the management and control of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the Minnesota State Fair.

CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL

1.01 AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to authority granted the Minnesota State Agricultural Society by Minn. Stat. § 37.16. The Minnesota State Agricultural Society is not an agency of statewide jurisdiction, therefore, rules adopted by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society have not been promulgated pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 14 and will not be found in the bound volume of Minnesota rules.

1.02 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) **Board of managers.** The board of managers is responsible for management and control of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society including the annual election of its secretary.
- (b) **Commercial space.** Those areas and locations on the State Fairgrounds designated by the Society to be used for commercial exhibits and concessions.
- (c) **Commercial space committee.** The committee of three or more members of the board of managers, designated by the president of the Society, empowered to examine Society commercial space policies and the actions of the commercial space division and make recommendations thereon to the board of managers.
- (d) **Competitive exhibitor.** Any person or firm which enters animals or articles for competitive exhibition at the State Fair.
- (e) **Delegate.** That employee of the Society given authority by the secretary to act on the secretary's behalf in the instance specified.
- (f) **Department superintendent.** That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society department.
- (g) **Director.** That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society division.

- (h) **License.** An agreement whereby the Society grants to an entity the privilege to exhibit, disseminate information, sell, make deliveries of or accept deposits for future deliveries of goods, services, or information on or from an assigned State Fairgrounds commercial space during the period of the State Fair. Licenses will be granted in accordance with the Society's commercial space policy and rules, upon timely and proper application and showing of qualification, and if commercial space is available.
- (i) **Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Society).** The public corporation and department of state charged with the responsibility for management and control of the State Fairgrounds and conducting the State Fair and other exhibitions on the State Fairgrounds.
- (j) **Personal property.** All privately owned buildings, tents, booths, structures, improvements, business equipment, fixtures or other enclosures, whether portable or permanently affixed to State Fairgrounds property are personal property. A private party is precluded from holding any interest in real property on the State Fairgrounds.
- (k) **Secretary.** The secretary of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society is also the executive vice president.
- (l) **State Fair.** An annual exhibition conducted by the Society on the State Fairgrounds.
- (m) **State Fairgrounds.** That certain area of land in Ramsey County, Minnesota defined and described in Minn. Stat. § 37.01 and other real estate parcels as recorded with Ramsey County Register of Deeds, including the area outside as well as inside the fenced portion thereof.

1.03 ALL PAY GATES.

Entry into the State Fair shall be solely contingent upon the presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers.

Only properly identified emergency personnel, such as police, fire and ambulance, as well as properly identified Society service personnel, shall be exempted from this rule when engaged in legitimate emergency or service duty which requires passage through State Fairgrounds admission gates.

1.04 GATE CONTROLS.

Admission gates and exhibit buildings of the State Fair will be open to visitors on days and during operating hours as set by the board of managers. Persons not involved in the preparation or teardown of exhibits for the State Fair may be prohibited from entering the State Fairgrounds during the preparation and teardown period. Gate admission fees will be charged during nighttime (non-operating) hours with the same fee schedule in effect as during day time (operating) hours.

Persons entering the State Fairgrounds during non-operating hours, in addition to paying established gate fees, will be required to provide proof of their having business on the State Fairgrounds during said non-operating periods. License holders and their employees needing to enter or remain on the State Fairgrounds during the overnight period must first obtain an overnight badge from the appropriate Society department superintendent or division director. No badge will be issued without proper identification.

1.05 PASS-OUT GATES.

A pass-out system is operated during the State Fair at admission gates. Persons exiting through these gates may, upon request, obtain proper credentials for re-admittance to the State Fairgrounds without additional charge. Re-admittance will be honored the day of issuance only.

1.06 ADMISSION PRICES.

The board of managers shall annually review and establish gate admission prices for persons and vehicles including specific fee exemptions and discounts.

1.07 VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS.

Maximum vehicle speed limits on the State Fairgrounds, as well as appropriate allowances and restrictions dealing with unnecessary acceleration, vehicle parking, delivery hours, restricted areas, tow-away zones and impound arrangements, shall be established by the secretary or delegate. The secretary or delegate shall provide for the placement of such traffic control signals, signs, and other traffic control devices on the State Fairgrounds as deemed necessary for the safety, protection and control of the State Fairgrounds and the people thereon.

When any police officer or security person finds a vehicle illegally parked on the State Fairgrounds, they are authorized to issue a citation, or provide for the removal and impoundment of such vehicle, or both. Cost of removal and storage shall be borne by the vehicle's owner.

1.08 PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY.

When walking on or about any street, sidewalk or other area generally open to the public on the State Fairgrounds, pedestrians shall at all times have the right-of-way as against all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles. Drivers of all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians on the State Fairgrounds.

1.09 TWO-WHEELED AND TRACK-VEHICLES.

Two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters, will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair unless such two-wheeled vehicles are on display in a commercial space licensed by the Society and, in such case, said two-wheeled vehicles must be kept in the assigned commercial space and may not, under any circumstances, be operated on the streets of the State Fairgrounds. Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be used on the State Fairgrounds by persons that are physically challenged. Track-type vehicles, including snowmobiles, may not be operated anywhere on the State Fairgrounds at any time of the year without the express authorization and approval of the secretary or delegate.

1.10 BANNERING, PICKETING, INTERFERING, PROTESTING.

No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the State Fairgrounds before or during the State Fair in any manner that interferes with the convenience and safety of any State Fair patron, exhibitor or employee. No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the State Fairgrounds during any event held on the State Fairgrounds while the annual State Fair is not in session (the off season) without first applying for and obtaining a permit from the Secretary of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society. Applications must be submitted to the Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the event. Application forms and the procedures and policies governing permitting decisions are available from the Secretary upon request. This Rule does not replace or modify any other rule.

1.11 HANDING OUT MATERIALS.

The sale, posting or distribution of any merchandise, products, promotional items and printed or written material except from a fixed location on the State Fairgrounds approved by the secretary or delegate shall be prohibited.

1.12 ADVERTISING VEHICLES.

The operation or parking of any sound truck or vehicle upon which advertising signs, political or otherwise, have been affixed in any manner shall be prohibited anywhere on the State Fairgrounds. This rule is not applicable to a lettered service vehicle advertising a firm or its products while making deliveries or to the normal advertising on bumpers and windows of motor vehicles.

1.13 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall:

- (a) Enter into a contract with the Society.

- (b) Have or acquire any financial interest, whether direct or indirect, in any contract between the Society and any license holder, performer, vendor or contractor.
- (c) Engage or participate in personal business or financial transactions that conflict with the interest of the Society or their obligations and interests as a member of the board of managers, officer or employee of the Society.
- (d) Be entitled to any special consideration involving the storage of vehicles and materials on the State Fairgrounds or the use of Society buildings, machinery, or equipment, except as may be specifically approved by the board of managers.
- (e) Be allowed to purchase any material for their personal use through the name, credit or account of the Society.

1.14 USE OF VEHICLES BY SOCIETY EMPLOYEES.

All vehicles used by managers, officers or employees of the Society in connection with Society business shall:

- (a) Be the property of the manager, officer or employee, with the Society to have no interest or obligation except as authorized by the board of managers and stated in the Society bulletin covering expense reimbursement; or
- (b) Be used by the Society as part of a service contract, through rental or on a courtesy basis; or
- (c) Be the sole property of the Society to be used only on Society business.
- (d) No vehicle shall be rented by the Society from any Society manager, officer or employee.

1.15 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

The following policies concerning fair and equal employment shall be followed by the Society:

- (a) It shall be the policy of the Society to foster the employment of all individuals with the Society in accordance with their fullest capacity and ability, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, and to safeguard their right to hold employment with the Society without discrimination; and
- (b) Every contract for or on behalf of the Society for materials, supplies, construction or licenses may be cancelled or terminated by the Society when discrimination on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, exists in the hiring or employment of common or skilled labor by the contractor pursuant to the contract for or on behalf of the Society.

1.16 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT.

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall accept from a person or company that does business with the Society, any gift, gratuity, cash, merchandise or thing of value. This prohibition shall extend to the acceptance of food or beverage or merchandise at less than full retail price from a license holder during the State Fair.

1.17 HIRING OF RELATIVES.

No relative of a Society employee or a relative of a member of the board of managers shall be given preferential treatment in being hired or promoted. Relatives may be precluded from working in the same Society department.

1.18 DOGS.

During the period of the annual State Fair, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the State Fairgrounds. Exception: Dogs or other pets may be allowed when part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No other exceptions will be allowed during the period of the State Fair.

During the non-fair period, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed in State Fair buildings, unless part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No dogs or other pets may be allowed on the State Fairgrounds at any time unless confined or restrained on a leash of less than six feet in length.

During fair and non-fair periods, society personnel are empowered to order the removal from the State Fair any dog or pet in violation of the above, or found to be disturbing or endangering the public.

1.19 ROLLER SKATES, IN-LINE SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS.

Use of roller skates or in-line skates shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate. Use of skateboards shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds at any time except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

1.20 PRACTICE DRIVING.

The State Fairgrounds may not be used by any person, organization or firm to conduct lessons for or to practice driving automobiles or other motor vehicles, unless such activity is covered under an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

1.21 USE OF METAL DETECTORS.

The use of metal detectors or similar devices shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. Any activity of discovery, whether undertaken with or without a detection device, which results in digging, probing or otherwise disturbing the ground, shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. This rule shall neither limit nor prohibit activities or the use of detection devices as may be directed by the secretary or delegate in the legitimate conduct of Society work.

1.22 ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Minn. Stat. 326.244, Sub. 4 authorizes the Society to provide for inspection of fixed and transient electrical installations within its jurisdiction and to that end the Society has elected to adopt by reference as if fully set forth herein the following sections of Minn. Stat., Chapter 326 dealing with electrical regulations and inspections: A. 326.01 Definitions; B. 326.242 Licenses; C. 326.2421 Alarm and Communication Systems; D. 326.243 Safety Standards; E. 326.244 Inspection, except with respect to fees; F. 326.245 Manufacture of Electrical Apparatus; exempt; and G. 326.246 Crimes.

With respect to Minn. Stat. Sections 326.44 and 326.246, adopted above by reference, wherever the words "the Board", referring to the State Board of Electricity, are used therein, the words "the Society", should be substituted therefore.

The Society will undertake inspections within its jurisdiction in compliance with applicable requirements of the Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800, which are hereby adopted by reference, along with any future revisions, modifications or amendments thereto, except with respect to fees, which shall be established by the Society. With respect to said rules, wherever the words "the Board", referring to the State Board of Electricity, are used therein, the words "the Society" should be substituted therefore. Electrical inspections shall be accomplished by an electrical inspector(s) contracted by the Society to provide such service with qualifications and credentials as are required for the performance of such duties and who further meet the standards specified in Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800.3630.

Each individual, partnership, corporation or other business association doing electrical work within Society jurisdiction shall file with the Society a copy of their current license issued by the Minnesota Board of Electricity or such other evidence of such license as may be provided by said board. No electrical construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall be undertaken within the jurisdictions of the Society, except minor repair work as defined in Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800.1100, without first having received an inspection from the Society.

1.23 SERVICE ANIMALS.

A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

Service animals can accompany people with disabilities in all areas where members of the public are allowed to go. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. Service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

Inquiries, Exclusions, Charges, and Other Specific Rules Related to Service Animals:

- (a) When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff may ask two questions: (1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) What work or task has the dog been trained to perform.
- (b) Staff cannot ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.
- (c) A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:
 - (1) The dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or;
 - (2) The dog is not housebroken.

When there is a legitimate reason to ask that a service animal be removed, staff must offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal's presence.

- (d) In addition to service dogs, miniature horses that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities may be allowed. (Miniature horses generally range in height from 24 inches to 34 inches measured to the shoulders and generally weigh between 70 and 100 pounds.) Assessment factors are:
 - (1) Whether the miniature horse is housebroken;
 - (2) Under the owner's control;
 - (3) The facility can accommodate the miniature horse's type, size, and weight; and
 - (4) The miniature horse's presence will not compromise legitimate safety requirements necessary for the safe operation of the fair.

CHAPTER TWO - COMMERCIAL SPACE**2.00 COMMERCIAL SPACE POLICY.**

Minn. Stat. § 37.17 authorizes the Society to license and regulate shows, rides, exhibits and concessions on the State Fairgrounds. Commercial exhibits are placed at the State Fair to educate, inform, evoke public interest and create business opportunity. Concessions are placed to provide hospitality, shopping opportunity and entertainment, and to serve the needs and wishes of a large, diverse audience. It is the policy and goal of the Society to seek out and grant licenses for the presentation of best-quality commercial exhibits and concessions.

It is further the policy and goal of the Society that available commercial space be occupied by as wide a variety of business enterprises as possible and practical. Placement and management of commercial exhibits and concessions at the State Fair are the proprietary rights of the Society to be exercised exclusively by the Society on behalf of its audience. This exercise may be accomplished by the Society operating its own commercial exhibits and concessions or, as an alternative, issuing licenses which allow qualified independent parties to so operate.

A combination of both procedures may prove best when implemented with discretion and judgment. All commercial space decisions pertaining to the State Fair are made consistent with statutory requirements, these rules and the Society's obligation to its patrons.

2.01 LICENSE RATES.

Rates charged for licenses at the State Fair shall be set by the board of managers and implemented by the secretary or delegate.

2.02 LICENSE TRANSFER.

Agreements covering licenses may not be sold, transferred, assigned or devised by will.

2.03 DURATION AND EXTENSION OF LICENSES.

Licenses are valid for a designated period as agreed in writing. The fact that an operator has entered into an agreement for a designated period does not create a right nor should it create an expectation that the agreement will be extended for any subsequent term. The Society, through its board of managers, secretary and delegate reserves the right at its sole discretion to not grant a new license for a subsequent term. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Society shall annually review all license agreements in consideration of offering a license for another term to operators from the previous term. The review shall be based on new or changing public needs, physical changes and upon performance of the operator as measured by established standards. The Society expressly reserves the right to not grant a new license at any time when it has determined that it is in the best interest of its patrons not to do so. The granting of a new license for a subsequent term shall be on the basis of the same space, purpose, products, and ownership as in the prior term unless otherwise expressly provided by the secretary or delegate. Grounds, space alterations or other operational changes as determined exclusively by the Society may make it necessary to alter or eliminate certain previously available commercial space from one year to the next. In such an instance, the Society may either offer an alternative location or elect to not grant a new license.

2.04 LICENSE EXTENSION PROCEDURES.

The secretary or delegate will send notices via first class mail to operators who held licenses during the immediately preceding term who are to be given an opportunity to obtain a new license. An acknowledgment and acceptance of the location assigned and other terms must be returned within 30 days of original mailing. Any requests for approval of change in location, purpose or products must be noted on the acceptance.

2.05 NEW LICENSES.

In furtherance of its stated policy to seek out best-quality commercial exhibits and concessions, the Society may solicit and receive written proposals from independent parties having an interest in obtaining licenses at the State Fair. Proposals may be submitted at any time; they must be detailed in accordance with specifications provided by the Society. The secretary and delegate shall exercise their best judgment in determining if changes in the present commercial space allocation are called for and, if so, which new commercial exhibits or concessions would best serve the interests of the Society and its patrons. Among the factors to be considered in this process are:

- (a) Availability of appropriate commercial space;
- (b) The health and safety of State Fair patrons;
- (c) The extent to which the proposed product or service duplicates those of other commercial exhibits or concessions;
- (d) The appropriate mixture and balance of products and services available throughout the State Fairgrounds;
- (e) The originality and quality of the proposed products or service;
- (f) Experience and financial stability;
- (g) The quality of presentation and professionalism demonstrated;
- (h) Such other factors as the Society deems appropriate in determining its best interests and those of its patrons.

2.06 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

The placement, construction or alteration of any privately owned building, booth, tent or enclosure on the State Fairgrounds must be approved in advance in writing by the secretary or delegate. A person or entity intending to construct or alter such a facility shall submit a formal, written request along with plans and specifications to the secretary or delegate showing that the proposed construction will be in compliance with applicable building codes and will be of an acceptable design and appearance. All tents must be flame-proofed and accompanied by a letter of certification showing annual flame-proofing treatment by an approved vendor. The Society shall, from time to time, engage qualified engineering personnel and building and fire code officials to inspect and evaluate the structural condition and safety of buildings on the State Fairgrounds. The Society may order changes or modifications in the improvements of operators as it deems necessary. Changes or modifications so ordered must be accomplished within a reasonable time or structure may be ordered closed, removed or torn down at the expense of the operator.

2.07 OWNERSHIP OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Improvements, whether affixed to State Fairgrounds property or portable, are classified as personal property as defined in chapter one of these rules. The use of any improvement on the State Fairgrounds is subject to the discretion of the Society and shall only be permitted pursuant to the terms of a valid license and these rules. Portable personal property must be removed by its owner from the State Fairgrounds within 15 days following the State Fair or it will be removed or torn down at the owner's expense as directed by the secretary or delegate. In the event that the secretary and delegate determine that a new license involving an structure affixed to State Fair property will not be issued and that the affixed structure must be removed from the State Fairgrounds, the secretary or delegate shall give written notice to the owner and provide a specific time for its removal and restoration of the underlying real property. Failure to remove and restore within the time specified shall result in the forfeiture of all rights in the affixed structure and the secretary or delegate, on behalf of the Society, may take possession of and remove the same, charging any expense for removal and restoration to the owner.

2.08 OFF-SEASON USE OF STRUCTURES.

Privately owned structures on the State Fairgrounds may not be used by owners during the non-State Fair period except for storage of commercial exhibit or concession material used pursuant to a license. Any other use must be covered by a separate agreement issued by the Society. Society owned structures may not be used by any person or entity for storage or any other purpose during the non-State Fair period without a separate agreement covering this use issued by the Society.

2.09 OPERATION OF MULTIPLE COMMERCIAL SPACES.

The Society normally does not permit a person or entity to operate from more than one area or location. Those operators who have previously been licensed will not be allowed additional licenses for other locations unless there are compelling factors which indicate that it would be in the best interest of the Society and its patrons to do so.

2.10 TRANSFERS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.

Absent compelling circumstances, the board of managers will not allow the transfer by contract, gift, assignment, bequest, devise, sublease, or otherwise of privately-owned structures affixed to State Fairgrounds property or situated in Society owned buildings. When, in the judgment of the board of managers, it is in the best interest of the Society and its patrons to allow the structure of an owner situated on the State Fairgrounds to be transferred, the secretary or delegate may grant written authorization for transfer of said structure. As an alternative to a third party transfer, the Society may exercise authority to purchase the structure being offered for transfer, in which case the structure must either be transferred to the Society or removed from the Fairgrounds. A request to transfer interest in a structure located on the State Fairgrounds shall be made in writing by the owner to the secretary or delegate. The secretary or delegate shall respond in writing to the request for transfer within 30 days after its receipt. If a request for

transfer is approved, notice of said transfer will be posted for 30 days at the State Fairgrounds administrative offices to advise the public.

The Society may, in its sole discretion, subsequently enter into a license agreement with the transferee. In connection therewith, the society will require the following:

- (a) The transferee has applied for a license according to procedures defined under rule S.F. 2.05 and the proposal has been reviewed and accepted by the secretary or delegate. Transferee acknowledges in writing acceptance of the fact that said transfer carries with it no guarantee of the issuance of a license.
- (b) A full, written financial disclosure has been made concerning the structure transfer. The financial disclosure shall warrant that the purchase price paid was limited to the value of the structure, fitments and equipment acquired in the transfer. The disclosure shall also include an accredited appraisal by a Society approved appraiser of the structure, fitments and equipment being transferred. Valuation shall be based entirely on the cost approach.
- (c) The transaction does not violate the Society's policy concerning multiple licenses or other Society commercial space rules.
- (d) The transferee shows adequate experience and financial stability to successfully hold a license.
- (e) The proposed transaction is reasonable, in the best interest of the Society, and is consistent with the health, safety and enjoyment of its patrons.

No transfer of a structure situated on the State Fairgrounds will be approved if the proposed purchase price is greater than the appraised value of the structure and personal property involved in the transfer. Completion and execution of a Society commercial space transfer policy acknowledgment, verifying understanding and acceptance of Society transfer rules and procedures, and delivery of a copy of same to the secretary or delegate, along with a properly executed purchase agreement between the parties, shall constitute finalization of approved structure interest transfer.

2.11 USE OF SPACE.

License holders must confine their business and the promotion and advertising of same on the State Fairgrounds to the commercial space specified in the license during operating periods specified in the license. Failure to comply with this rule will subject license holders to forfeiture of license without reimbursement.

2.12 RISK OF LOSS.

The Society assumes no liability for loss or damage to personal property of a license holder due to fire, tornado, weather conditions, theft, vandalism or other causes. License holders bringing property or goods onto the State Fairgrounds should protect such property or goods with appropriate insurance.

2.13 PRIZE DRAINGS.

No drawing for a prize or prizes may be conducted by a license holder without receiving permission in advance from the secretary or delegate. Drawing must be conducted in accordance with procedures provided license holder at the time permission is granted.

2.14 WHOLESALE PERMITS.

Wholesale permits are issued by the Society to vendors who desire to solicit orders, deliver articles or provide services to license holders at the State Fair. Parties desiring wholesale permits for the State Fair must apply to the secretary or delegate. Delivery vehicles not properly identified with a wholesale permit shall be prohibited from entering the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair. This permit does not authorize retail sales.

2.15 REGULATION OF CONDUCT AND ACTIVITIES.

The society recognizes that the State Fair is a proper forum for the exchange of ideas necessary to a free society yet reserves the right to regulate all activities on the State Fairgrounds with regard to time,

manner and place in pursuance of its valid interest in maintaining peace and order and providing for the protection of its patrons. License holders must comply with all applicable state and federal laws, Society rules and requirements set forth in the commercial space manual.

2.16 SALES TAX PERMIT.

License holders involved in taxable retail sales shall be responsible for obtaining a Minnesota state sales tax permit. Non-compliance with Minnesota tax laws shall be grounds for cancellation of licenses.

2.17 COMMERCIAL SPACE DECISIONS.

A determination not to issue a new license or a determination approving or denying the proposed sale, transfer or conveyance of any structure associated with commercial space on the State Fairgrounds shall be in writing and shall be approved by the secretary.

2.18 REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIONS.

Any person improperly treated in the application of commercial space rules may petition the commercial space committee for review of such treatment. The review shall be initiated by any such person submitting a request for review in writing to the secretary within 20 days of the alleged improper treatment. The secretary shall set a meeting of the commercial space committee within 45 days thereafter except that requests for review received by the secretary after August 1 will be heard after that year's State Fair. Request shall identify, in writing, the specific basis for the review and shall precisely state how the party was improperly treated. Failure to specifically state the grounds for review in writing shall result in the automatic dismissal of a request for review. The review of the commercial space committee shall be limited to the grounds stated in the request for review. The commercial space committee shall formally hear the request for review in the presence of the person requesting review. If the committee determines that person was improperly treated, it shall have the authority to direct the secretary to take such remedial steps as the committee deems fair and appropriate. After final disposition of any matter reviewed pursuant to this rule, the committee shall report such disposition to the board of managers.

CHAPTER THREE - COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

3.01 COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION TIMES.

Times for the setup of State Fair competitive exhibits, the dismantling and removal of exhibits and the hours of public viewing will be set annually by the secretary or delegate and will be stated in individual department premium books.

3.02 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS.

The Society will use diligence to protect livestock and articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or caused by any animal or article on exhibition. It is the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor to obtain appropriate insurance for any damages due to or caused by the exhibit and to indemnify and hold the Society harmless against any claim arising out of incidents involving the exhibit. Removal or pickup of exhibits at established times as stated in individual department premium books, entry blanks or entry receipts, shall be the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor. The Society shall not be responsible for any exhibit not removed or picked up at established time and the secretary or delegate will dispose of all exhibits not removed or picked up by December 1 of the year in which the exhibit was entered.

3.03 BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH.

The exhibition of livestock on the State Fairgrounds shall be under the supervision of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and its applicable rules and regulations will be complied with in full. Health requirements for individual departments will be set forth in their respective premium books.

3.04 GENERAL COMPETITIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.

Competitive exhibitors must file proper entry blanks with any applicable fees prior to the designated closing date for entries. The Society reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of animals or articles entered if the showing of such animals or articles is contrary to law, or violative of the Society's interest in providing for the health, safety and protection of its patrons. Exhibits entered in the wrong class or category may be transferred prior to judging at the discretion of the department superintendent to the proper class or category of competition.

Deception of any type by an exhibitor, as determined by the department superintendent will ban the exhibitor from any further competition and result in the forfeiture of all premiums. Mechanical or artistic articles must be entered in the name of the artist, inventor, manufacturer or maker. The Society desires that all prospective exhibits be given a fair opportunity to enter their exhibits and to have them judged on the basis of their individual merits without favoritism or undue influence. This means that, as a minimum safeguard, an objectively qualified prospective exhibitor shall not be given an advantage or placed at a disadvantage because of his or her familial relationship with a Society officer or member of the Board of Managers. On any occasion when a relative of a Society officer or member of the Board of Managers has objectively qualified for the entry of an exhibit, the related Society officer or Board of Managers' member shall not have any written or oral communication with either the affected department superintendent or exhibit judge before, during and after the judging process is completed as the communication relates to the competition in which the exhibit is entered.

3.05 ANIMAL COMPETITIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.

When animals are entered for State Fair competition by an entity other than an individual, that entity (whether a corporation, partnership, breeding establishment or other) must have been in existence as of the closing date of entries. Appropriate documentation showing the status of the entity must be available for inspection by the department superintendent. All animals entered under a breed classification must be recorded in a breeding association recognized as representative of the particular breed. The competitive exhibitor must produce a certificate of registry at the request of the department superintendent. All animals shown must be owned by the competitive exhibitor from the time of making entry, except as otherwise provided in special rules of the department.

3.06 JUDGES.

Competent and qualified persons will be employed as judges by the Society to evaluate all competitive exhibits. Judges shall be responsible for reading and understanding the general rules and all special rules applicable to the department or class in which they are to serve. No person who is a competitive exhibitor may act as judge in a class in which they are competing.

3.07 INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGING.

Judges shall report to the department superintendent any competitive exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The department superintendent may exclude any such competitive exhibitor from further competition. The secretary may withhold from such competitive exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and may also exclude such competitive exhibitor from further competition at the State Fair.

3.08 AWARD BOOKS.

Judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care to record the proper names in the award books after awards have been made. The judge, competitive department superintendent in charge and clerk recording the awards of the department must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in such class have been made.

3.09 QUALIFICATION OF ENTRIES.

If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any class or category, the judge or judges shall report same to the competitive department superintendent in charge for adjustment. Judges shall place a reserve award in each class. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the animal or article awarded the next lower prize shall graduate into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judge, it is worthy of such prize. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving.

3.10 FINALITY OF DECISIONS.

In judging livestock, the decision of the official State Fair veterinarian and judge as to soundness shall be final. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except when mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not known at the time of the award, is discovered. In such cases, the secretary shall take appropriate action or refer the matter to the board of managers.

3.11 INTERPRETATION OF RULES.

A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required, and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the competitive department superintendent in charge shall interpret such a rule. This interpretation when requested by either a competitive exhibitor or judge must be reduced to writing and returned to the secretary or delegate with the award books.

3.12 PROTESTS.

A protest from the decision of a judge will only be accepted from a competitive exhibitor named in the official judge's sheet for competition in the class or category under protest, and must be filed with the secretary within five (5) hours after the award has been made. An award is deemed to have been made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered into the department award book. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100). The protest must state plainly and specifically the facts upon which the complaint or appeal is based. The right to appeal will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another person. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have over-looked an animal or article will be considered. The one hundred dollar deposit will be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld. In protest and appeal instances where rules established by a breed association or other competitive organization with which the Society has an agreement differ from this rule, rules of the association or organization shall govern.

3.13 LATE SHOWING OF EXHIBIT.

No animal or exhibit will be judged or awarded a prize if it is not ready for judging and promptly brought into the show ring when the class is called.

3.14 PREMIUM MONEY.

Cash premiums awarded will be paid by check made out to the competitive exhibitor and mailed to the post office address as stated on the entry blank. Competitive exhibitors may forfeit all premium money if exhibits are removed from the grounds prior to the official time of release. The board of managers reserves the right to make reductions in premiums if the financial conditions of the Society make such reductions necessary.

CHAPTER 37 MINNESOTA STATUTES

Pertaining to THE MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chapter 37 of Minnesota Statutes outlines the purposes, organization and conduct of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Minnesota State Fair). Material contained herewith includes all changes and/or additions, if any, enacted at the last most recent session of the Minnesota Legislature.

37.01 PUBLIC CORPORATION.

The State Agricultural Society is a public corporation. The conveyance to the state of the land in Ramsey County described as Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21) and East half (E 1/2) of East half (E 1/2) of Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty-nine (29), Range Twenty-three (23), is confirmed. Anything in that conveyance to the contrary notwithstanding, the state holds that land and any other property known and used as the "State Fairgrounds" forever for the following public purposes: (1) exhibiting under the management and control of the society, at annual fairs and at other times determined by the society, the agricultural, stock-breeding, horticultural, mining, mechanical, industrial, and other products and resources of the state, including proper exhibits and expositions of the arts, human skills, and sciences; and (2) other uses and purposes determined by the State Agricultural Society, including the leasing of parts of the State Fairgrounds. The society shall not lease any part of the State Fairgrounds if the lessee is going to compete with an existing established business of auto racing within a radius of 40 miles, except during the operation of the state fair and all other public exhibitions pertinent to expositions of human art, industry, or skill. Neither the state nor the society shall ever charge or encumber this property. Any part of the State Fairgrounds which is within the boundaries of a city or other political subdivision of the state is detached from the city or political subdivision. Nothing in this section exempts otherwise taxable property on the fairgrounds or the fairgrounds itself from real and personal property taxes pursuant to chapters 272 to 275 and 471.

37.02 BUDGET; BUILDING RESTRICTIONS; EXEMPTIONS.

The state agricultural society is subject to and has all powers, rights, and privileges granted by law, with the following exceptions:

- (a) The society need not comply with the provisions of Laws 1939, chapter 431, relating to budgets, allotments, and encumbering of funds.
- (b) The society is not subject to the supervision of the commissioner of administration in the erection and construction of any new building.
- (c) The books and accounts of the society are subject to examination by the legislative auditor.

37.03 MEMBERSHIP.

Subdivision 1. Members. Members of the state agricultural society must be citizens of this state. The membership is as follows:

- (a) Three delegates chosen annually by each agricultural society or association in the state which maintains an active existence, holds annual fairs, and is entitled to share in the state appropriation under the provisions of section 38.02. If one of those societies or associations fails to choose delegates, then its president, secretary, and treasurer, by virtue of their offices, are its delegates. If two fairs receiving state aid are operating in one county, each delegate from each society or association is entitled to one-half vote at regular or special meetings of the state society.
- (b) One delegate appointed by the county board of each county in which no county or district agricultural society exists.
- (c) Individuals elected by the society as honorary members for having performed eminent services in agriculture, horticulture, or related arts and sciences or long and faithful service in or benefits to the society. Honorary members must be elected by two-thirds vote at any annual meeting. The number of honorary members may not exceed the society's membership and only one honorary member may be elected annually. Each honorary member is entitled to one vote.
- (d) Two elected delegates and the president may represent each of the following societies and associations: the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association,

the Minnesota Honey Producers Association, Inc., the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association, the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, the Minnesota Pork Producers Association, the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association, the Minnesota Horse Breeders' Association, the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, the Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association, the Central Livestock Association, the Minnesota State Poultry Association, the Minnesota Boer Goat Association, the Minnesota State Florists Association, the State Fair Exhibitors' Organization, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, the Minnesota Forestry Association, the Minnesota Horse Council, Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, Minnesota Apple Growers' Association, State Grange of Minnesota, Minnesota Farmers' Union, American Dairy Association of the Midwest, and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

- (e) The following societies and associations are entitled to one delegate each: Central Minnesota Vegetable Growers Association, the Minnesota Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, Minnesota Shorthorn Breeders' Association, the Minnesota Milking Shorthorn Association, Minnesota Guernsey Breeders' Association, Minnesota Jersey Cattle Club, Minnesota Holstein Association, Minnesota Hereford Breeders, the Minnesota Angus Association, Minnesota Ayrshire Breeders' Association, Minnesota Brown Swiss Association, Minnesota Duroc Breeders', Minnesota Turkey Growers' Association, Minnesota Gladiolus Society, Minnesota Hampshire Sheep Association, Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association, North American Dairy Sheep Association, and the Minnesota Berkshire Association.
- (f) The societies and associations listed in paragraphs (d) and (e) must be active and statewide in their scope and operation, hold annual meetings, and be incorporated under the laws of the state before they are entitled to a delegate. The societies and associations must file with the secretary of state, on or before December 20, a report showing that the society or association has held a regular annual meeting for that year, a summary of its financial transactions for the current year, and an affidavit of the president and secretary that it has a paid-up membership of at least 25. On or before December 31, the secretary of state shall certify to the secretary of the state agricultural society the names of the societies or associations that have complied with these provisions.
- (g) If a society or association ceases to exist or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (f), its membership in the state agricultural society and its right to delegates is terminated and it may be replaced by another society or association representing the same or similar interests and chosen by a majority vote of the members of the society at its next annual meeting.
- (h) The members of the board of managers of the state agricultural society are members of the society and entitled to one vote each.

Subd. 2. Eligibility to vote. On all questions arising for determination by the state agricultural society, including the election of members of the board of managers, each delegate present is entitled to one vote. The society shall not recognize proxies except that when less than three delegates of a county or district agricultural society shall attend the annual meeting, those present may cast the full vote of that society. All delegates must be accredited, in writing, and their credentials must be signed by the president and secretary of the society or association represented.

37.04 BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Subdivision 1. Membership; quorum. A board of managers shall manage and control the state agricultural society. The board consists of a president and nine other members, two of whom are vice-presidents. Each member represents one of nine regional districts. Six members constitute a quorum for the purposes of any board meeting.

Subd. 2. Regional districts. For purposes of electing members of the board of managers of the State Agricultural Society, the regional districts are identical with the nine congressional districts as established by Laws 1933, chapter 185, and are numbered accordingly.

Subd. 3. Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the society must be held at the State Fairgrounds or at any other place in Minnesota selected by the board of managers. The meeting must be held during a three-day period selected by the board of managers commencing no earlier than January 2 and no later than January 31. At least 30 days' written notice of the time and place of the annual meeting must be given to all members of the society.

Subd. 4. Elections. At the annual meeting, the members of the society shall elect a president from among the members of the board of managers for a term of one year. The president may not be a resident of the fourth or the fifth regional districts. The members shall also elect seven managers as follows:

- (1) at the annual meeting on each third year after 1963, one manager from each of the first, third, and sixth regional districts;
- (2) at the annual meeting on each third year after 1964, one manager from each of the seventh and ninth regional districts;
- (3) at the annual meeting on each third year after 1965, one manager from each of the second and eighth regional districts.

At the annual meeting in each even-numbered year a vice-president must be elected from the fifth regional district, and in each odd-numbered year a vice-president must be elected from the fourth regional district.

Subd. 5. Regional representatives. Only one member of the board of managers, exclusive of the president, may be a resident of any one regional district. On the day before the last day of the annual meeting, the accredited delegates to the meeting from each regional district whose manager's term expires in that year shall meet together at the place of the annual meeting and nominate and certify to the annual meeting the choice of that district for manager. At the time fixed for the election of the president of the society and after the nominations have been certified, presented, and read to the annual meeting, the annual meeting shall proceed to elect managers to fill all expiring terms.

Subd. 6. Vacancies. A vacancy which occurs before the expiration of any term of office of a member of the board of managers may be filled by the remaining members of the board. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy holds office only until the next annual meeting of the society, at which a successor must be elected in the manner provided to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

37.05 OFFICERS; COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.

The annual honorarium of the president of the board of managers is \$1,400, and that of the other members is \$1,000 each.

On the final day of each annual meeting of the society the board shall elect a secretary to hold office for one year and until a successor is elected and qualified. The board shall set the compensation of the secretary. The board may also appoint a treasurer for the term of one year and fix the treasurer's compensation. The treasurer shall keep all accounts and fiscal records of the society. The board may designate the secretary as the treasurer of the society.

The board may allow the traveling expenses of its members and of the secretary and treasurer or other employees while in the performance of their official duties. Claims for traveling expenses must be itemized in full and verified before allowance.

37.06 SECRETARY; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR; DUTIES; REPORT.

The secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the annual meetings of the state agricultural society and all meetings of the board of managers and any committee of the board, keep all accounts of the society other than those kept by the treasurer of the society, and perform other duties as directed by the board of managers. On or before December 31 each year, the secretary shall report to the governor for the fiscal year ending October 31 all the proceedings of the society during the current year and its financial condition as appears from its books. This report must contain a full, detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures during the year.

The books and accounts of the society for the fiscal year must be examined and audited annually by the legislative auditor. The cost of the examination must be paid by the society to the state and credited to the general fund.

A summary of this examination, certified by the legislative auditor, must be appended to the secretary's report, along with the legislative auditor's recommendations and the proceedings of the first annual meeting of the society held following the secretary's report, including addresses made at the meeting as directed by the board of managers. The summary, recommendations, and proceedings must be printed in the same manner as the reports of state officers. Copies of the report must be printed annually and distributed as follows: to each society or association entitled to membership in the society, to each newspaper in the state, and the remaining copies as directed by the board of managers.

37.07 MONTHLY STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY; PURCHASES, EXPENDITURES.

The secretary of the state agricultural society shall prepare a signed statement each month summarizing receipts and expenditures for the preceding month, which must be approved by the president or a vice-president of the board of managers. The secretary's affidavit must be attached to this statement. The affidavit must state:

- (1) That all articles were purchased by or under the secretary's direction, and that to the secretary's best information and belief, all articles purchased by the board of managers were purchased at a fair cash market value and received by the society, and that all services charged for were actually provided;
- (2) That neither the secretary nor any person in the secretary's behalf, or the board of managers, to the secretary's best information and belief, had any pecuniary or other interest in any purchase made or services rendered, or received any pecuniary or other benefit from the purchases or services, directly or indirectly, by commission, percentage, deduction, or otherwise; and
- (3) That the articles specified conformed in every respect to the goods ordered, in both quality and quantity.

The report must also show the amount of money in the hands of the treasurer of the society.

Copies of the secretary's monthly report must be furnished to the commissioner of finance and to each member of the board of managers no later than the tenth of the month following the month's activities reported.

The board of managers shall designate one or more national or state banks, or trust companies authorized to do a banking business, as official depositories for the society's money, and shall then require the treasurer to deposit all or part of that money in the designated bank or banks. The designation must be in writing and must set forth all the terms and conditions upon which the deposits are made, and it must be signed by the president and secretary and made a part of the minutes of the board. Any bank or trust company designated must qualify as a depository by furnishing a corporate surety bond or collateral as required by section 118A.03, and must, as long as any of the society's money is on deposit with it, maintain the bond or collateral in the amounts required by that section. No bond or collateral is required to secure any deposit if it is insured under federal law, as provided in section 118A.03.

37.13 OWNERSHIP OF MONEY AND PROPERTY; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Use of money. The state owns all money and other property of the society in the name of the society and there may be no division of its assets among society members. Money received by the society must be used for holding its annual fair and for other exhibitions or expositions the society holds, for the improvement of the fairgrounds, for the payment of expenses, premiums, and purses, for the acquisition of real and personal property, for the use and benefit of the society, and for furnishing attractions and amusements the board of managers considers necessary for the success of its fairs and other exhibitions and expositions.

37.14 MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY; GENERAL OFFICES.

The custody, management, and control of the fairgrounds and all fairgrounds structures are vested in the society as a department of the state, and its general offices containing its property and records must be maintained upon the fairgrounds.

37.15 EXHIBITIONS.

The society shall hold upon the fairgrounds an annual fair and may invite the cooperation of any other states or countries in that fair. The society shall provide for and pay premiums, and money spent for premiums, exhibits, or other displays must be for the purpose of encouraging agriculture, horticulture, stock-breeding, manufactures, and the mining, mechanical, and industrial arts and sciences.

37.16 RULES; VIOLATION.

The society may make all bylaws, ordinances, and rules consistent with law which it considers necessary or proper for the government of the fairgrounds and all fairs to be held on them, and for the protection, health, safety, and comfort of the public on the fairgrounds. The bylaws, ordinances, and rules are effective when filed with the secretary of the society. The violation of a bylaw, rule, or ordinance of the society is a misdemeanor.

37.17 SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES, PRIVILEGES.

Subdivision 1. License, regulation. The society may license and regulate shows, exhibitions, performances, and privileges on the fairgrounds, revoke licenses, and prohibit, remove, and summarily stop exhibitions, performances, or privileges which violate society rules or other law.

Subd. 2. Service of process. The acceptance of any license given pursuant to subdivision 1 by a nonresident of Minnesota is an appointment by the nonresident of the secretary of state to be a lawful agent upon whom may be served all legal processes in any action or proceeding against the nonresident resulting from the operation of the licensed show, exhibition, performance, or privilege. The acceptance of a license by the nonresident signifies agreement that service of process upon the secretary of state has the same effect as service upon the nonresident personally. Publication of summons need not be made upon the nonresident. In all cases under this subdivision, service of process or service of any writ or notice in an action or proceedings must be made upon the secretary of state in the manner provided by law for service upon residents of the state, and has the same effect as personal service within the state upon the nonresident. After a nonresident appears in an action or proceeding by an attorney residing in Minnesota, papers must be served upon the attorney.

Subd. 4. Solicitation. No person may solicit money or sell or distribute any merchandise or material of any kind without a license issued by the society authorizing the solicitation, sale, or distribution from a fixed location on the fairgrounds.

37.18 UNLICENSED OR IMPROPER EXHIBITION.

A person who engages in a play, game, concert, or theatrical or other performance, or who exhibits a show of any kind on the fairgrounds without a license from the society is guilty of a misdemeanor and must be removed from the fairgrounds.

A person who sells, distributes, or exhibits obscene materials or performances is guilty of a misdemeanor and the board of managers of the society shall suspend that person's license and require the forfeiture of all money paid to the society in connection with the performance or exhibit.

37.19 CONTRACTS.

The society may contract in its own name and through its officers and agents without advertising for or publicly requesting bids. This chapter and all ordinances, bylaws, and rules adopted by the society's board of managers are a part of every contract entered into with any exhibitor, privilege holder, lessee, licensee, or other person. The society may contract for the purchase of services from any business, municipality, county, state agency, or department. The society may purchase, sell, lease, or otherwise engage in transactions respecting real property in its own name, and with terms and conditions acceptable

to its board of managers. The provisions of section 37.01 apply to the specific properties described in it, except space rental contracts and ground leases for a term of one year or less. The society shall submit to the state executive council for its approval, as provided by chapter 9, all its transactions involving real properties, and no transaction involving real property is final until it is approved by the executive council. All transactions involving real property previously made by the society are ratified, confirmed, and approved.

37.20 SPECIAL PEACE OFFICERS.

The secretary or the president of the society may appoint, in a writing signed by either of them, as many peace officers, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, clause (c), as are necessary, both during the annual fair and throughout the year for the regulation of the Minnesota state fairgrounds. These peace officers, before entering upon their duties, shall take and subscribe the usual oath of office, endorsed upon their appointment. They have upon the fairgrounds all the power and authority of peace officers and may, within these limits, without warrant, arrest any person found violating state law or any rule, bylaw, or ordinance of the society. They may summarily remove the persons and property of the offenders from the grounds, and take them before any court of competent jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law. Each peace officer shall wear an appropriate badge of office while acting as a peace officer. The society may also contract with the state, any county, or any municipality for police service and protection on the fairgrounds.

37.21 SALE OF LIQUORS.

Subdivision 1. Liquor prohibited. Except as provided in subdivision 2, no person may sell, barter, give away, or otherwise dispose of or introduce, have, or keep for barter, gift, or sale, any intoxicating liquors of any kind upon the State Fairgrounds, or aid and abet any of those acts. The presence and possession of any kind of these liquors, in any quantity, upon the person or upon the premises leased or occupied by any person within these limits is a public nuisance and is prima facie evidence of the purpose of the person to barter, give away, or sell the liquor. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Exceptions. The following exceptions apply:

- (a) The State Agricultural Society may issue, under terms and conditions it chooses, licenses for the sale, possession, and consumption of intoxicating liquors at special events taking place on the fairgrounds at times other than during the annual fair including, but not limited to, family reunions, class reunions, weddings, conventions, and similar events.
- (b) The State Agricultural Society may issue, under terms and conditions it chooses, consistent with state law, licenses for the sale, possession, and consumption of intoxicating malt liquors during the annual fair or at other times of their choosing, provided that at least one Minnesota brewed malt liquor is made available for sale at each allowed location within the grounds.
- (c) The State Agricultural Society may issue a license for the sale and consumption of wine to a holder of a state fair concession's contract with the State Agricultural Society which authorizes the licensee to sell Minnesota-produced wine by the glass at the state fair in connection with the sale of food by the concessionaire. For the purposes of this subdivision, "Minnesota-produced wine" means wine produced by a farm winery licensed under section 340A.315.

History: (7800) RL s 3092; 1982 c 625 s 12; 1985 c 265 art 2 s 1; 2000 c 440 s 1; 2007 c 13 art 1 s 4; 2007 c 89 s 1,2; 2010 c 255 s 1

37.22 LOCKUP; SEIZURE OF LIQUORS.

The society may provide and maintain a watchhouse or lockup on the fairgrounds for the confinement of offenders and the temporary detention of suspected persons. The society's peace officers shall, without warrant, seize and destroy any intoxicating liquors found upon the fairgrounds.

37.24 UNLAWFUL ADMISSIONS.

Any person who steals or unlawfully obtains a ticket, paper, or other writing entitling, or purporting to entitle, the holder to admission to any part of the state fairgrounds or who sells or disposes of a ticket which upon its face appears to be nontransferable and to have been issued to another, without informing the purchaser of its character, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

37.25 MISDEMEANORS.

In addition to other misdemeanors specified by statute, during the annual state fair or during any period when the board of managers requires fees for admission to the fairgrounds, every person who trespasses on, enters, or attempts to enter the fairgrounds in any manner, except through the entrance gates, without payment of the required fees or who trespasses on, enters, or attempts to enter any reserved enclosure on the fairgrounds, or who obtains permission to do so by impersonating another or by any misrepresentation or false pretense is guilty of a misdemeanor. A person who is found lurking, lying in wait, or loitering in the immediate vicinity of, or concealed in any building, yard, or premises upon the fairgrounds with intent to commit any offense or mischief is guilty of a misdemeanor.

37.27 FAIR FOUNDATION.

The State Agricultural Society may establish a nonprofit corporation to be operated exclusively for charitable purposes as contemplated by sections 170(c)(2) and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Subject to those sections, the corporation must be organized and operated exclusively for the benefit and to carry out the purposes of the state agricultural society for so long as the state agricultural society is and remains an organization as described in section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation shall solicit, receive, hold, invest, and contribute funds and property for the use and benefit of the state agricultural society in a manner consistent with the public good and primarily for capital expenditures and other needs not funded by other means. The corporation may be known as the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

37.31 ISSUANCE OF BONDS.

Subdivision 1. Bonding authority. The society may issue negotiable bonds in a principal amount that the society determines necessary to provide sufficient money for achieving its purposes, including the payment of interest on bonds of the society, the establishment of reserves to secure its bonds, the payment of fees to a third party providing credit enhancement, and the payment of all other expenditures of the society incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out its corporate purposes and powers. Bonds of the society may be issued as bonds or notes or in any other form authorized by law. The principal amount of bonds issued and outstanding under this section at any time may not exceed \$20,000,000, excluding bonds for which refunding bonds or crossover refunding bonds have been issued.

Subd. 2. Refunding of bonds. The society may issue bonds to refund outstanding bonds of the society, to pay any redemption premiums on those bonds, and to pay interest accrued or to accrue to the redemption date next succeeding the date of delivery of the refunding bonds. The society may apply the proceeds of any refunding bonds to the purchase or payment at maturity of the bonds to be refunded, or to the redemption of outstanding bonds on the redemption date next succeeding the date of delivery of the refunding bonds and may, pending the application, place the proceeds in escrow to be applied to the purchase, retirement, or redemption of the bonds. Pending use, escrowed proceeds may be invested and reinvested in obligations issued or guaranteed by the state or the United States or by any agency or instrumentality of the state or the United States, or in certificates of deposit or time deposits secured in a manner determined by the society, maturing at a time appropriate to assure the prompt payment of the principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on the bonds to be refunded. The income realized on any investment may also be applied to the payment of the bonds to be refunded. After the terms of the escrow have been fully satisfied, any balance of the proceeds and any investment income may be returned to the society for use by it in any lawful manner. All refunding bonds issued under this subdivision must be issued and secured in the manner provided by resolution of the society.

Subd. 3. Kind of bonds. Bonds issued under this section must be negotiable investment securities within the meaning and for all purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code, subject only to the provisions of the bonds for registration. The bonds issued must be limited obligations of the society not secured by its full faith and credit and payable solely from specified sources or assets.

Subd. 4. Resolution and terms of sale. The bonds of the society must be authorized by a resolution or resolutions adopted by the society. The bonds must bear the date or dates, mature at the time or times, bear interest at a fixed or variable rate, including a rate varying periodically at the time or times and on the terms determined by the society, or any combination of fixed and variable rates, be in the denominations, be in the form, carry the registration privileges, be executed in the manner, be payable in lawful money of the United States, at the place or places within or without the state, and be subject to the terms of redemption or purchase before maturity as the resolutions or certificates provide. If, for any reason existing at the date of issue of the bonds or existing at the date of making or purchasing any loan or securities from the proceeds or after that date, the interest on the bonds is or becomes subject to federal income taxation, this fact does not affect the validity or the provisions made for the security of the bonds. The society may make covenants and take or have taken actions that are in its judgment necessary or desirable to comply with conditions established by federal law or regulations for the exemption of interest on its obligations. The society may refrain from compliance with those conditions if in its judgment this would serve the purposes and policies set forth in this chapter with respect to any particular issue of bonds, unless this would violate covenants made by the society. The maximum maturity of a bond, whether or not issued for the purpose of refunding, must be 30 years from its date. The bonds of the society may be sold at public or private sale, at a price or prices determined by the society; provided that:

- (1) the aggregate price at which an issue of bonds is initially offered by underwriters to investors, as stated in the authority's official statement with respect to the offering, must not exceed by more than three percent the aggregate price paid by the underwriters to the society at the time of delivery;
- (2) The commission paid by the society to an underwriter for placing an issue of bonds with investors must not exceed three percent of the aggregate price at which the issue is offered to investors as stated in the society's offering statement; and
- (3) The spread or commission must be an amount determined by the society to be reasonable in light of the risk assumed and the expenses of issuance, if any, required to be paid by the underwriters.

Subd. 5. Exemption. The notes and bonds of the society are not subject to sections 16C.03, subdivision 4, and 16C.05.

Subd. 6. Reserves; funds; accounts. The society may establish reserves, funds, or accounts necessary to carry out the purposes of the society or to comply with any agreement made by or any resolution passed by the society.

Subd. 7. Approval; commissioner of finance. Before issuing bonds under this section, the society must obtain the approval, in writing, of the commissioner of management and budget.

Subd. 8. Expiration. The authority to issue bonds, other than bonds to refund outstanding bonds, under this section expires July 1, 2025.

37.32 TENDER OPTION.

An obligation may be issued giving its owner the right to tender or the society to demand tender of the obligation to the society or another person designated by it, for purchase at a specified time or times, if the society has first entered into an agreement with a suitable financial institution obligating the financial institution to provide funds on a timely basis for purchase of bonds tendered. The obligation is not considered to mature on any tender date and the purchase of a tendered obligation is not considered a payment or discharge of the obligation by the society. Obligations tendered for purchase may be remarketed by or on behalf of the society or another purchaser. The society may enter into agreements it considers appropriate to provide for the purchase and remarketing of tendered obligations, including:

- (1) Provisions under which undelivered obligations may be considered tendered for purchase and new obligations may be substituted for them;

- (2) Provisions for the payment of charges of tender agents, remarketing agents, and financial institutions extending lines of credit or letters of credit assuring repurchase; and
- (3) Provisions for reimbursement of advances under letters of credit that may be paid from the proceeds of the obligations or from tax and other revenues appropriated for the payment and security of the obligations and similar or related provisions.

37.33 BOND FUND.

Subdivision 1. Creation and contents. The society may establish a special fund or funds for the security of one or more or all series of its bonds. The funds must be known as debt service reserve funds. The society may pay into each debt service reserve fund:

- (1) The proceeds of sale of bonds to the extent provided in the resolution or indenture authorizing the issuance of them;
- (2) Money directed to be transferred by the society to the debt service reserve fund; and
- (3) Other money made available to the society from any other source only for the purpose of the fund.

Subd. 2. Use of funds. Except as provided in this section, the money credited to each debt service reserve fund must be used only for the payment of the principal of bonds of the society as they mature, the purchase of the bonds, the payment of interest on them, or the payment of any premium required when the bonds are redeemed before maturity. Money in a debt service reserve fund must not be withdrawn at a time and in an amount that reduces the amount of the fund to less than the amount the society determines to be reasonably necessary for the purposes of the fund. However, money may be withdrawn to pay principal or interest due on bonds secured by the fund if other money of the society is not available.

Subd. 3. Investment. Money in a debt service reserve fund not required for immediate use may be invested in accordance with section 37.07.

Subd. 4. Minimum amount of reserve at issuance. If the society establishes a debt service reserve fund for the security of any series of bonds, it shall not issue additional bonds that are similarly secured if the amount of any of the debt service reserve funds at the time of issuance does not equal or exceed the minimum amount required by the resolution creating the fund, unless the society deposits in each fund at the time of issuance, from the proceeds of the bonds, or otherwise, an amount that when added together with the amount then in the fund will be at least the minimum amount required.

Subd. 5. Transfer of excess. To the extent consistent with the resolutions and indentures securing outstanding bonds, the society may at the close of a fiscal year transfer to any other fund or account from any debt service reserve fund any excess in that reserve fund over the amount determined by the society to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of the reserve fund.

37.34 MONEY OF THE SOCIETY.

The society may contract with the holders of any of its bonds as to the custody, collection, securing, investment, and payment of money of the society or money held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds, and to carry out the contract. Money held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or in any way to secure bonds and deposits of the money may be secured in the same manner as money of the society, and all banks and trust companies are authorized to give security for the deposits.

37.35 NONLIABILITY.

Subdivision 1. Nonliability of individuals. No member of the Society or other person executing the bonds is liable personally on the bonds or is subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of their issuance.

Subd. 2. Nonliability of state. The state is not liable on bonds of the Society issued under section 37.31 and those bonds are not a debt of the state. The bonds must contain on their face a statement to that effect.

37.36 PURCHASE AND CANCELLATION BY SOCIETY.

Subject to agreements with bondholders that may then exist, the Society may purchase out of money available for the purpose, bonds of the Society which shall then be canceled, at a price not exceeding the following amounts:

- (1) If the bonds are then redeemable, the redemption price then applicable plus accrued interest to the next interest payment date of the bonds; or
- (2) If the bonds are not redeemable, the redemption price applicable on the first date after the purchase upon which the bonds become subject to redemption plus accrued interest to that date.

37.37 STATE PLEDGE AGAINST IMPAIRMENT OF CONTRACTS.

The state pledges and agrees with the holders of bonds issued under section 37.31 that the state will not limit or alter the rights vested in the Society to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with the bondholders or in any way impair the rights and remedies of the holders until the bonds, together with interest on them, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of the bondholders, are fully met and discharged. The Society may include this pledge and agreement of the state in any agreement with the holders of bonds issued under section 37.31.

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The Wayback Machine - https://web.archive.org/web/20160812025541/http://www.mnstatefair.org:80/tickets_discounts/admission.html**Aug. 25-Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2016****MINNESOTA STATE FAIR**

2016 ADMISSION TICKETS

PRE-FAIR DISCOUNT ADMISSION TICKETS

Pre-fair discount admission tickets for the 2016 Minnesota State Fair are on sale NOW for just \$10!

Pre-fair discount tickets are valid for any age guest on any day of the fair and can be purchased:

- At the [State Fair Ticket Office](#) on the fairgrounds through Aug. 24
- At the customer service centers of participating Cub stores through Aug. 24 (while supplies last). [View a list of locations.](#)
- At many locations in greater Minnesota and Hudson, Wis., through Aug. 24 (while supplies last). [View a list of locations.](#)

(Note: A pre-fair discount admission ticket cannot be used to cover the cost of vehicle parking.)

PRINT-AT-HOME CARD!

Print a free ["Just For You" card](#) to give with a gift of State Fair admission tickets! This card prints in color on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Fold paper in half and then in half again to create your card!

REGULAR FAIR-TIME ADMISSION TICKET PRICING AT THE GATE

- Adults (13-64): \$13
- Seniors (65+): \$11
- Kids (5-12): \$11
- Children (Under 5): Free

DISCOUNT DAY ADMISSION TICKET PRICING AT THE GATE

Note: Tickets purchased at the gate are valid for that day only (they cannot be used on another day).

THRIFTY THURSDAY (Aug. 25)

- Adults (13-64) & Seniors (65+): \$11
- Kids (5-12): \$8
- Children (Under 5): Free

SENIORS & KIDS DAY (Monday, Aug. 29)

- Adults (13-64): \$13
- Seniors (65+): \$8
- Kids (5-12): \$8
- Children (Under 5): Free

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (Tuesday, Aug. 30)

2016 STATE FAIR TICKET OFFICE HOURS

The State Fairgrounds Ticket Office is located at the Loop Gate (#9) on Como Avenue. See a [State Fair map](#).

Address:

1741 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

June 6 - Aug. 19

Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aug. 20 & 21

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 22 & 23

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 24

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FAIR-TIME TICKET OFFICE:

Thursday, Aug. 25 - Monday, Sept. 5
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Located at the east Grandstand Plaza
(Only Grandstand Concert Series tickets are available here)

Gate Ticket Booth Hours:

6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Labor Day

Fairgrounds Hours:

6 a.m. to midnight
6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Labor Day

- Adults (13-64): \$8*
- Seniors (65+): \$8*
- Kids (5-12): \$8*
- Children (Under 5): Free

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses when they purchase a ticket at the gate and present valid documentation of military service.

READ & RIDE DAY (Wednesday, Aug. 31)

- Adults (13-64): \$11**
- Seniors (65+): \$8**
- Kids (5-12): \$8**
- Children (Under 5): Free

** Discount applies to public library cardholders who purchase a ticket at the gate and present a valid library card (one discount per card).

SENIORS DAY (Thursday, Sept. 1)

- Adults (13-64): \$13
- Seniors (65+): \$8
- Kids (5-12): \$11
- Children (Under 5): Free

KIDS DAY (Monday, Sept. 5)

- Adults (13-64): \$13
- Seniors (65+): \$11
- Kids (5-12): \$8
- Children (Under 5): Free

[Purchase Grandstand tickets!](https://www.mnstatefair.org/tickets_discounts/admission.html)

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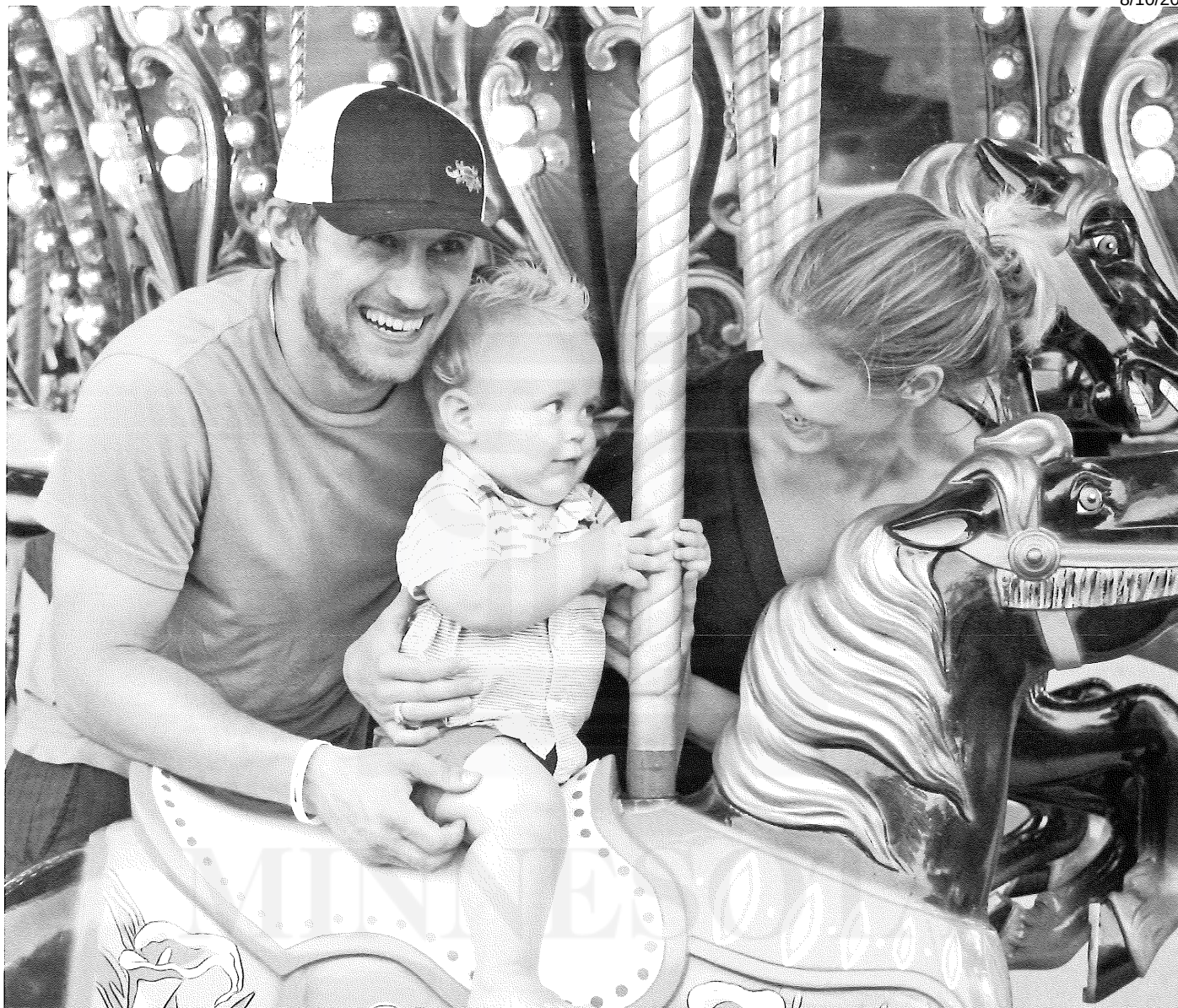


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**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****January 14-15-16-17, 2016****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington**

The 157th annual meeting of the Society, held in conjunction with the annual conventions of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association, opened Thursday, Jan. 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016**

Members present: Sharon Wessel, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhovd; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Al Paulson, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mary Miller; Cheryl Huber; Brett Ward; Mary Pittelko.

Chairman Wessel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the report of '15 State Fair sales revenue, originally distributed at the Nov. 5, 2015, meeting of the board. The report was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson, Ms. Simon and Ms. Doyle offered a presentation on the State Fair's commercial exhibit licensing process. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Sinclair presented the following fees for percentage attractions at the 2016 State Fair as follows:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2015	2016
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	25%	25%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist Merchandise Sales	Artist CDs/DVDs Other Merchandise	10% 20%	10% 20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	<u>Sling Shot</u>	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Carts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Kidway Rides and Shows Midway Rides and Shows Games of Skill	43% 41% 23%	43% 41% 23%
KB Concessions	Super Nova Roller Coaster	30%	35%
River Raft Ride, Inc.	Raft Ride & Pirate Tag	25%	25%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%
Ye Old Mill Amusements, Inc.	Canal Boat Ride	25%	25%

Attractions underlined are located in Adventure Park.

The percentage fees above represent the fees payable to the Minnesota State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied as follows; state sales tax (7.125%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the Minnesota State Fair and concessionaires is made on the net of tax balance.

After discussion, the attraction percentages were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2016 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	\$5.00
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.00 one way \$6.00 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	\$5.00
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	<u>Sling Shot</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$4.00
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Carts	\$7.00 for Driver \$4.00 for Passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	\$5.00
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Rides, Shows and Games of Skill (Advance Purchase)	\$1.00 single \$25.00 for 30 tickets (\$.833 per ticket) \$40.00 for 54 tickets (\$.741 per ticket) \$15.00 for 25 tickets (\$.600 per ticket)
River Raft Ride, Inc.	Raft Ride	\$4.50
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	\$4.00 one way \$6.00 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3.00
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$3.00
Ye Old Mill Amusements, Inc.	Canal Boat Ride	\$3.25 **

** = Save \$.50 from opening until noon on Thursday, Aug. 25 (Thrifty Thursday), Monday, Aug. 29 (Seniors & Kids Day), Thursday, Sept. 1 (Seniors Day) and Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 5 (Kids and Last Chance Day.)

Underlined attractions are located in Adventure Park and operate on a central ticket system.

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented the following concessionaires recommended for beer and wine licenses during the '16 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ballpark Café, Inc. (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages
Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc. dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp and David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages

Tres-C, Inc. dba Café Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chicago Dogs, Inc. (Bruce and Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul and Diana Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages
Werner's Frontier, Inc. (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Baxter's BBQ, Inc. dba Famous Dave's (Randy Jernberg)	Block 47	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Crêperie (Marc and Tracy Vezies)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minnesota Produced Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC (Timothy Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of St. Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg. 286S Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Glenn Baron)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages
FireFly Group Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages
Mintahoe, Inc. dba MN Farm Wine Assoc. (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minnesota Produced Wine
Midway Men's Club (Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
MJ Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
O'Gara's at The Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Three Amigos, Inc. dba Tejas (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Mintahoe, Inc. dba MN Craft Brewers Guild (James McMerty)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Bldg. Malt Beverages

After discussion, the concessionaires were approved for beer and wine licenses on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair offered the following commercial vendors recommended for multiple-site licenses at the '16 State Fair:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Nellie's Laundry Products, Green Heat Packs & Cooley Towels	2
Big Dog Corn Dogs	Corn Dogs, Foot Long Hot Dogs and Beverages	2
Butcher Boys	London Broil Sandwiches/ Sausages	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ E-Z Can Openers	2
Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples and Beverages	2
Gary Crutchfield Concessions	Cheese on-a-stick	2
George Funk-Moon Beam Coffee	Leather Goods/Coffee	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese on-a-stick	2
Groscurth Concessions	Corn Dogs & Beverages	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples and Beverages	2
Holly's Hobby	Seasonal Handcrafts	2
James Crocker	Root Beer Barrels	2
Larry Abdo-Gopher State Ice Co.	Big Fat Bacon, Ice (Ice=wholesale permit only)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores	2
Midwest Dairy Association	Ice Cream, Milk and Dairy Foods	2
Minn. Honey Producers	Honey, Honey Ice Cream & Honey Candy	2
Minne-Kabob Foods	Kabobs	2
Netterfield's Lemonade and Popcorn	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/ Sausage, Corn Dogs, Burgers	2
Orange Treet Sales	Orange Treet Drink, Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Produce Exchange	Fresh Fruits	2
Stafford Enterprises	Microfiber Mops, Miracle Mats/Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Magic Spin Mop/UGO Mini Speakers	2
Tina Isaac	Sandwiches and Spiral Chips/ Designer Coffees and Desserts	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries	2
Icee USA Corp.	Icee Frozen Beverages	3
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Hot Dogs on-a-stick	3
Lynn Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples, Beverages	3
Maxine W. Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples, Baked Potatoes	3
Midwest Coca Cola	Coca Cola Soft Drinks	3
Crocker Enterprises	Root Beer Barrels	4
Lancer Management Services, Inc.	Food, Beverages & Beer (Coliseum)	4
Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples/Cheese Curds	4

Syndicate Sales Corp.	Vegetable Cutters/Knives/ Salsa Makers/Whisks	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
Dandy Souvenirs	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	8

Following discussion, the multiple-site vendors were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented the following non-fair rental rate adjustments for consideration:

Catering Service Percentage Rate

Current rate	20%
Proposed rate.....	15%

History & Heritage Center

Proposed rates bundle rent, electricity, on-duty staff, tables & chairs	
Current half-day*, Mon.—Thurs.	\$500
Proposed half-day*, Mon.—Thurs.	\$400
Current all day, Mon.—Thurs.....	\$1,000
Proposed all day, Mon.—Thurs.	\$800
Current Friday—Sunday.....	\$2,000
Proposed Friday—Sunday.....	\$1,000

DNR Building

Proposed rate bundles rent, electricity, on-duty staff	
Current rate.....	\$850
Proposed rate.....	\$1,250

After discussion, the rate adjustments were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2016

Present: Al Paulson, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovid; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Sharon Wessel; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Mary Miller; Cheryl Huber; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurtnier; Brienna Schuette; Wally LeVesseur; Sean Casey; Matt Steffenhagen; Carol Doyle; Virginia Mold; Samantha Fischer; Kay Cady; Mark Haidet; Kent Harbison.

President Paulson called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Jacobson offered historical background on sources of revenue and expense, cash flow and capital projects followed by detailed reports on the Society's financial activities during fiscal '15. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Bagnoli reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota legislature and issues that may have an impact on the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed proposed operating budget and cash flow for '16, followed by discussion on the budget's relationship to capital and maintenance projects, and a review of the concept for a multi-use facility on the north end of the fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Wessel and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2016

Members present: Al Paulson, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovid; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Sharon Wessel; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by President Paulson and declared in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by President Paulson at 4 p.m.

SOCIETY DISTRICT CAUCUSES

10:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016

Delegates from the second, third and eighth district met in caucus to certify nominees for election to the Society's board of managers during the Society's general business session Sunday, Jan. 17. Selected were Paul Merkins of Stewart (second district), Byron Anderson of Hugo (third district) and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids (eighth district).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016

Present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhovid; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Sharon Wessel; Wally Wichmann; Al Paulson, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Jim Sinclair; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Mary Miller; Chris Leach; Brienna Schuette; Steve Grans; Theresa Weinfurtnier; Michelle Butler; Brett Ward; Matt Steffenhagen; Mary Pittelko; Kent Harbison.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed capital and maintenance expenditures from 2015. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hudalla presented capital and maintenance project recommendations for 2016 totaling \$6.8 million. A summary of the project list follows, and includes projects previously approved at the Nov. 5, 2015, meeting of the board:

2016 MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Structure improvements:	<u>\$2,421,000</u>
B. Land improvements:	
BI. Fencing & fixtures	_____
BII. Land	_____
BIII. Sewer system	_____
BIV. Streets & sidewalks	<u>1,010,000</u>
BV. Water distribution system	_____
BVI. Gas distribution system	_____
BVII. Land purchases	_____
TOTAL land improvements	\$ 1,010,000
C. Personal property	<u>\$ 195,000</u>
D. Electric plant:	<u>\$ 916,000</u>
TOTAL improvements	\$ 4,542,000
E. Structure maintenance:	<u>\$ 934,100</u>
F. Land maintenance:	
FI. Fencing & fixtures	<u>30,000</u>
FII. Land	<u>97,000</u>
FIII. Sewer system	<u>72,500</u>
FIV. Streets & sidewalks	<u>160,000</u>
FV. Water distribution system	<u>69,000</u>
FVI. Gas distribution system	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL Land maintenance	\$ 431,000
G. Personal property maintenance:	<u>\$ 322,300</u>
H. Vehicle maintenance:	<u>\$ 153,000</u>
I. Electric plant maintenance:	<u>\$ 453,000</u>
TOTAL maintenance	\$ 2,293,400
TOTAL maintenance & improvements	\$ 6,835,400

After review and discussion, Mr. Fox moved, Ms. Wessel seconded and motion carried that the '16 improvements and maintenance budget be approved by

the committee as presented and recommended to the full board for approval (Aye-8; Nay-0). Included in the motion was staff authority to adjust, shift, add or cancel specific line items as appropriate to accommodate changes that occur throughout the budget year.

The planning committee adjourned at 1:54 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Paulson opened the meeting and asked State Fair CEO Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

President Paulson called for a report of the credentials committee by Brad Brejcka of Douglas County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

MN Farmers Union, MN Pork Producers Association & State Fair Exhibitor Association – did not file with the secretary of state by Dec. 20, 2015 deadline.

American Dairy Association did not list their president as a delegate; therefore they are entitled to only two votes.

MN State Horticulture Society did not list their president as a delegate; therefore they are entitled to only two votes.

President Paulson called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Brad Brejcha of Douglas County presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

2016 Annual Meeting Approved and Adopted Resolutions

1. Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society expresses its utmost gratitude to the 1.8 million guests who joined us for the 2015 Minnesota State Fair and to the additional 1 million people who attended events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year.

2. Resolved, that the Society pledges its best efforts to advance the State Fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting an exposition of the highest quality, bringing together all of Minnesota and showcasing our finest agriculture, art and industry, while providing exceptional customer service in a safe, clean environment that is accessible to all.

3. Resolved, that the Society acknowledges with profound appreciation the invaluable contributions of the State Fair staff, board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth and school groups, and members of 4-H and FFA, and thousands of dedicated individuals who make the Great Minnesota Get-Together a success.

4. Resolved, that the Society recognizes the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's significant role in preserving, improving and protecting the historic State Fairgrounds while supporting its educational programs, and thanks the Foundation's board, staff, donors and volunteers for their commitment and generosity.

5. Resolved, that the Society appreciates the value of strong relationships with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association, and other organizations dedicated to improving the fair industry.

6. Resolved, that the Society acknowledges with sadness the loss of Society members and State Fair friends who passed away this past year. We extend our condolences to the families and friends of: Terry Anderson, longtime game concessionaire with former carnival contractor Royal American Shows Inc.; Phyllis Annestad, wife of Martin Annestad, State Fair board member from 1983 to 1996 and president in 1997; Lisa Baker, daughter-in-law of Denny Baker, former State Fair board member and president; John A. Beulke, attraction ticket taker from 1961 to 2011 and a 50-Year Award recipient; LaVerne Carney, former Grandstand ticket office and sales division employee and State Fairgrounds neighbor; Bruce Christie, Winona County

Agricultural & Industrial Fair Association board member; Jim Crocker, longtime Spaghetti Village and Root Beer Barrels concessionaire; Bert Enestvedt, 50-year proprietor of Enestvedt Brothers Seed Corn Company, a longtime Machinery Hill exhibitor; Tim Heffernan, former IAFE Zone 4 director and great friend of the State Fair; Darlene Magel, Mighty Midway game concessionaire; Leo McGough, longtime construction contractor and State Fair friend; Judi Ohlhauser, sales division employee from 1989 to 1991; James Peters, owner of the Peters Hot Dogs concession and a 50-Year Award recipient; Eileen Roehlke, representative of the third district on the State Fair board of managers from 1979 to 1992, board president from 1993 to 1994 and honorary life member of the Society; Walter "Speedy" Spidahl, Foot-Long Hot Dogs concessionaire and 50-Year Award recipient; Jean Steltz, wife of Lyle Steltz, representative of the third district on the State Fair board of managers from 1993 to 2005, board president from 2006 to 2007 and honorary life member of the Society; Lorraine Gonyea Stewart, prolific Creative Activities knitting award winner; and Greg Ustruck, Christmas tree superintendent for 39 years.

7. Whereas, the Minnesota State Fair, with its 162 years of history, has become an indispensable institution famous throughout the world for presenting an unparalleled forum for knowledge, ideas and unique experiences for Minnesotans of all ages to learn about our state's agriculture, industry, culture, art, history and scientific innovation, and

Whereas, the State Fair's exhibitions and programs provide significant life and educational experiences for thousands of young 4-H and FFA participants, who play a key role in the future of our state's agriculture industry, and for any and all Minnesota youth who have the opportunity to take advantage of the fair's more than 358 hours of educational programming, and

Whereas, a successful State Fair provides thousands of exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers and employees (including school-age workers) with valuable employment and income each year, and

Whereas, the State Fair is an important economic engine, generating thousands of jobs and more than \$250 million in economic benefit annually for the Twin Cities alone, plus additional unmeasured economic impact throughout the state, and

Whereas, a recent University of Minnesota study definitively shows that schools opening prior to Labor Day has a negative effect on Minnesota's tourism, hospitality and resort industries, related businesses and their employees, resulting in economic harm, reduced state tax revenue and, as a result, funding available for schools, and

Whereas, the Minnesota State Fair is completely self-supporting, has not received any public money or government appropriations since 1949 and relies on the economics related to thriving attendance in order to continue producing a treasured and unmatched end-of-summer tradition, thereby contributing to the state's quality of life, and

Whereas, Minnesota schools continue to seek exemption from the State Law mandating post-Labor-Day starts and to lobby for early school starts, which would have a detrimental economic impact on the state while driving down State Fair participation and attendance,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the thousands of members of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, representing every county in the state, strongly urge lawmakers to support the State Law requiring Minnesota schools to open no earlier than Labor Day, the traditional end of summer, so that children, families and workers from throughout the state can fully participate in and benefit from the State Fair, Minnesota's flagship cultural, social and educational asset.

8. Be it further resolved, the Society extends its sincere appreciation to those who contributed time and effort to the success of its 157th annual meeting.

President Paulson conducted the election of Minnesota State Agricultural Society president for a term of one year. Sharon Wessel of Hamel was elected and assumed the chair.

Society Life Member Clarice Schmidt of Sabin nominated former President

Paulson for Honorary Life Membership in the Society; Mr. Paulson was elected by acclamation.

President Wessel proceeded to conduct elections as follows: D. J. Leary of Minneapolis was re-elected to a two-year term as fifth district vice president; Paul Merkins of Stewart was re-elected to a three-year term as second district representative; Gail Johnson of Anoka was elected to fill the final year of President Wessel's unexpired three-year term as third district representative; and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids was re-elected to a three-year term as eighth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Wessel declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

Present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Jim Sinclair; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Mary Miller; Chris Leach; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Marie LeFebvre; Michelle Butler; Wally LeVesseur; Matt Steffenhagen; Steve Grans; Brienna Schuette; Chris Noonan; Pam Mix; Theresa Weinfurtnier; Brett Ward; Shannon Buchda; Heather Brady; Danielle Dullinger; Debbie Edman; Josie Belde; Julie Samec; Mary Pittelko; Kay Cady; Mark Haidet; Jesse Poppe; Clare Eisenberg; Leah Janus.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

Ms. Huber administered oaths of office to newly elected board members as follows:

Sharon Wessel of Hamel, president (one-year term); D. J. Leary of Minneapolis, fifth district vice president (two-year term); Paul Merkins of Stewart, second district representative (three-year term); Gail Johnson of Anoka, third district representative (final year of President Wessel's unexpired three-year term); and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids, eighth district representative (three-year term).

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried, Jerry Hammer of St. Paul was re-appointed to a one-year term as executive vice president of the Society (Aye-9; Nay-0). Ms. Huber administered the oath of office to Mr. Hammer.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Nov. 5, 2015, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 5, 2015, through Jan. 14, 2016, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented the financial statement for Dec. 31, 2015, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Month Ending December 31, 2015

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Cash balance-Nov. 30, 2015		\$8,032,186
Add: cash deposits	\$1,092,944	
Less: payroll ending Dec. 4	(221,821)	
payroll ending Dec. 18	(218,965)	
payroll ending Dec. 31	(210,745)	
cash disbursements	(841,577)	(400,164)
Balance-Dec. 31, 2015		\$7,632,022

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-Nov. 30, 2015		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-Dec. 31, 2015		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-Nov. 30, 2015		
Add: note proceeds		
interest		
Balance-Dec. 31, 2015		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31:

	2014	2015
Operating account	\$1,784,264	\$7,632,022
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$1,790,814	\$7,638,572

After review, the statement was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. Jacobson:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signatory authority: Operating account – Gerald Hammer and Marshall Jacobson with "Hammer/Jacobson" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Gerald Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll funds; Premium account - Gerald Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Gerald Hammer or Marshall Jacobson. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2016 were presented by President Wessel:

Finance Committee - Leary, chairman; Grunhovd; Johnson; Merkins; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Jacobson, ex officio.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Fox, chairman; Grunhovd; Leary; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wessel, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors Committee - Oleheiser, chairman; Alexander; Goodrich; Sinclair; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Operations Committee - Scapanski, chairman; Fox; Leary; Johnson; Grunhovd; Oleheiser; Wessel, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Planning Committee - Grunhovd, chairman; Fox; Leary; Johnson; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Public Affairs Committee - Wichmann, chairman; Fox; Leary; Merkins; Scapanski; Toenges; Wessel, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Schuette, ex officio.

Rules & Premium Lists Committee - Toenges, chairman; Fox; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio.

Sales Committee - Merkins, chairman; Fox; Leary; Grunhovd; Johnson; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Larson, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Wessel presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2016:

Administration - Grunhovd
Employment Office - Scapanski (Debbie Edman, superintendent)
Seniors - Toenges (Marge Krueger, superintendent)
Competition - Grunhovd
Bee Culture - Wichmann (David Schaaf, superintendent)
Beef Cattle - Scapanski (Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)

Christmas Trees - Wichmann
 Creative Activities - Toenges (Curt Pederson, superintendent)
 Dairy Cattle - Merkins (Deb Kraus, superintendent)
 Dairy & Boer Goats - Grunhovd (Mark Boorsma & Gretchen Sankovitz, superintendents)
 Dairy Products - Merkins (Lisa Radamacher, superintendent)
 Dog Trials - Wichmann (JoAnna Yund, superintendent)
 K-12 Competition - Fox (Florence Newton, superintendent)
 Farm Crops - Wichmann (Ron Kelsey, superintendent)
 Fine Arts - Scapanski (Jim Clark, superintendent)
 Flowers - Wichmann (Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)
 4-H - Merkins (Brad Rugg, superintendent)
 Fruits - Wichmann (Louis Quast, superintendent)
 FFA - Oleheiser (Duane Hutton, superintendent)
 Horses - Fox (John Gintner, superintendent)
 Llamas - Johnson (Jen Rouillard, superintendent)
 Milking Parlor - Oleheiser (Doris Mold, superintendent)
 Miracle of Birth - Leary
 Poultry - Toenges (Paul Bengtson, superintendent)
 Sheep - Oleheiser (Jo Bernard, superintendent)
 Swine - Leary (Jerry Hawton, superintendent)
 Vegetables - Wichmann (Phil Klint, superintendent)
 Entertainment - Leary
 Grandstand Production - Merkins (Gary Perkins, superintendent)
 Heritage Exhibits - Johnson (Jan Bankey, superintendent)
 Finance - Toenges
 Fair-time Payroll - Oleheiser
 Ticket Sales - Fox (JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)
 Marketing - Wichmann
 Operations - Scapanski
 Admissions - Wichmann (Dave Woodis, superintendent)
 Park & Ride - Fox
 Parking - Johnson (Jim Benz, superintendent)
 Public Safety - Grunhovd (Art Blakey, superintendent)
 Sanitation - Leary
 Sales - Merkins
 Attraction Ticket Takers - Johnson (Chris Sycks, superintendent)
 The appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).
 President Wessel declared the meeting in recess for committee meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the '16 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon the presentation and/or surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m.

Ms. Schuette presented advertising, marketing and publications budgets for 2016. After discussion, the budgets were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

RULES & PREMIUM LIST COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Authority was granted to Mr. Hammer's delegate to make adjustments in rules, release dates and premium allocations for competitive departments in accordance with guidelines established by the Society's 2016 operating budget was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

The 2016 operating budget, which was reviewed in detail by the board Jan. 15, and the 2016 improvements and maintenance budgets, which were approved Jan. 16 by the board's planning committee, were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

President Wessel reconvened the meeting of the board at 11:09 a.m.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

After discussion, the following admission fee schedule was approved for the 2016 State Fair on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Adults (13-64)	\$13
Seniors (65 and over)	\$11
Children (5-12)	\$11
Kids under 5	Free
Seniors & Kids Days promotions	\$8
Thrifty Thursday Adults & Seniors	\$11
Thrifty Thursday Children	\$8
Military Appreciation Day*	\$8
Read & Ride Day adults**	\$11
Read & Ride Day kids**	\$8
Motorcycle parking	\$7
All-ages pre-fair discount	\$10

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses. All must present valid documentation of military service.

** Discount applies to persons who present a valid library card at the gate.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of agreements with building trades contractors providing architectural and engineering, carpentry, electric and plumbing and heating services. Mr. Hudalla's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to job classifications and pay ranges established by the board of managers Nov. 5, 2015, on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's legal representation by Fredrickson Byron P.A., and McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb Chartered was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A., was approved to

provide audit services for the Society on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander provided an outlook on entertainment bookings for the '16 State Fair. Ms. Alexander's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the board was set for Thursday, April 14, at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Jan. 16 through April 13, 2016

January

16 - Prime Promotions presented their Winter Antique Show at the Warner Coliseum.

19 - Senior staff met with Cuningham Group for continuing discussions on the North End project.

26 - The first of four CPR/first aid training sessions was held for full-time staff.

27 - Sinclair, Larson and Simon met with Martha and Gary Olson and Brenda and Neil O'Leary regarding Sweet Martha's Cookies operations. Sinclair and Hines met with Don McClure of DMC, Inc., to discuss Skyride operations.

28 - Hammer, Alexander and Goodrich participated in a presentation to the State Fair Foundation's Grand Champions donor group at the Libby Conference Center.

28-Feb. 7 - St. Paul Winter Carnival Snow Sculpting competition was held at the Kidway.

29 - Sinclair, Alexander, Hudalla and Leach met with representatives of the State Council on Disability and State Department of Human Rights to discuss the State Fair's accessibility program. Hudalla attended the annual legislative outlook session presented by Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

30 - North Star Roller Girls held a bout at the Warner Coliseum.

February

3 - Senior staff met with Cuningham Group for continued development of the North End project.

6 - The St. Paul Winter Carnival Beer Dabber event was held at the Midway lot and Warner Coliseum.

8-11 - Sinclair and Ward attended meetings of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association and National Independent Concessionaires Association, along with visits to the International Independent Showmen's Association trade show and Florida State Fair in Tampa.

9 - The Lunch & Learn series for State Fair staff featured a presentation by Eric King, a producer of the annual Color Run 5K race.

10 - The first of two defensive driving classes was presented for full-time staff. Mix attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

11 - Nineteen State Fair team members volunteered at Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the State Fair staff's MSF Gives Back community volunteer initiative.

12 - The documentary film "Farmland" was shown to full-time staff at the Libby Conference Center.

13-14 - The Gina Morri Memorial Gymnastics Invitational was held at the Warner Coliseum.

17 - Senior staff met with Cuningham Group for continued discussions on the North End project.

18 - Sinclair, Hudalla and Casey met with Cuningham Group regarding the new Adventure Park walkway.

20 - The North Star Roller Girls bout was held at the Warner Coliseum.

22 - Sinclair and Simon met with Crossroads Chapel representatives to discuss operations at the upcoming fair.

25-27 - Hammer and Sinclair attended the annual meeting of the Mid-West Fairs Association in Fort Myers, Fla., and visited the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair.

26-28 - The Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Show was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

March

2 - Sinclair, Simon and Doyle met with DNR representatives to review plans for the '16 State Fair.

4-6 - The St. Paul Woodworking Show was held at the Warner Coliseum.

7 - Sinclair and Larson met with Dianne Pojar of J&D's Eating Establishment to discuss her concession facility and operations for the upcoming fair. Twenty State Fair team members volunteered for Gardening Matters on behalf of the staff's MSF Gives Back community volunteer initiative.

9 - The State Fair staff employee safety committee met. Cuningham Group met with senior staff for ongoing North End project development. Mix and Edman attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

10 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee.

11 - Senior staff met with representatives of Context Network and Cuningham Group design team to begin planning exhibit content for the North End future of agriculture exhibit.

12 - The North Star Roller Girls held a bout at the Warner Coliseum.

13 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was conducted at the AgStar Arena.

16 - Hammer and Goodrich accepted the Minnesota Turkey Research & Promotion Council's "Promoter of the Year" award at the MTRPC annual meeting in St. Paul. Edman, Miller and Mix attended a seminar on workplace communications.

18 - Huber and representatives of the federation of county fairs and the Midwest Showmen met with the DoubleTree Hotel staff for a post-convention meeting.

19-20 - The Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association Horsemanship Clinic was presented at the AgStar Arena. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was held at the Warner Coliseum.

19-23 - Hudalla, Goodrich, Casey, Franzmeier, Barnett and Koenen attended and offered presentations at the IAFE Tools of the Trade seminar in Buffalo, N.Y.

23 - Hines attended ServSafe program training presented by the Minnesota Restaurant Association.

24 - The MSF Gives Back employee committee met to discuss volunteer projects for State Fair staff.

25 - Senior staff met with Cuningham Group for ongoing North End project development.

29 - Operations staff met with Cuningham Group and Mike McGough of McGough Construction to continue developing the North End project.

31 - Sinclair, Alexander, Simon and Noonan met with Joe Johnston and Monica Doyle of KSTP-TV to discuss programming during the '16 State Fair. Diedrick and Noonan accepted the "Best Event" award at Minnesota Meetings & Events 2015 Best Of Awards.

31-April 3 - The St. Paul Osman Temple Shrine Circus was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

April

4 - Sinclair, Alexander and Hudalla along with staff and board of the International Institute met with St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark and staff at the International Institute to discuss real estate matters.

4-6 - A delegation of State Fair staff and several members of the board attended the IAFE Zone 4 spring meeting in Green Bay, Wis.

5 - Sinclair, Alexander, Leach, Ward and Franzmeier met with representatives of Rose Presents to discuss plans for the May 29 Soundset Festival.

6 - Sinclair, Alexander, Leach and Blakey met with representatives of Falcon Heights, Roseville, Lauderdale and St. Paul to review public safety plans for the Soundset Festival.

7 - Hudalla, Leach and Grans met with Metro Transit representatives to discuss fair-time bus operations.

8 - Sinclair met with Iowa State Fair staff in Des Moines to discuss carnival midway operations.

9 - The University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine presented Dog Olympics at the AgStar Arena.

9-10 - The Gopher State Timing Association Rod & Custom Spectacular was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

11 - Sinclair, Ward and Hines met with representatives of Rose Presents to discuss concessions at the Soundset Festival.

12 - Senior staff met with Cunningham Group staff to continue development of the North End project. The Tuesday Night Worlds Bicycle Races were held on Machinery Hill. Blood-borne pathogen training for staff was presented at Libby Conference Center.

13 - The Minnesota Royal Run was held at the Midway lot. State Fair staff volunteered at Habitat for Humanity as part of the staff's MSF Gives Back community volunteer initiative. Mix and Edman attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2016

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Marshall Jacobson; Mary Miller; Cheryl Huber; Chris Leach; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Brienna Schuette; Steve Grans; Theresa Weinfurter; Greg Harder; Michelle Butler; Brett Ward; Christine Noonan; Shannon Buchda; Emily Diedrick; Danielle Dullinger; Pam Mix; Debbie Edman; Lara Hughes; Virginia Mold; Nikki Hines; Josie Belde; Kay Cady; Jesse Poppe; Mark Haidet; Sarah Psick; Joe Bagnoli; Kent Harbison; Leah Janus; Andrew Tisue.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Society's board meetings, committee meetings, caucuses and general business session conducted Jan. 14-17 were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Jan. 17 through April 13, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented the financial statement for March 31, 2016, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY

MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2016

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance-Feb. 29, 2016		\$6,204,588
Add: cash deposits	\$759,883	
Less: payroll ending Mar. 13	(219,421)	
payroll ending Mar. 27	(225,419)	
cash disbursements	(830,513)	
	(515,470)	
Balance-Mar. 31, 2016		\$5,689,118

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-Feb. 29, 2016	\$450
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Add: interest earned
securities purchased
Less: securities redeemed
Balance-Mar. 31, 2016

\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-Feb. 29, 2016

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Add: note proceeds
interest

Less: disbursements

Balance-Mar. 31, 2016

\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2015	2016
Operating account	\$655,395	\$5,689,118
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$661,945	\$5,695,668

After discussion, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer, Ms. Alexander and Andrew Tisue of the Cunningham Group design team reviewed concept development for a new agriculture, arts and education facilities on the north end of the fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Psick and Mr. Bagnoli reviewed the current session of the Minnesota legislature, and issues that could affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Miller, Ms. Mix and Ms. Edman reported on State Fair Employment Center operations, staff training and employment law associated with hiring and referring thousands of staff for the annual fair. Information only; no action taken.

On a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried acclamation, the Board of Managers offered their thanks and congratulations to Human Resources Director Mary Miller, who retires in June after 37 years of service to the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

Ms. Alexander reviewed the status of entertainment bookings, outside gate and Grandstand ticketing procedures and educational outreach programs for the upcoming fair. Information only; no action taken.

A report on the fairgrounds' busy schedule of non-fair events was presented by Brett Ward and Emily Diedrick. Information only; no action taken.

A license authorizing public beer sales and limited liquor sales for the upcoming Soundset music festival on May 29 was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A license authorizing public beer service at the upcoming Beer Fest micro-brew sampling event was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich provided an update on activities within the fair's numerous agricultural, creative arts and educational contests. Information only; no action taken.

An update on activities of the State Fair Foundation was provided by Ms. Cady. Information only; no action taken.

President Wessel declared the meeting in executive session at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting was reopened at 12:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0), and adjourned at 12:46 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

April 14 through June 9, 2016

April

16 - The Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association Spring Horse Show was presented at the AgStar Arena.

16-17 - The Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market, presented by Prime Promotions, was held at the Grandstand and Infield. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Spring Military Relics Show was held at the Progress Center. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show was presented at the Education Building.

17-23 - K. Huber presented The Storied History of the Minnesota State Fair to fifteen libraries in the Arrowhead Region, as part of the Arrowhead Library System's Legacy Events.

18 - Hammer, Cady and State Fair Foundation Chairman Mitch Davis met to discuss upcoming meetings related to the North End project. Sinclair, Hudalla and Simon met with students from the the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture and Brian Tempas of Cuningham Group to review plans for a new Driven to Discover building on the fairgrounds.

19 - Goodrich met with representatives of the World Dairy Expo to discuss unification of show ring ethics procedures. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill. Lunch & Learn program for State Fair staff featured a presentation by management and on-air staff from iHeartMedia, representing seven Twin Cities radio stations.

20 - Noonan and Dullinger studied Snapchat social media at the space150 advertising agency in Minneapolis. Schuette met with representatives of the Star Tribune to discuss 2016 advertising.

21 - Dullinger and Schuette met with representatives of Cable Channel 6's Around Town TV to discuss advertising and production for the upcoming fair. Edman, Sertich and Mix led two training sessions on employee hiring and payroll procedures for department superintendents at the Libby Conference Center.

22 - Hammer and Cady participated in a meeting of several former and current State Fair Foundation board members to discuss agriculture education and program development.

22-24 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

23-24 - Munchkin Market's Spring & Summer Sale was held at the Education Building. Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como parking lots.

24 - The University of Minnesota conducted the Gopher Criterium bike race on Machinery Hill.

25 - The Minnesota FFA Livestock, Horse & Dairy Judging Contest was held at the Warner Coliseum and AgStar Arena, and the FFA's CDE competition was presented at the Merchandise Mart.

25-28 - Hammer, Miller, Huber, Sinclair, Hudalla and Leach attended the IAFE Spring Management Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and toured the Tulsa State Fair Exposition Center.

26 - Noonan and Dullinger met with marketing students at Minnetonka High School. Schuette participated in a conference call of the IAFE convention program committee. KMSP-TV interviewed Jenny Cunningham regarding the 100th anniversary of the State Fair's greenhouses. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

28 - Edman, Sertich and Mix led a training session on employee hiring and payroll procedures for department superintendents at the Libby Conference Center.

29 - The 2017 commemorative artist met with staff regarding concepts for 2017 State Fair art.

29-30 - Stamp & Scrapbook Expo was presented at the Education Building and Annex.

29-April 1 - The Sahara Sands Spring Classic Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

30 - Comcast & Arc Volunteer event was held at the Grandstand.

May

1 - The Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet was held on Machinery

Hill. The Northland Antique Toy, Doll & Advertising Show was presented at the Progress Center.

2 - Hammer and Jacobson met with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A. to review their audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2015.

3 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee. Hammer met with MEDA President Gary Cunningham to discuss an initiative with Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, Inc., as well as youth employment opportunities. Noonan participated in a Saint Paul Hello event. Alexander and Schuette met with the State Fair Marketing Coalition to review TV ads for the upcoming fair. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

4 - A meeting of full-time staff was conducted at the Libby Conference Center.

5 - The steering committee of the MSF Gives Back employee volunteer group met at the Libby Conference Center to discuss community volunteer projects. A Soundset Festival pre-event public safety meeting involving fair staff, show promoters and local law enforcement agencies was held at Libby Conference Center.

5-8 - The Friends of the American Saddlebred Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

6 - Sinclair and Hines met with Skyride owner Don McClure to discuss operations for the upcoming fair.

6-8 - The Friends School of Minnesota Plant Sale was held at the Grandstand.

7 - The Spring Model Railroad & Hobby Sale was conducted at the Education Building & Annex. St. Paul Craftstravaganza was held at the Progress Center.

7-8 - South Como parking lots were used for Como Park shuttle parking.

10 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

11 - The State Fair, Minnesota FFA and local commodity groups presented Urban Ag Day for Twin Cities third grade students at the Warner Coliseum. The State Fair employee safety committee met at the Administration Building. Edman and Mix attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

11-14 - The St. Paul YMCA Garage Sale was held at the Merchandise Mart.

12 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's finance and investment committee.

13 - K. Huber presented The Storied History of the Minnesota State Fair to the Young at Heart group at the First United Church of the St. Cloud Region in Sartell.

13-14 - The Artists Market, presented by Northstar Watermedia Society, was held at the Fine Arts Center. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Mini Maker Faire was held at the International Bazaar and Dairy Building. The Minnesota Barbecue Society presented Minnesota in May Barbecue Competition on Machinery Hill.

14 - A wedding reception was held at the Progress Center.

14-15 - Minnesota Comic Book Association's MSP Comicon was held at the Grandstand. Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como parking lots.

15 - The First Fifty Auto Parts Sale & Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots. The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held at the AgStar Arena.

17 - Leaders in agriculture from around the country participated in the first of three workshops conducted by the Context Network at the Progress Center; results from the workshops will be incorporated into State Fair programming. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held at Machinery Hill.

18 - Hammer met with Jane Graupman of the International Institute to discuss mutual issues. Artist Michael Sweere, creator of the State Fair's 2016 commemorative art, gave a presentation as part of the Lunch & Learn series for fair staff.

19 - Hammer and Sinclair participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board at the Libby Conference Center.

20 - June 5 - ApplianceSmart's Major Appliance Liquidation Sale was held at the Education Building.

21 - Ye Old Mill and the Keenan family were featured in the State Fair Foundation's ongoing Grand Champion State Fair Stories series, presented at the History & Heritage Center. Edman, Sertich and Mix led two training sessions on employee hiring and payroll procedures for department superintendents at the Libby Conference Center.

21-22 - Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

22-25 - Simon and Butler attended the Alltech Conference in Lexington, Ky.

23-24 - Edman and Mix attended the Upper Midwest Employment Law Institute conference in St. Paul.

23-27 - Goodrich, LeFebvre and Harder attended the annual meeting of the North American Livestock Shows Rodeo Managers in Springfield, Mass.

24 - Alexander and Schuette met with representatives of Strong Suit Media regarding 2016 State Fair advertising.

25 - Schuette and Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair marketing to students at New Heights School in Stillwater. Schuette, Cady and Haidet met with representatives of Twin Cities Public Television to discuss production of a State Fair documentary.

27 - A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

28 - Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

29 - The Soundset music festival was presented at the Midway lot and West End Market.

June

3 - A retirement party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

3-5 - The International Gem & Mineral Show was presented at the Progress Center. The North Central Reining Extravaganza Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

4 - The Baby Steps 3K run was conducted at the Grandstand and nearby roadways. The St. Paul Summer Beer Fest was held at the International Bazaar. A reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

4-5 - The Minnesota Antique Dealers Association Antiques & Decorative Arts Show was held at the Fine Arts Center.

4-10 - Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

5 - The General Motors Car Clubs of America Car Show & Swap Meet was held on Machinery Hill.

6 - The State Fair Employment Office opened for the summer.

7 - The State Fair Affair Shops & Hops Bike Race was conducted on various roadways. MacQueen Equipment held a training session at the Progress Center.

8-11 - 4-H hosted a YELLO (Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outload) event at the 4-H Building.

9 - The 2016 State Fair's commemorative art, created by Minneapolis mosaic artist Michael Sweere, was unveiled during a celebration at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

9-12 - The Region 10 Arabian Horse Association Championship Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE & THE GOVERNING BOARD

9 a.m. Friday, June 10, 2016

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; Dan Grunhovd; D.J. Leary; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio. Absent: Gail Johnson; Dennis Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Gail Anderson; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Carol Doyle; Shannon Buchda; Brett Ward; Debbie Edman; Emily Diedrick; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Virginia Mold; Jennifer Bower; Mary Pittelko; Kay Cady; Mark Haidet; Kent Harbison; Don McClure.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Simon reported on several of the new commercial exhibits, institutional and educational displays, touring exhibits and sponsors scheduled to participate at the upcoming fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyfair, Inc. to adjust their 2016 SkyGlider ticket prices from \$4 to \$4.50 for one way, and \$6 to \$7 for round trip. After discussion, the 50-cent price adjustment for one-way tickets was approved, but the \$1 increase in round trip tickets was denied on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

A request by River Raft Ride, Inc. to adjust their 2016 ticket price from \$4.50 to \$5 was presented by Mr. Sinclair. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried that the 50-cent ticket price increase be approved for the 2016 fair (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyride operator D.M.C., Inc. to reduce the Skyride's percentage fee from 30 percent to 25 percent. Mr. Don McClure, owner and operator of the Skyride, appeared before the committee in support of his request. Staff recommended that instead of a percentage fee reduction, the committee approve a 50-cent adjustment in one-way ticket price from \$4 to \$4.50. After discussion, the request for a percentage fee reduction was denied, and the ticket price adjustment was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

State Fair counsellor Kent Harbison reported on Society policy relating to personal property transfers. Following Mr. Harbison's report, Mr. Sinclair brought forward a request by John H. Keenan, owner and operator of Ye Old Mill, to have his son James W. Keenan named as principal representative of Ye Old Mill Amusements Inc. After discussion, the request was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary. Absent: Gail Johnson.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Gail Anderson; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Carol Doyle; Shannon Buchda; Brett Ward; Debbie Edman; Emily Diedrick; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Virginia Mold; Jennifer Bower; Mary Pittelko; Kay Cady; Mark Haidet; Lynn Varco; Jesse Poppe; Kent Harbison; Sarah Psick; Joe Bagnoli.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes of the Society board's general business meeting conducted April 14, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes covering interim activities April 14 through June 9, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier in the morning by the sales committee was reviewed by committee chairman Mr. Merkins and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Jim Eichten of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Rodosevich & Co., P.A., and Mr. Jacobson reviewed the audit of the Society's books and accounts for fiscal 2015. After discussion, the audit report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Financial statement for May 2016 was presented by Mr. Jacobson as follows:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
Month Ending May 31, 2016**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance-April 30, 2016		\$5,559,178
Add: cash deposits	\$1,241,514	
Less: payroll ending May 6	(257,807)	
payroll ending May 20	(286,786)	
cash disbursements	(1,227,652)	
		(530,731)
Balance-May 31, 2016		\$5,028,447

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-April 30, 2016		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-May 31, 2016		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-April 30, 2016		
Add: note proceeds		\$-
interest		
Less: disbursements		
Balance-May 31, 2016		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31:

	2014	2015
Operating account	\$1,166,292	\$5,028,447
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$1,172,842	\$5,034,997

After review, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Jacobson presented a resolution authorizing the amendment of the State Fair 2009 Subordinated Indebtedness Note to extend the maturity thereof and authorizing certain other actions. The complete resolution is on file at the Society offices on the State Fairgrounds. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Psick and Mr. Bagnoli reported on the recently concluded regular session of the Minnesota legislature, and its potential impacts on the Society. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander presented the following entertainment contracts for consideration:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUE
Freestyle Productions, Inc.	8/25-9/5	\$85,829 flat	Grandstand Production
Eat Your Heart Out Catering (Grandstand Catering)	8/25-9/5	\$20,000 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoice	Grandstand Production
Perk Global Productions, Inc. (Grandstand Stage Manager)	8/25-9/5	\$20,000 flat	Grandstand Production
P.E.S.O., Inc. (Concert Ushers)	8/25-9/5	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$17.90 /hour per person	Grandstand Production

A.S.I.A., Inc. (Concert Security)	8/25-9/5	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$19.26 /hour per person	Grandstand Production
RES Specialty Fireworks	8/25-9/5	\$35,000 flat	Grandstand Production
Road Touring Two, Inc. f/s/o Don Henley	8/25	\$350,000 plus 90% over \$450,000	Grandstand Artist
Tunashoe Tours, LLC f/s/o The Dixie Chicks	8/27	\$500,000 flat plus 85% over \$610,500	Grandstand Artist
Flower Power Concerts, Inc. f/s/o Happy Together Tour 2016	8/29	\$67,500 plus 85% over \$167,500	Grandstand Artist
Lady Killers Touring LLC f/s/o G-Eazy	8/30	\$225,000 plus 80% over \$320,000	Grandstand Artist
DLG Touring LLC f/s/o Demi Lovato	8/31	\$262,500 plus 85% over \$450,000	Grandstand Artist
NJJ Touring f/s/o Nick Jonas	8/31	\$75,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Monster Mountain Tours, LLC f/s/o Mike Posner	8/31	\$12,500 flat	Grandstand Artist
TGA Enterprises LLC f/s/o Alabama	9/1	\$300,000 plus 80% over \$450,000	Grandstand Artist
Minnesota Public Radio f/s/o A Prairie Home Companion	9/2	60% of box office receipts	Grandstand Artist
Beeswing, Inc. f/s/o Richard Thompson Trio	9/5	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Chicken Good Touring f/s/o G. Love & Special Sauce	8/25-26	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Marty Stuart Tours, Inc. f/s/o Marty Stuart	8/27-28	\$40,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Far Out Productions, Inc. f/s/o War	9/4-5	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
OO-DE-LALLY LLC f/s/o Ashley Campbell	8/27-28	\$12,500 flat	Bandshell Day
Enda Scahill f/s/o We Banjo 3	8/29-30	\$6,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Bar None Music, Inc. f/s/o Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen	8/29-30	\$12,000 flat	Bandshell Day
QSB Entertainment LLC f/s/o The Quebec Sisters	8/31-9/1	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Tonic Sol-fa, LLC	8/25-26	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Tin Cup Gypsy Entertainment Co. f/s/o The Railers	9/2-3	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
The Last Bandoleros, LLC	9/4-5	\$9,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Tim Cavanagh	9/4-5	\$4,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Peterson Brothers Music LLC	9/4-5	\$7,500 flat	Bandshell Day

Ballet Folklórico Mexico Azteca	8/25-26	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Miles D. Warren f/s/o Universal Artist Movement	8/27-28	\$2,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Alejandro Rubio Sanchez f/s/o Alex y su Conjunto Branteño	8/27-28	\$2,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Craig J. Ebel f/s/o Craig Ebel & DyVersaC0	8/29-30	\$1,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Native Pride Inc. f/s/o Native Pride Dancers	8/31-9/1	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Mike Wallace f/s/o Irish Brigade	8/31-9/1	\$2,750 flat	Bazaar Day
Daniel A. Newton f/s/o Café Accordion Orchestra	8/29-30	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Dominic Gaudious	9/2-3	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Concord Singers	9/2-3	\$2,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Jack Brass Band	9/4-5	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Mazouk Productions f/s/o Marimba Afrika	9/4-5	\$2,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Layne B. Bellamy f/s/o The Not Guilty Band	9/27-28	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Shai Hayo f/s/o Salsa del Soul	8/31-9/1	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Sallycat Music, LLC f/s/o GB Leighton	9/4-5	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Kenneth Richard Ahern Jr f/s/o Kenny Ahern	8/25-26	\$1,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Sherlock Studios LLC f/s/o Jared Sherlock	8/29-30	\$1,700 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Linsey Lindberg f/s/o Mama Lou	8/31-9/1	\$2,400 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
BC Characters, Inc. f/s/o Break-Shop Bump'n	8/25-9/5	\$30,360 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Sean Emery	8/25-9/5	\$15,000 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Richard Erickson f/s/o Teddy Bear Band	8/27-28	\$2,100 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Total Entertainment f/s/o Kidsdance	9/4-5	\$2,300 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
The Zinghoppers Group LLC f/s/o Jack & Kitty	9/2-3	\$2,100 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Dan Sparkman	8/28	\$70 flat	Milk Run
Rick Recker	8/28	\$350 flat	Milk Run
Laser Shows Inc. f/s/o Lasertainment Laser Hitz Show	8/25-9/5	\$19,000 flat	Misc Attractions
Jack Brass Band	8/27-30, 9/1 & 9/3	\$7,500 flat	Misc Attractions
Flippenout Productions LLC f/s/o Flippenout	8/31-9/5	\$21,375 flat	Misc Attractions
Allied Audio (Free Stage Sound & Lights)	8/25-9/5	\$224,181 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoices	Misc Ent.
DL Weatherhead Timberworks Lumberjack Show LLC	8/25-9/5	\$35,500 flat	North Woods

Chris Perondi dba Canines Stunt Dog Show	8/25-9/5	\$15,000 flat	
Derold V. McDonough	8/25-9/5	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Steve L McDonough	8/25-9/5	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert A. McDonough	8/25-9/5	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Kenneth Scott	8/25-9/5	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Delores Nelson	8/25-9/5	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Ken Anderson	8/25-9/5	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Duane H. Rolstad	8/25-28	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
William A. Griesbach	8/25-9/1	\$720 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Schimml	8/25-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
David M. Lewerer	8/25-9/4	\$1,320 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert D. Wilson	8/25-9/5	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
Christopher J. Chadwick	8/25-9/5	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
James Birk	8/25-9/5	\$1,260 flat	Old Iron Show
Jack's PC Consulting LLC f/s/o C. John Deschene	8/25-9/5	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
James M. Quirk	8/25-9/5	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Lee Jason Sackett	8/25-9/5	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Glen William Westphal	8/25-9/5	\$720 flat	Old Iron Show
Lorraine Quirk	8/25-9/5	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Shannon M. Sackett	8/25-9/5	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Stevermer	8/25-9/5	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Leslie Suchy	8/25-9/5	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Rickie D. Grufman	9/2-9/5	\$840 flat	Old Iron Show
Cecil L. Bechel f/s/o Cecil Bechel	9/2-9/5	\$1,320 flat	Old Iron Show
Paul Husby f/s/o St. Anthony Park Community Band	8/26	\$100 flat	Parade
Twin Cities Unicycle Club	8/26	\$450 flat	Parade
Minnesota "Over-60" Band	9/1	\$400 flat	Parade
Lane Powel f/s/o Tri-State Judging Association	8/25-9/5	\$2,400 flat	Parade

Lane Powell	8/25-9/4	\$2,640 flat	Parade
Jeff Goldsmith	8/25-9/5	\$2,310 flat	Parade
Jason Stock f/s/o Jason Stock Trolley Service	8/25-9/5	\$1,800 flat	Parade
Joseph Stevermer	8/25-9/5	\$420 flat	Parade
Lee Jason Sackett	8/25-9/5	\$420 flat	Parade
St. Paul Police Band	8/27	\$250 flat	Parade
Jack Brass Band	9/1, 4 & 5	\$4,500 flat	Parade
Regents of the University of Minnesota	9/4	\$1,500 flat	Parade
Crow River Drumline Association f/s/o Phoenix Drumline	9/4	\$750 flat	Parade
Mellow Fellows	8/25-26	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Richard Lewis	8/25-26	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Richard A. Hollister f/s/o Jack Knife & The Sharps	8/27-28	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Richard H. Anderson f/s/o Switched At Birth	8/29-30	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Rodney S. Cerar f/s/o Rod Cerar Orchestra	8/29-30	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Robert E. Scoggin Jr f/s/o Big Bob Scoggin	8/31-9/1	\$800 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
James P Berner f/s/o Jim Berner's Music Legends	8/31-9/1	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Pushing Chain	9/2-3	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Timothy Patrick McGraw f/s/o Tim Patrick & his Blue Eyes Band	9/2-3	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Joel Partrick Johnson f/s/o The Joey Johnson Band	9/4-5	\$1,300 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Taylor Bongard	9/4	\$450 flat	Talent Contest
Emma Taggart	9/4	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
Sheryl Baker	9/4	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
In Capable Hands	8/25-26	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Everett Smithson f/s/o Everett Smithson Band	8/25-26	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Jillian Rae LLC f/s/o Jillian Rae	8/27-28	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Mary Kleingarn f/s/o Lizzy – The Dream Girl	8/27-28	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Raymond Berg's Music f/s/o Sisters of Swing	8/29-30	\$3,500 flat	West End Market
The Looney Lutherans	8/29-30	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Knock Wood LLC f/s/o James Wedgwood	8/31-9/1	\$2,000 flat	West End Market

Becky L. Livermore f/s/o Barefoot Becky & The Ivanhoe Dutchmen	8/31-9/1	\$3,600 flat	West End Market
Sawtooth Brothers LLC f/s/o Sawtooth Brothers	8/25-26	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
MNHS presents History-on-a-Schtick	8/25-9/5 No payment required		West End Market
Richard Crowder f/s/o Sourdough Slim	8/31-9/1	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Mary Rowles	9/2-3	\$1,800 flat	West End Market
Minnesota State Fiddlers Assoc. f/s/o Minnesota State Fiddle Contest	9/2-3	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Okee Dokee Music LLC f/s/o The Okee Dokee Brothers	9/2-3	\$4,000 flat	West End Market
Jerome Frasier f/s/o Jerry Frasier, Comic Magician	9/4-5	\$1,700 flat	West End Market
Sarah Morris f/s/o Sarah Morris & The Sometimes Guys	9/4-5	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Reina del Cid	8/25-26	\$3,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Davine Sowers f/s/o Davina & The Vagabonds	8/29-30	\$6,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Pert Near Sandstone	9/2-3	\$10,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Secret Stash Records LLC f/s/o Sonny Knight & The Lakers	9/4-5	\$5,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Action Sports of Minnesota dba 3rd Lair Skatepark	8/25-9/5	\$45,475 flat	X-Zone

After review and discussion, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich reported on the State Fair's competitions in agriculture, education and the arts, along with a review of the fair's role in food and agriculture education in a changing society. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the following recommendations to update State Fair travel policy as outlined in the Society's Employee Information Handbook:

2. Travel by privately owned or State Fair owned vehicles - In state: If possible, State Fair owned vehicles should be used by employees when traveling within the state on official business. In such cases, the employee shall be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred in the operation or maintenance of the State Fair vehicle. The compensation for use of personal automobiles by employees traveling on official State Fair business shall be set by the Federal IRS reimbursement rate for mileage reimbursement. A notice will go out as mileage rates change. If you have any questions, please check with the human resources or payables department. No additional reimbursement will be made for any expense incident to the operation or maintenance of such personal car except toll charges and parking fees. ~~Mileage shall be paid for the shortest direct route according to highway department records. Mileage for deviations from the shortest direct route, such as vicinity driving or point of departure, shall be shown as a separate item on the expense report, along with an explanation of each day before reimbursement will be allowed.~~ If an employee is attending a conference or training session, mileage will be paid from the shortest route (departure from home or permanent work location). Employees shall not receive mileage reimbursement for commuting between work and their home.

3. Air Travel - Air transportation may be authorized for an employee who is traveling in state or out of state. Personnel must book tourist or coach space, unless not available. ~~Air charter service may be used for either in state or out of state travel when charter service is more practical than commercial transportation.~~ When an employee has a reservation for a flight that is not going to be used, such employee shall be accountable for cancellation of such reservation.

4. Meals - ~~Employees shall not claim reimbursement for more than the amount actually paid for meals including a reasonable gratuity and that amount must be reasonable, taking into consideration the location in which the meal is secured.~~ Reimbursement, including sales tax, for meals shall be \$10 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch and \$27 for dinner. Reimbursement in connection with an official breakfast, lunch, dinner or banquet shall be the actual cost of the official meal function. When a bona fide and necessary business purpose exists, the actual expense of employee and second party (non-employee) meals incurred during a business meeting may be claimed by responsible employee(s) on behalf of the State Fair if approved in advance by the executive vice president. ~~Reimbursement limits, as shown in the paragraph above, will be waived for second parties, but not for responsible employee(s).~~ The amount claimed, which may include a reasonable gratuity, must be reasonable taking into consideration the location in which these meals are secured. There will be no reimbursement for purchase of alcoholic beverages.

6. Miscellaneous Business Expenses - ~~Telephone Calls - In cases where it is necessary to place a long-distance business telephone call, the employee shall request that the operator bill the call to the main State Fair telephone number. If an employee must pay for the long-distance call, reimbursement may be obtained by submitting an employee expense report. Whenever possible, charges from calls to the fairgrounds should be reversed.~~ Parking Fees - Employees shall be reimbursed for parking and toll charges on an actual expense basis, but in all cases, such expense must be reasonable in light of the circumstances and consistent with the facilities available. When receipts, parking stubs or other evidence of payment are issued to the employee for parking fees paid, they shall be submitted with the expense claim.

7. Personal Expenses - Employees in travel status in excess of one week who do not return home during that period of time may claim reimbursement not to exceed \$16 per week for laundry and/or dry cleaning services for each week after the first week. When available, receipts must accompany the claim for reimbursement. ~~Reimbursement for documented personal telephone calls will be reimbursed up to \$3 per day while on travel status.~~ Reasonable costs for baggage handling and gratuities will be reimbursed.

9. Receipts - Personnel who claim expenses incurred in travel must file with their expense claim, properly executed receipts when available for taxi fares, air or bus transportation, hotel or motel accommodations, and other items of expense except for meals and baggage handling, ~~and other items costing less than \$1.~~ When available, all receipts must be issued on regular receipt form or letterhead of the person or firm furnishing the services to the employee.

10. Payment of Expense Claims - Expense claims may only be submitted on official State Fair forms and should be submitted monthly at the conclusion of business travel. These forms must be signed by your supervisor who will forward them to accounts payable department.

After discussion, the updates were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of board-hosted functions for the '16 State Fair: Minnesota Federation of County Fairs lunch Friday Aug. 26; State Fair Hall of Fame and Life Member lunch Sunday Aug. 28; and Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association breakfast Thursday Sept. 1. The functions were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Cady and Mr. Hammer reviewed contributions and activities of the State Fair Foundation and continued activities related to the North End agriculture and arts facilities development. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Toenges seconded and motion carried to move the meeting into executive session at 10:46 a.m.

The meeting was reopened at 11:22 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

June 10 through Aug. 25, 2016

June

10-11 - The Viking Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America hosted the AMCA's National Meet at the Progress Center and Campgrounds. Shuttle parking for the Minnesota State High School League's track and field championships was provided at the south Como lots.

11-16 - Como Park shuttle parking was provided at the south Como lots.

17-18 - The 30th Annual Twin Cities Classic Car Auction was presented in the Cattle Barn.

17-19 - The Minnesota Street Rod Association utilized the entire fairgrounds for their Back To The '50s Weekend.

18 - Hammer attended the Hennepin County Fair in Corcoran.

20 - Hammer and Cady attended the Metropolitan Economic Development Association's annual meeting at the Guthrie Theater.

20-24 - Como Park shuttle parking was provided at the south Como lots.

21 - The State Fair Affair Shops and Hops Bike Race was conducted on various streets.

22-25 - The Minnesota Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

24-25 - The Star of the North Antique Show was held at the Education Building. The Twin Cities Antiquarian & Rare Book Fair was presented at the Progress Center.

25 - CBS Radio's Pet-A-Palooza was held on Machinery Hill.

25-July 1 - Shuttle parking for Como Zoo was provided at the south Como lots.

28 - Hammer, Sinclair and Simon met with Gary Cunningham and Joanna Barrett of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association and Gina Blayney of Junior Achievement to discuss a program for minority student entrepreneurs.

28 - The State Fair Affair Shops and Hops Bike Race was held on various streets.

30 - Hammer, Sinclair, Leach, Paulos, Ward and Hines met with promoters of the Soundset music festival and a group of community and law enforcement officials for a post-event review.

July

2-3 - Shuttle parking for the Hmong Festival at Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

2-7 - The National Junior Shorthorn Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

4-8 - The south Como lots were used for Como Park shuttle parking.

6 - The Midsummer Mile foot race was held on various streets.

8 - K. Huber presented The Storied History of the Minnesota State Fair at the Pine City Public Library in Pine City.

9-10 - The American Saddlebred Association's Capitol Classic Horse Show was presented at AgStar Arena.

10 - The Color Run was held at the Grandstand and various streets throughout the fairgrounds.

12 - The State Fair Affair bicycle race was held on various roadways.

14-17 - The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association's Corporate Challenge horse show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

15-17 - The Street Machine Nationals & Muscle Car Show utilized most of the fairgrounds.

17 - Hammer visited the Ramsey County Fair in Maplewood.

19 - The State Fair Affair Bike Race was held on Machinery Hill streets. Hammer, Cady and Foundation board members Mitch Davis and Julie Craven met with representatives of Cargill to discuss ag education exhibits at the North End. Hammer, Sinclair, Alexander and Harbison met with state commissioners Matt Massman and Shawntera Hardy to discuss the upcoming fair.

21-24 - The Minnesota Challenge Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

23-26 - Shuttle parking for Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

26 - Tracey Gardner and Jamie Laird of the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson toured the fairgrounds and visited with various staff members. The State Fair Affair bike race was held on fairgrounds streets.

30 - Alexander and State Fair Hall of Famer Karen Leach visited the Scott County Fair in Jordan.

August

3 - A meeting of full-time staff was held at the Libby Conference Center and included presentation of State Fair Length of Service Awards. Hammer hosted a meeting of the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club at the History & Heritage Center.

4-7 - The North Central Reining Futurity and Derby Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

8 - K. Huber presented The Storied History of the Minnesota State Fair to Keystone/Merriam Park Senior Program in St. Paul.

9 - Hammer gave a presentation to residents of Lyngblomsten senior center.

12-13 - Hudalla, Leach and Paulos visited the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis.

18 - More than 1,200 people attended the Foundation's Taste of the Fair fundraiser at the International Bazaar.

20 - The State Fair Around the Fair Committee hosted staff to a pancake breakfast at the 4-H Building.

24 - The Midwest Dairy Association's Princess Kay of the Milky Way 2016 was crowned during ceremonies at the Bandshell.

25 - The 2016 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Friday Aug. 26, 2016

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Paul Merkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Gordy Toenges; Danny Grunhovid; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Sarah Psick; Joe Bagnoli.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes from the board meeting of June 10, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period from June 10 through Aug. 24 were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovid and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The July financial statement was presented as follows by Mr. Hammer:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending July 31, 2016

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Cash balance-June 30, 2016		\$5,025,747
Add: cash deposits	\$2,871,108	
Less: payroll ending July 1	(407,880)	
payroll ending July 15	(377,193)	
payroll ending July 29	(369,941)	
Cash disbursements	(1,058,912)	
		657,182
Balance-July 31, 2016		\$5,682,929

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-June 30, 2016		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-July 31, 2016		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-June 30, 2016		\$-
Add: note proceeds		
interest		
Less: disbursements		
Balance-July 31, 2016		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31:

	2015	2016
Operating account	\$ 2,776,424	\$ 5,682,929
Petty cash	23,348	24,298
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$2,800,222	\$5,707,677

After review, the summary was approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following list of entertainment contracts were presented for review:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUE
Latitude 45 Catering (Dixie Chicks Catering)	8/27-28	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Production
RES Specialty Fireworks	8/25-9/5	\$32,500 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc. (Lighting)	8/25-9/5	\$36,750 flat	Grandstand Production
Clair Brothers Audio, Inc. (GS Sound)	8/25-9/5	\$73,000 flat	Grandstand Production
Brian Bourn (Grandstand Follow Spots)	8/25-9/5	\$3,500 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc. (staging)	8/25-9/5	\$105,675 flat	Grandstand Production
P Music Group Inc. f/s/o Charlie Wilson	8/26	\$225,000 plus 80% over \$325,000	Grandstand Artist
Bobo Entertainment, Inc. f/s/o Fantasia	8/26	\$75,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Vintage Trouble Touring, Inc.	8/27	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Smooth Hound Smith LLC	8/27	\$500 flat	Grandstand Artist

Vintage Trouble Touring, Inc.	8/28	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Smooth Hound Smith LLC	8/28	\$500 flat	Grandstand Artist
Marty Grimes	8/30	\$500	Grandstand Artist
Levon LLC	9/1	\$2,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Weezer Touring Inc. f/s/o Weezer	9/3	\$225,000 flat plus 85% over \$350,000	Grandstand Artist
The Struts LLC	9/3	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Get Right, Inc. f/s/o Bonnie Raitt	9/5	\$180,000 flat plus 80% over \$305,000	Grandstand Artist
Get Right, Inc. f/s/o Bonnie Raitt (Production Expenses)	9/5	\$15,000	Grandstand Artist
Robots Etc LLC f/s/o A Great Big World	8/29-30	\$65,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Private Road Tours LLC d/b/a Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters	8/31-9/1	\$52,500 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Spinners Performing Arts, LLC f/s/o The Spinners	9/2-3	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
High Valley Touring LLC f/s/o High Valley	8/25-26	\$12,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Paul W. Martin f/s/o The Martin Family Circus	8/25-26	\$5,000 flat	Bandshell Day
The Bros. Landreth Inc.	8/27-28	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Dave Barnes Rocks Inc. f/s/o Dave Barnes	8/27-28	\$9,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Southside Music Co-Op, LLC f/s/o Pokey LaFarge	8/31-9/1	\$15,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Sound Exchange LLC f/s/o The Sound Exchange	8/31-9/1	\$4,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Michael L. Doucet f/s/o BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet	9/2-3	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Max Danny Baca f/s/o Max Baca and Los TexManiacs	9/2-3	\$12,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Dirty Dozen Brass Band, LLC	9/4-5	\$13,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Annie Mack Music f/s/o Annie Mack	8/25-26	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Day
JD Music Experience LLC f/s/o Maiden Dixie	8/25-26	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Viva Kneivel Productions LLC f/s/o Viva Kneivel	8/29-30	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
James F. Walsh f/s/o Gypsy	9/2-3	\$7,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
GenerationNOW Entertainment, LLC	8/26	\$3,675 flat	Misc Attractions

Jon A. Getting	8/25-8/28	\$120 flat	Old Iron Show
Steven G. Bauer	8/25-9/5	\$2,700 flat	Old Iron Show
Rodney Mondor	9/2-5	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Victor Baller	9/2-5	\$120 flat	Old Iron Show
Roger Geist	9/2-5	\$560 flat	Old Iron Show
Susan M. Hirschmugl f/s/o Upstanding Stilts	8/25 - 9/5	\$3,900 flat	Parade
Jolly Giants Entertainment, f/s/o Wacky Wheeler	8/25-9/5	\$6,600 flat	Parade
Women's Drum Center f/s/o Drumheart	8/28 & 9/3	\$600 flat	Parade
Russel Wilson f/s/o Pathfinders Drill Team	8/28 & 9/4	\$800 flat	Parade
Thomas W. Logan f/s/o Tom's Carousel Music	8/31 & 9/1	\$400 flat	Parade
Barebones Productions	9/1-2	\$500 flat	Parade
Minnesota Pipes and Drums	9/3	\$1,250 flat	Parade
River City Rhythm, Inc.	9/4-5	\$600 flat	Parade
Ernest James Torok f/s/o Pig's Eye Jass Band	9/5	\$560 flat	Parade
William F. Koncar d/b/a Bill Koncar	8/27-28	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Frederick Brent Eggert d/b/a Vic Volare	9/4-5	\$1,600 flat	Ramberg Senior Center
Sherwin Linton Entertainment Enterprises f/s/o Sherwin Linton and the Cotton Kings	8/29-30	\$4,000 flat	West End Market
Minnesota Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association f/s/o MN Americana-Roots Music Contests	9/2-3	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Becky Schlegel Music f/s/o Becky Schlegel Trio	9/4-5	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Mark J. Olson f/s/o Mark Olson (of the Jayhawks)	8/27-28	\$6,000 flat	West End at Sunset
The Twilight Hours	8/31-9/1	\$6,000 flat	West End at Sunset

After review, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A second commercial exhibit site was approved for Ocean Sales on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to make miscellaneous ticket refunds and payment of minor claims as he deems appropriate on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of State Fair Scholarship winners:

Nick Aarsvold, Altura; Carson Bryan, Red Wing; Mallory Carlson, Murdock; Riley Donkers, Faribault; Ryan Donkers, Faribault; Andrew Gathje, Stewartville; Kristin Harrington, Grandin; Jakob Hicks, Tracy; Abigail Hopp, Chatfield; Laura Irvine, Woodbury; Kayla Leiding, Fountain; Molly Maudal, Carlo; Juliana Pederson, Westbrook; Abby Penzenstadler, Chisago City; Paige Pitlick, Jordan; Robert Rohloff, Morris; Austin Schmitt, Rice; Megan Slater,

Chisago City; Mikaela Smith, Jeffers; Shianna Teas, Aitkin. The scholarship winners were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer provided updates on activities of the fair's first day. Information only; no action taken.

A proclamation honoring the Newcombe Family with the Family Legacy Award was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The proclamation celebrates 80 years of participation as commercial exhibitor at the State Fair and is issued jointly by the State Agricultural Society and the State Fair Foundation.

A summary of the 2016 legislative session was provided by Sarah Psick and Joe Bagnoli of the McGrann Shea law firm. No action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Kent Harbison

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Aug. 26, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer offered a report on action taken at the Aug. 28 meeting of the Honorary Life Member committee. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer provided an update on activities of the 2016 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

The board authorized an annual contribution of \$3,000 to the State Fair employees club to provide partial funding for employee club functions and beverages used by employees and visitors on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

It was moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried that members of the board and certain staff members designated by the secretary be authorized to attend the International Association of Fairs & Expositions 2016 international convention in Las Vegas, Nev. (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The dates of the 2017 Minnesota State Fair were set for Thursday, Aug. 24 through Labor Day, Sept. 4, on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the Society's board of managers was set for Thursday, Nov. 10.

Friday Dec. 23, 2016, was approved as a paid holiday for State Fair full-time staff on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The board extended their gratitude to staff for going above and beyond in providing great service for the 2016 Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Aug. 25 through Nov. 10, 2016

August

25 - The 2016 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m. Later that morning, Society President Sharon Wessel presided over opening ceremonies at the Bandshell.

29 - The State Fair hosted a meeting of the Roseville Rotary Club at Heffron Park.

30 - Military Appreciation Day featured discounted admission for active, retired and veteran military members along with a variety of special activities. Included was a special ceremony at the State Fair Veterans Garden honoring World War II veterans Ted and Clarence Homdrom, Roger Larson and Ruth Huber, Korean War veteran Larry Stroschein and Vietnam veterans including American Legion Post 542 and the Como Park Military Veterans Association. The ceremony was followed by programs at the Bandshell and Carousel Park, and additional activities throughout the fairgrounds.

September

1 - Inez Johnson of Marshall City and Gary Hawkins of Isanti City were named Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens during ceremonies conducted on Seniors Day at the Bandshell.

4 - At a special Grandstand ceremony, 17 State Fair staff members were recognized for outstanding performance, and five from that group received State Fair All Star MVP Awards - Jill Anderson-Brindamour, Moo Booth; Tami Fisher, Marketing; Matt Frenchick, Coliseum; Mary Murphy, Attraction Ticket Takers; and Brianna Wieland, Agriculture-Horticulture Building.

5 - The 2016 Minnesota State Fair closed with record attendance of 1,943,709. Three daily records were set, including the largest day in State Fair history on Saturday, Sept. 3, when 260,374 people attended. Visitors included Jennifer Gieseke and staff from the Washington Town & Country Fair in Washington, Mo.; a 27-fair delegation from the Florida Federation of Fairs; Greg Chiecko and Gillian Palmer from the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass.; Kathleen O'Leary and Shari Black from the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis; Gary Slater and staff from the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines; James Romer from the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh; Virginie Perreard and Tim Browne from the Royal Easter Show in Sydney, Australia; Kate Turner from the International Association of Fairs & Expositions in Springfield, Mo; Outdoor Amusement Business Association Chairman Tom Gaylin of Rosedale Attractions & Shows in Baltimore, Md; and Tom Powell of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association, Nashville, Tenn.

9 - The first of several fall household hazardous waste drop-offs for Ramsey County residents was conducted at the south Como parking lot.

10 - The University of Minnesota used the Grandstand parking lot for a Gophers football home game.

14 - The State Fair employee safety committee met in the lower Administration Building conference room. Edman, Mix and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

15 - Sinclair met with Monty Krizan of Monty's Traveling Reptile Show to discuss disposition of his permanent structure on the fairgrounds. Noonan attended a Roseville Visitors Association marketing committee meeting. Edman and Huber attended an employee benefits training session presented by the State Employee Group Insurance Program.

16 - Hammer, Goodrich, Cady and State Fair Foundation board members Mitch Davis and Al Levine met with the deans of the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine and Agricultural Extension Service.

16-19 - The Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

17 - The TC Model Railroad Club's model railroad and hobby sale was held at the Education Building and Annex.

18 - The Antique Motorcycle Club Swap Meet was held at the north parking lot.

19 - Hammer met with Minneapolis NAACP President Nekima Levy-Pounds to discuss business development partnerships.

20 - Sinclair, Simon, Larson and Doyle met with the State Fair Vendor Committee to discuss the '16 fair. Alexander and Butler met with staff from Spark-Y Youth Action Labs to discuss potential educational partnerships.

21 - Hammer attended a meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce where he accepted their award as non-profit of the month.

22 - Edman and Mix met with representatives of the Washington County School District to discuss their student work program.

22-26 - The Western Saddle Club Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

28 - Full-time staff met at Libby Conference Center, where Simon and Weinfurter reported on their experiences at the Calgary Stampede and Wadsworth reported on her trip to the San Diego County Fair and the LA Live entertainment complex. The State Fair Foundation hosted more than 100 volunteers to an appreciation dinner at the Progress Center, and Hammer addressed the group. The Metro Area Children's Water Festival was held at the 4-H Building and Baldwin Park. Noonan attended a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association board.

29 - Staff Lunch & Learn series featured a presentation by State Fair video provider Dale Kivimaki of Freestyle Productions. Sinclair met with Dave Rustad to review ATM operations during the '16 fair.

29-Oct. 1 - The YMCA Garage Sale was conducted at the Merchandise Mart.

30-Oct. 2 - The Fall Festival Arabian Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex. The Beer Dabbler's Rummage event was presented at the West End Market.

October

1-2 - The Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market was held at the Grandstand and infield. The Fall Military Relic Show, presented by Minneapolis St. Paul Military Relic Collectors, was conducted at the Progress Center. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Fall Show & Sale was held at the Education Building.

2 - The Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Antique Auto Show was held at the north parking lots.

3 - K. Huber presented The Storied History of the Minnesota State Fair to Superior Senior Living in St. Paul.

4-9 - The Minnesota Harvest Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

5 - Sinclair, Simon and Casey met with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources representatives to review their operations at the '16 fair and discuss plans for the '17 fair. Anderson, Wadsworth and Schadeck met with Meet Minneapolis Visitors Information staff to discuss a ticket selling partnership for 2017. Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair marketing and social media to classes at Stillwater High School. Schuette spoke to students at Augsburg College about the State Fair's marketing program.

5-10 - Buchda and Franzmeier attended the Tulsa State Fair in Oklahoma and the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

7-8 - Twin Cities Oktoberfest was presented by HMM of St. Paul at the Progress Center.

7-9 - The Half Price Books Clearance Event was held at the Grandstand.

8 - The City of St. Paul held a community cleanup event at the north parking lots. Minnesota Comic Book Association's Falcon was presented at the Education Building. The University of Minnesota used the Grandstand lot for Gophers football parking.

9-11 - Alexander and Dungan attended the annual meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in Nashville, Tenn., where the State Fair was awarded 2016 Fair of the Year and Alexander was elected to the IEBA board of directors. Huber and Edman attended the Minnesota Society for Human Resource Management annual conference.

10-31 - Pumpkin Nights was presented at DNR Park and neighboring roadways.

12 - Schuette and Butler attended the Minnesota Ag Communicators meeting at the Minnesota Zoo. Mix attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

13 - Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul held the Cardboard Box City event at Baldwin Park and surrounding areas.

14-15 - The Twin Cities Book Festival was held at the Progress Center and Fine Arts Center.

16 - The Twin Cities Roadsters Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots.

17 - Hughes, Schuette and Duda met with the 2017 State Fair commemorative artist.

19 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's finance and investment committees.

20 - Alexander, Butler, Goodrich and Harder met with representatives of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, Minnesota Department of Health and FFA to discuss the Miracle of Birth.

20-23 - The Minnesota Beef Expo, presented by the Minnesota State Fair, was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

21 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's audit committee.

22 - The University of Minnesota used the Grandstand lot for Gophers football parking.

22-23 - South Como lots were used for shuttle parking for Como Zoo's Zoo Boo.

24 - Sinclair, Larson, Simon, Leach, LeFebvre, Bower and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture to review '16 State Fair operations. Sinclair and Simon met with Laura Day and Nancy O'Brien of the Minnesota Twins to discuss their State Fair exhibit.

25 - Buchda, Butler, Cunningham, Denison, Eisenberg, Harper, Schudt, Simon, Ward and Woodis attended a management seminar at Century College.

26 - Senior staff participated in the first in a series of planning meetings for the '17 State Fair. Huber, Edman and Mix attended an employment and labor law seminar conducted by Fredrikson & Byron law firm.

27 - Wessel and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board at the Libby Conference Center. Alexander, Buchda, Dungan and Weinfurter met with staff from Allied Audio to recap the 2016 State Fair and begin planning for '17.

28-30 - South Como lots were used for shuttle parking for Como Zoo's Zoo Boo.

29-30 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

30 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show and Minnesota Academy Equestrian Finals were held at the AgStar Arena.

November

2 - Full-time staff met at the Libby Conference Center where Schadeck reported on his experiences at the 2016 Lollapalooza Festival in Chicago, and Buchda and Franzmeier reviewed their visits to the Tulsa State Fair and the State Fair of Texas. Anderson, Schadeck and Wadsworth met with representatives from Cub to recap the 2016 advance sales ticket program and begin planning for '17.

5 - The University of Minnesota used the Grandstand lot for Gophers football parking.

5-6 - The Hmong American New Year Celebration was held at the Warner Coliseum.

7 - Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair social media at the DECA regional leadership conference.

9 - Schuette participated in a marketing professionals panel discussion at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Edman, Mix and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

10 - Noonan attended a board retreat for the Roseville Visitors Association.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
AND SALES & PLANNING COMMITTEES****9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016****Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds****MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Theresa Weinfurter; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Wally LeVesseur; Steve Grans; Lara Hughes; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis; Carol Doyle; Virginia Mold; Matt Steffenhagen; Shannon Buchda; Heather Brady; Emily Diedrick; Jordan Harper; Danielle Dullinger; Josie Belde; Samantha Gilbertson; Nikki Hines; Kay Cady; Kent Harbison.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Mr. Larson, Mr. Ward, Ms. Bower and Ms. Vavreck provided detailed review of the 2016 State Fair's sales division income of \$14.1 million from commercial exhibits, food and beverage concessions, Midway, Kidway, ticketed attractions, sponsorships and touring promotional exhibits. The report will be reviewed by committee members and considered for approval at the next meeting of the sales committee in January 2017.

The sales committee adjourned at 9:34 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Mark Goodrich, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Theresa Weinfurter; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Wally LeVesseur; Steve Grans; Lara Hughes; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis; Carol Doyle; Virginia Mold; Matt Steffenhagen; Shannon Buchda; Heather Brady; Emily Diedrick; Jordan Harper; Danielle Dullinger; Josie Belde; Samantha Gilbertson; Nikki Hines; Kay Cady; Kent Harbison.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Hudalla presented a proposed standard maintenance projects totaling \$1.4 million, along with capital items totaling \$74,000 for fiscal 2017. The projects were approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0); the projects will be included in the comprehensive 2017 capital and maintenance budgets to be considered at the Society's January meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Dennis Larson; Theresa Weinfurter; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Steve Grans; Lara Hughes; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis; Carol Doyle; Virginia Mold; Matt Steffenhagen; Shannon Buchda; Heather Brady; Emily Diedrick; Jordan Harper; Danielle Dullinger; Josie Belde; Samantha Gilbertson; Nikki Hines; Kay Cady; Lynn Varco; Jennine Duda; Kent Harbison.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Sept. 4, 2016, were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Aug. 25 through Nov. 10, 2016, were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the Planning Committee was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented the October financial statement as follows:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY****Month Ending October 31, 2016****OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:**

Cash balance-Sept. 30, 2016		\$10,937,053
Add: cash deposits	\$5,702,562	
Less: payroll ending Oct. 7	(278,401)	
payroll ending Oct. 21	(277,903)	
cash disbursements	(5,068,072)	
		78,186
Cash balance-Oct. 31, 2016		\$11,015,239

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-Sept. 30, 2016		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-Oct. 31, 2016		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-Sept. 30, 2016		\$-
Add: note proceeds		
interest		
Less: disbursements		
Balance-Oct. 31, 2016		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31:

	2015	2016
Operating account	\$ 8,980,162	\$ 11,015,239
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$8,986,712	\$11,021,789

After review, the statement was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented for a review a report of fair-period payroll for 80 departments totaling \$2.6 million. After discussion, the report was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich reported on the 2016 State Fair's competitive events for agriculture, horticulture, education and creative arts, and public participation of more than 16,000 exhibitors who displayed nearly 36,000 animals, creative and fine artworks and education projects. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander reviewed the 2016 programs for Grandstand and free entertainment, marketing, promotions and guest services. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Butler reported on the 2016 fair's educational programs in agriculture, arts, sciences and early learning. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Diedrick and Mr. Ward reported on the schedule of 150 non-fair events hosted at the State Fairgrounds in 2016, and presented a detailed account of revenue earned from the public activities. Information only; no action taken.

A license for the sale of beer during the Beer Dabbler event Feb. 4, 2017, was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reported on a recommendation of the Honors Committee to induct Giant Slide creator, owner and operator Fred Pittroff into the State Fair Hall of Fame at the Society's upcoming annual meeting. The recommendation

was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Grunhoy and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A review of State Fair Foundation grants to the State Fair during the past decade totaling nearly \$10 million was provided by Ms. Cady, Ms. Wessel and Mr. Hammer. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Cady, President Wessel and Mr. Hammer reviewed State Fair Foundation activities during the past decade, including nearly \$10 million in grants for fairgrounds improvements and educational program support in agriculture and the arts. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Huber provided an update on the upcoming joint conventions of the Society, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association.

The meeting moved into executive session at 11:03 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The meeting was reopened at 11:46 a.m. and adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

NOV. 10, 2016 through Jan. 12, 2017

November

10 - Hammer and board members Wessel, Merkins and Oleheiser participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's nominating committee.

14 - State Fair staff attended a Brunch & Learn program featuring Nick Meinema of Nashville's United Talent Agency.

16 - Mitch Davis, the general manager of Davis Family Holdings and Davis Family Dairy and chairman of the State Fair Foundation, offered a Lunch & Learn presentation to State Fair staff. The State Fair's staff Safety Committee met in Admin's lower conference room.

18 - Noonan attended a meeting of Visit Saint Paul. Butler and Schuldt met with representatives of the University of Minnesota regarding fall field trips to Little Farm Hands.

27-30 - A delegation of staff and board members attended the International Association of Fairs & Expositions annual convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

28 - Noonan gave presentations on State Fair marketing to Mounds View High School marketing classes.

29 - Bower, Diedrick, Dullinger, Franzmeier and Noonan attended a Visit Saint Paul networking event.

December

3-4 - Horse Crazy Holiday Market was presented in the Warner Coliseum.

6 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee at the Libby Conference Center. Cady and Schuette met with representatives of Twin Cities PBS (TPT) about production of a State Fair documentary. Several staff members attended the Principles of Supervision program at Century College.

7 - Sinclair met with Joe Chesin to discuss Café Caribe concession operations.

8 - Diedrick, Dullinger, Noonan and Ward attended the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House. The State Fair Artisan Extravaganza was held at the History & Heritage Center.

9 - Sinclair, Alexander, Hudalla and Leach met with representatives of the St. Anthony Park Community Solar and Cooperative Energy Futures to discuss a potential solar energy partnership.

9-11 - The Legacy State Gymnastics Meet was held at the Warner Coliseum.

12 - Schuette gave a presentation on State Fair marketing to Prior Lake High School students.

13 - The State Fair staff Christmas party was held at the History & Heritage Center. Koenen, Schuette, Butler and Goodrich attended a meeting on emerging zoonotic health issues presented by the Minnesota Department of Health.

14 - Noonan attended a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association board of directors. Edman, Mix and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

15 - Anderson, Schadeck and Wadsworth met with Minnesota Horse Expo representatives to discuss ticket sales at their '17 event.

17-18 - The GameDay Crossfit Competition was held at the Warner Coliseum.

19 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of the Minnesota Vikings to discuss their participation at the fair. Schuette met with representatives of Minnesota Public Radio regarding advertising for the '17 fair.

21 - Hammer, Alexander, Sinclair, Larson and Simon met with Gary Cunningham and Joanna Barrett of the Metropolitan Development Association to discuss joint ventures.

22 - Sinclair, Alexander, Simon and Schuette met with representatives of Evine cable, satellite and broadcasting television network to discuss a home shopping broadcast from the fair.

January

3 - Larson attended a board meeting of the Minnesota Restaurant Association. Cady and Schuette met with representatives of TPT for continued discussion on production of a State Fair documentary.

6 - Huber, Edman and Belde met with staff of the DoubleTree Bloomington hotel to discuss the Society's upcoming annual meeting.

7 - The North Star Roller Girls held a bout at the Warner Coliseum.

9 - Hammer participated in a meeting of State Fair Foundation audit committee.

10 - Alexander, Sinclair, Simon and Noonan met with representatives of KSTP-TV to discuss their broadcast activities at the State Fair.

11 - Alexander and Schuette met with representatives of the MSF Marketing Coalition to plan 2017's marketing campaign. Edman, Mix and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Wessel opened the meeting and asked State Fair CEO Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

Fred Pittroff, the creator, owner and operator of the Giant Slide, was inducted into the State Fair Hall of Fame.

President Wessel called for a report of the credentials committee by Chuck Schwartau of Goodhue. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

MN Milking Shorthorn & MN Horse Breeders – Did not file with the secretary of state by Dec. 20, 2016 deadline.

Chippewa, Renville, Rice and Wabasha Counties did not fill out the credential form as stated on the form and therefore they are not entitled to vote.

Members of the Credential Committee passed a resolution that all credential forms must be completed as stated on the form to be entitled to vote.

President Wessel called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Debra Durheim of Todd presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

1. Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society extends its sincere thanks to the 1,943,719 people who made the 2016 State Fair a record-breaking success through their attendance and participation, and to the additional 1 million people who attended events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year.

2. Resolved, that the Society pledges its best efforts to advance the State Fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; providing outstanding customer service in a safe, clean,

carefully maintained environment that is accessible to all; and providing exceptional value while remaining financially independent through fiscally sound management.

3. Resolved, that the Society expresses its gratitude to all those whose dedicated work was key to the success of the fair, including State Fair staff, board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, school groups, and members of 4-H and FFA. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of our neighbors in the communities surrounding the fairgrounds.

4. Resolved, that the Society thanks the board, staff, donors and volunteers of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, who generously support, through their giving of time and financial contributions, essential efforts to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs.

5. Resolved, that the Society acknowledges that the ongoing success of the State Fair is achieved through affiliations with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association, and other organizations dedicated to improving the fair and events industries.

6. Resolved, that the Society recognizes with great regret the loss of Society members and State Fair friends who passed away this past year: Odell Barduson, FFA superintendent from 1969 to 1985; Jerry Benson, former head electrician for many years with Kehne Electric at the Minnesota State Fair; Bruce Chesin, owner of the Chicago Dogs concession since 1999; Calvin Coleman Sr., longtime operations employee; Bob Faust, State Fair admissions employee and Gate 7 captain for 14 years; Evelyn Hagen, former Creative Activities superintendent and an honorary life member in the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; Phil Hurst, former manager of the Clay County Fair in Iowa and friend of the Minnesota State Fair; Bill Jents, longtime construction and maintenance superintendent who retired in 1981; Glenn Johnson, former head electrician with Kehne Electric at the Minnesota State Fair; Dayle Maloney, longtime concessionaire with Morinda-Dayle K. Maloney & Associates; Dorothy Morris, wife of the late Howard Morris, representative of the sixth district on the State Fair board of managers from 1981 to 1994, board president from 1995 to 1996, and honorary life member in the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; Arlen Restad, fair-time employee in Creative Activities for many years; Harvey Rosen, a longtime concessionaire with International Culinary Consultants; Jag Sodhi, longtime concessionaire with India Imports; William H. "Doc" Sweeney, DVM, who became the official State Fair veterinarian in 1968 and continued until his retirement in 2005; Steve Tuman, longtime dairy cattle exhibitor from Watkins, Minnesota; and Bob Williams, 35-year employee of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and friend of the Minnesota State Fair.

7. Whereas, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is a world-renowned event of massive social and economic impact, providing millions of Minnesotans with a unique forum for education, recreation and employment, and

Whereas, Minnesota's economic health relies significantly on the ongoing success of the State Fair and all facets of Minnesota's tourism industry,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the thousands of members of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society strongly urge continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open no earlier than Labor Day, allowing children, families and workers from throughout Minnesota to fully participate in and benefit from the Minnesota State Fair.

8. Be it further resolved, the Society extends its gratitude to those who contributed to the success of its 158th annual meeting.

Society Life Member Al Paulson of Shevlin presented the Life Member Committee's nomination of long-time FFA Children's Barnyard and Miracle of Birth Superintendent Jim Ertl for Honorary Life Membership in the Society; Mr. Ertl was elected by acclamation.

President Wessel turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election of Society president for a term of one year. President Wessel of Corcoran was reelected and reassumed the chair.

President Wessel then proceeded to conduct elections as follows: Joe Fox of Maplewood was re-elected to a two-year term as fourth district vice president; Gordy Toenges of Alden was re-elected to a three-year term as first district representative; Gail Johnson of Anoka was re-elected to a three-year term as third district representative; and Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids was re-elected to a three-year term as sixth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Wessel declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

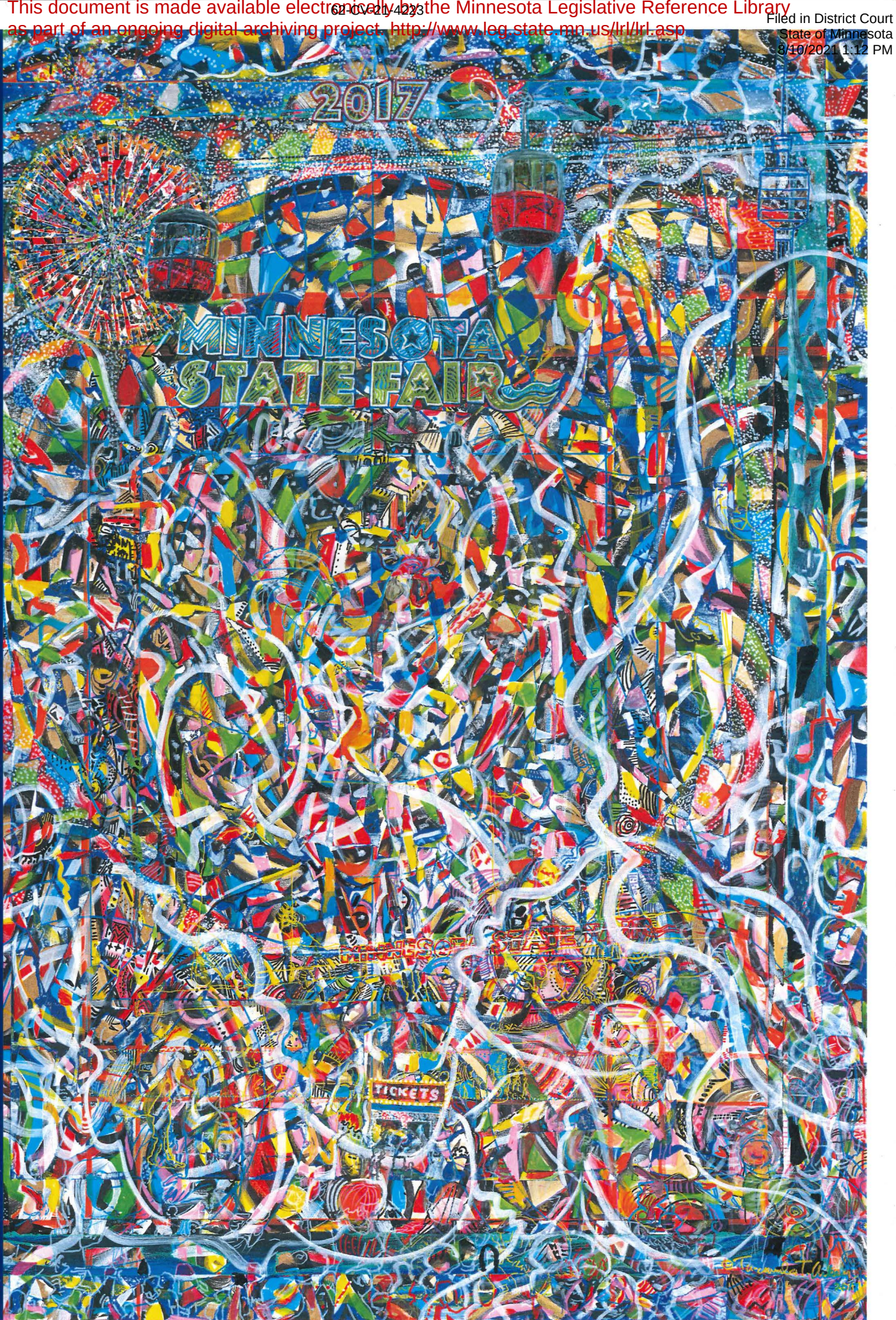


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On the cover: 2017 Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Art by Minnesota artist Ta-coumba Aiken

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****January 12-13-14-15, 2017****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington**

The 158th annual meeting of the Society, held in conjunction with the annual conventions of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association, opened Thursday, Jan. 12 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017**

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhvd; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Cheryl Huber; Carol Doyle; Dani Vavreck; Debbie Edman; Brett Ward; Emily Diedrick.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the report of '16 State Fair sales revenue, originally distributed at the Nov. 10, 2016, meeting of the board. The report was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson and Ms. Simon offered a presentation on the State Fair's commercial exhibit licensing process. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Ward presented the following fees for percentage attractions at the 2017 State Fair as follows:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2016	2017
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	25%	25%
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel		5%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist Merchandise Sales	Artist CDs/DVDs	10%	10%
	Other Merchandise	20%	20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	<u>Sling Shot</u>	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Carts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Kidway Rides and Shows	43%	43%
	Midway Rides and Shows	41%	41%
	Games of Skill	23%	23%
River Raft Ride, Inc.	Raft Ride	25%	25%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%
Ye Old Mill Amusements, Inc.	Canal Boat Ride	25%	25%

Attractions underlined are located in Adventure Park.

After discussion, the attraction percentages were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0). The approved percentage fees represent the fees payable to the State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied

as follows; state sales tax (7.125%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the Minnesota State Fair and concessionaires is made on the net of tax balance.

Mr. Ward presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2017 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	\$5.00
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	\$5.00
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.50 one way \$6.00 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	\$5.00
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	<u>Sling Shot</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$4.00
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Carts	\$7.00 for Driver \$4.00 for Passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	\$5.00
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Rides, Shows and Games of Skill	\$1.00 single \$25.00 for 30 tickets (\$.833 per ticket) \$40.00 for 54 tickets (\$.741 per ticket) (Advance Purchase) \$15.00 for 25 tickets (\$.600 per ticket)
River Raft Ride, Inc.	Raft Ride	\$5.00
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	\$4.50 one way \$6.00 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3.00
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$3.00
Ye Old Mill Amusements, Inc.	Canal Boat Ride	\$3.25 **

** = Save \$.50 from opening until noon on Thursday, Aug. 24 (Thrifty Thursday), Monday, Aug. 28 (Seniors & Kids Day), Thursday, Aug. 31 (Seniors Day) and Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4 (Kids and Last Chance Day).

Underlined attractions are located at Adventure Park and operate on a central ticket system.

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhvd and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson presented the following concessionaires recommended for beer and wine licenses at the '17 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ballpark Café, Inc. (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages & Cider

Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc. dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp and David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Tres-C, Inc. dba Café Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chicago Dogs, Inc. (Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul and Diana Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages
Werner's Frontier, Inc. (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
RC's Barbecue – American Restaurant Inc. (Randy Jernberg & Charlie Torgerson)	Block 28	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Crêperie (Marc and Tracy Vezies)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC (Timothy Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of St. Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg. 2865 Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Glenn Baron)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages
FireFly Group Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Mintahoe, Inc. dba MN Farm Wine Assoc. (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Midway Men's Club (Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
MJ Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
O'Gara's at The Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Cuisine Concepts dba Tejas (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Lancer Mgmt. – MN Craft Brewers Guild (Mark Cramer)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Bldg. Malt Beverages

After discussion, the concessionaires were approved for beer and wine licenses on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Ms. Simon offered the following commercial vendors recommended for multiple-site licenses at the '17 State Fair:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Nellie's Laundry Products, Green Heat Packs & Cooley Towels	2
Big Dog Corndogs	Corndogs, Foot Long Hot Dogs & Beverages	2
Butcher Boys	London Broil Sandwiches/ Sausages	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ E-Z Can Openers	2
Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gary Crutchfield Concessions	Cheese on-a-stick	2
George Funk-Moon Beam Coffee	Leather Goods/Coffee	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese on-a-stick	2
Groscurth Concessions	Corndogs & Beverages	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gripstic	Gripstick, Air purifier	2
Holly's Hobby	Seasonal Handcrafts	2
Larry Abdo-Gopher State Ice Co.	Big Fat Bacon/Ice (Ice=wholesale permit only)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores	2
Midwest Dairy Association	Ice Cream, Milk & Dairy Foods	2
Minn. Honey Producers	Honey, Honey Ice Cream & Honey Candy	2
Minne-Kabob Foods	Kabobs	2
Netterfield's Lemonade and Popcorn	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/ Sausage, Corndogs, Burgers	2
Orange Treet Sales	Orange Treet Drink, Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Produce Exchange	Fresh Fruits	2
Stafford Enterprises	Microfiber Mops, Miracle Mats/Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Knife Sharpener/Wine Opener Mini Speakers	2
Tina Isaac	Sandwiches & Spiral Chips/ Designer Coffees & Desserts	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries	2
Midwest Coca Cola	Coca Cola Soft Drinks	3
Icee USA Corp.	Icee Frozen Beverages	3
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Larry Immerman	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Hot Dogs on-a-stick	3
Lynn Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	3
Maxine W. Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples/ Baked Potatoes	3
Crocker Enterprises	Root Beer Barrels	4
Lancer Management Services, Inc.	Food, Beverages & Beer (Coliseum)	4

Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples/Cheese Curds	4
Syndicate Sales Corp.	Vegetable Cutters/Knives/ Salsa Makers/Whisks	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
Dandy Souvenirs	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	8

Following discussion, the multiple-site vendors were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Simon and Mr. Larson reviewed plans for the new Veranda shopping and dining attraction on the west side of the Grandstand's second floor. Information only; no action taken.

Non-fair event licenses for alcohol sales were approved for Encore Concessions (Soundset Music Festival May 29) and Chop Liver Craft Beer Fest (St. Paul Beer Fest June 10) on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Ms. Diedrick presented a recommendation to adjust non-fair event hourly labor rates for parking lot attendants from \$13 to \$14, and electricians from \$85 to \$90. After discussion, the adjustment was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander presented the following schedule of fees to performers for the sale of merchandise at the fair's free stages:

Stage	Appearance length	Rate
Baldwin Park	Two days	\$40
Bandshell Day	Two days	\$150
Bandshell Tonight!	Two days	\$200
Bazaar Day	Two days	\$70
Bazaar After Dark	Two days	\$100
Carousel Park	One day	\$20
Christensen Farms Stage	12 days	\$30
Ramberg Senior Center	Two days	\$20
West End Market Day	Two days	\$50
West End at Sundown	Two days	\$70

After discussion, the rates were accepted as proposed on a motion by Joe Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2017

Present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Sean Casey; Pam Simon; Dennis Larson; Gail Anderson; Carol Doyle; Brienna Schuette; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Brett Ward; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis; Kay Cady; Jennine Duda; Lynn Varco; Doug Carnival.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

Mr. Carnival of the McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota Legislature and issues that may have an impact on the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Jacobson offered historical background on

attendance, sources of revenue and expense, trends in departmental expenses, annual cash flow and long-term debt followed by detailed review of the Society's financial activities during fiscal '16. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed proposed operating budget and year-end cash position for '17, followed by discussion on the budget's relationship to capital and maintenance projects. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2017

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by President Wessel and declared in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wessel at 3:35 p.m.

DISTRICT CAUCUSES OF THE SOCIETY

11:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017

Delegates from the first, third and sixth district met in caucus to certify nominees for election to the Society's board of managers during the Society's general business session Sunday Jan. 15. Selected were Gordy Toenges of Alden (first district), Gail Johnson of Anoka (third district) and Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids (sixth district).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017

Present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Chris Leach; Debbie Edman; Cheryl Huber; Steve Grans; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Brett Ward; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Mr. Hammer reviewed 20 years of capital and maintenance projects, totaling \$131.6 million. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla provided a detailed review of capital and maintenance expenditures from 2016. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hudalla presented capital and maintenance project recommendations for 2017 totaling \$8 million. A summary of the project list follows, and includes projects previously approved at the Nov. 10, 2016, meeting of the board:

2017 MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Structure improvements:	<u>\$3,005,000</u>
B. Land improvements:	
BI. Fencing & fixtures	_____
BII. Land	_____
BIII. Sewer system	_____
BIV. Streets & sidewalks	<u>570,000</u>
BV. Water distribution system	_____
BVI. Gas distribution system	_____
BVII. Land purchases	_____
TOTAL land improvements	<u>\$ 570,000</u>

C. Personal property	\$ 246,000
D. Electric plant:	\$ 775,000
TOTAL improvements	\$ 4,596,000
E. Structure maintenance:	\$ 1,771,000
F. Land maintenance:	
FI. Fencing & fixtures	45,000
FII. Land	253,000
FIII. Sewer system	48,000
FIV. Streets & sidewalks	249,500
FV. Water distribution system	85,000
FVI. Gas distribution system	2,500
TOTAL Land maintenance	\$ 683,000
G. Personal property maintenance:	\$ 340,800
H. Vehicle maintenance:	\$ 153,000
I. Electric plant maintenance:	\$ 483,500
TOTAL maintenance	\$ 3,431,300
TOTAL maintenance & improvements	\$ 8,027,300

After review and discussion, Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Wichmann seconded and motion carried that the '17 improvements and maintenance budget be approved by the committee as presented and recommended to the full board for approval (Aye-8; Nay-0). Included in the motion was staff authority to adjust, shift, add or cancel specific line items as appropriate to accommodate changes that occur throughout the budget year.

The planning committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Wessel opened the meeting and asked State Fair General Manager Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

Fred Pittroff, the creator, owner and operator of the Giant Slide, was inducted into the State Fair Hall of Fame.

President Wessel called for a report of the credentials committee by Chuck Schwartau of Goodhue. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

MN Milking Shorthorn & MN Horse Breeders – Did not file with the secretary of state by Dec. 20, 2016 deadline.

Chippewa, Renville, Rice and Wabasha counties did not fill out the credential form as stated on the form and therefore they are not entitled to vote.

Members of the Credential Committee passed a resolution that all credential forms must be completed as stated on the form to be entitled to vote.

President Wessel called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Debra Durheim of Todd presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society extends its sincere thanks to the 1,943,719 people who made the 2016 State Fair a record-breaking success through their attendance and participation, and to the additional 1 million people who attended events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year.

Resolved, that the Society pledges its best efforts to advance the State Fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; providing outstanding customer service in a safe, clean, carefully maintained environment that is accessible to all; and providing exceptional value while remaining financially independent through fiscally sound management.

Resolved, that the Society expresses its gratitude to all those whose dedicated work was key to the success of the fair, including State Fair staff, board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, school groups, and members of 4-H and FFA. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of our neighbors in the communities surrounding the fairgrounds.

Resolved, that the Society thanks the board, staff, donors and volunteers of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, who generously support, through their giving of time and financial contributions, essential efforts to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs.

Resolved, that the Society acknowledges that the ongoing success of the State Fair is achieved through affiliations with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association, and other organizations dedicated to improving the fair and events industries.

Resolved, that the Society recognizes with great regret the loss of Society members and State Fair friends who passed away this past year: Odell Barduson, FFA superintendent from 1969 to 1985; Jerry Benson, former head electrician for many years with Kehne Electric at the Minnesota State Fair; Bruce Chesin, owner of the Chicago Dogs concession since 1999; Calvin Coleman Sr., longtime operations employee; Bob Faust, State Fair admissions employee and Gate 7 captain for 14 years; Evelyn Hagen, former Creative Activities superintendent and an honorary life member in the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; Phil Hurst, former manager of the Clay County Fair in Iowa and friend of the Minnesota State Fair; Bill Jents, longtime construction and maintenance superintendent who retired in 1981; Glenn Johnson, former head electrician with Kehne Electric at the Minnesota State Fair; Dayle Maloney, longtime concessionaire with Morinda-Dayle K. Maloney & Associates; Dorothy Morris, wife of the late Howard Morris, representative of the sixth district on the State Fair board of managers from 1981 to 1994, board president from 1995 to 1996, and honorary life member in the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; Arlen Restad, fair-time employee in Creative Activities for many years; Harvey Rosen, a longtime concessionaire with International Culinary Consultants; Jag Sodhi, longtime concessionaire with India Imports; William H. "Doc" Sweeney, DVM, who became the official State Fair veterinarian in 1968 and continued until his retirement in 2005; Steve Tuman, longtime dairy cattle exhibitor from Watkins, Minnesota; and Bob Williams, 35-year employee of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and friend of the Minnesota State Fair.

Whereas, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is a world-renowned event of massive social and economic impact, providing millions of Minnesotans with a unique forum for education, recreation and employment, and

Whereas, Minnesota's economic health relies significantly on the ongoing success of the State Fair and all facets of Minnesota's tourism industry,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the thousands of members of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society strongly urge continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open no earlier than Labor Day, allowing children, families and workers from throughout Minnesota to fully participate in and benefit from the Minnesota State Fair.

Be it further resolved, the Society extends its gratitude to those who contributed to the success of its 158th annual meeting.

Society Life Member Al Paulson of Shevlin presented the Life Member Committee's nomination of long-time FFA Children's Barnyard and

Miracle of Birth Superintendent Jim Ertl for Honorary Life Membership in the Society; Mr. Ertl was elected by acclamation.

President Wessel turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election of Society president for a term of one year. President Wessel of Hamel was reelected and reassumed the chair.

President Wessel then proceeded to conduct elections as follows: Joe Fox of Maplewood was reelected to a two-year term as fourth district vice president; Gordy Toenges of Alden was reelected to a three-year term as first district representative; Gail Johnson of Anoka was reelected to a three-year term as third district representative; and Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids was re-elected to a three-year term as sixth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Wessel declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

Present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Brienna Schuette; Pam Simon; Dennis Larson; Gail Anderson; Theresa Weinfurter; Steve Grans; Sarah Peterka; Marie LeFebvre; Chris Noonan; Brett Ward; Heather Brady; Shannon Buchda; Pam Mix; Grace Woodis; Virginia Mold; Beth Schuldt; Josie Belde; Kay Cady; Jennine Duda; Kent Harbison; Leah Janus.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

Ms. Huber administered oaths of office to newly elected board members as follows:

Sharon Wessel of Hamel, president (one-year term); Joe Fox of Maplewood, fourth district vice president (two-year term); Gordy Toenges of Alden, first district representative (three-year term); Gail Johnson of Anoka, third district representative (three-year term); and Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids, sixth district representative (three-year term).

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried, Jerry Hammer of St. Paul was reappointed to a one-year term as executive vice president of the Society (Aye-8; Nay-0). Ms. Huber administered the oath of office to Mr. Hammer.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Nov. 10, 2016, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 10, 2016, through Jan. 12, 2017, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented the financial statement for Dec. 31, 2016, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending December 31, 2016

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Cash balance-Nov. 30, 2016		\$8,291,539
Add: cash deposits	\$653,922	
Less: payroll ending Dec. 2	(221,497)	
payroll ending Dec. 16	(229,684)	
payroll ending Dec. 30	(229,956)	
cash disbursements	(561,002)	
		(588,217)

Balance-Dec. 31, 2016

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-Nov. 30, 2016	\$450
Add: interest earned	
securities purchased	
Less: securities redeemed	
Balance-Dec. 31, 2016	\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-Nov. 30, 2016	\$-
Add: note proceeds	
interest	
Less: disbursements	
Balance-Dec. 31, 2016	\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31:

	2015	2016
Operating account	\$7,632,022	\$7,703,322
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$7,638,572	\$7,709,872

After review, the statement was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. Jacobson:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signatory authority: Operating account – Jerry Hammer and Marshall Jacobson with "Hammer/Jacobson" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll funds; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Jerry Hammer or Marshall Jacobson. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2017 were presented by President Wessel:

Finance Committee - Leary, chairman; Grunhove; Johnson; Merkins; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Jacobson, ex officio.

Foundation Nominating Committee - Wessel, chairman (and Society board representative on State Fair Foundation board); Merkins; Oleheiser; Hammer.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Fox, chairman; Grunhove; Leary; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wessel, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors Committee - Oleheiser, chairman; Alexander; Goodrich; Sinclair; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Operations Committee - Scapanski, chairman; Fox; Leary; Johnson; Grunhove; Oleheiser; Wessel, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Planning Committee - Grunhove, chairman; Fox; Leary; Johnson; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Public Affairs Committee - Wichmann, chairman; Fox; Leary; Merkins; Scapanski; Toenges; Wessel, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Schuette, ex officio.

Rules & Premium Lists Committee - Toenges, chairman; Fox; Merkins; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio;

Goodrich, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio.

Sales Committee - Merkins, chairman; Fox; Leary; Grunhovd; Johnson; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Wessel, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Larson, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Wessel presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2017:

Administration - Grunhovd

Employment Office - Scapanski

Competition - Grunhovd

Bee Culture - Wichmann (David Schaaf, superintendent)
Beef Cattle - Scapanski (Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)
Christmas Trees - Wichmann (Kim Ustruck, superintendent)
Creative Activities - Toenges (Curt Pederson, superintendent)
Dairy Cattle - Merkins (Deb Kraus, superintendent)
Dairy & Boer Goats - Grunhovd (Mark Boorsma & Gretchen Sankovitz, superintendents)
Dairy Products - Merkins (Lisa Radamacher, superintendent)
Dog Trials - Wichmann (JoAnna Yund, superintendent)
K-12 Competition - Fox (Florence Newton, superintendent)
Farm Crops - Wichmann (Ron Kelsey, superintendent)
Fine Arts - Scapanski (Jim Clark, superintendent)
Flowers - Wichmann (Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)
4-H - Merkins (Brad Rugg, superintendent)
Fruits - Wichmann (Louis Quast, superintendent)
FFA - Oleheiser (Duane Hutton, superintendent)
Horses - Fox
Llamas - Johnson (Jen Rouillard, superintendent)
Milking Parlor - Oleheiser (Doris Mold, superintendent)
Miracle of Birth - Leary (Jim Ertl, superintendent)
Poultry - Toenges (Paul Bengtson, superintendent)
Seniors - Toenges (Marge Krueger, superintendent)
Sheep - Oleheiser (Jo Bernard, superintendent)
Swine - Leary (Jerry Hawton, superintendent)
Vegetables - Wichmann (Phil Klint, superintendent)

Entertainment - Leary

Grandstand Production - Merkins (Gary Perkins, superintendent)
Heritage Exhibits - Johnson (Jan Bankey, superintendent)

Finance - Toenges

Fair-time Payroll - Oleheiser
Ticket Sales - Fox (JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)

Marketing - Wichmann

Operations - Scapanski

Admissions - Wichmann (Dave Woodis, superintendent)
Park & Ride - Fox (Sarah Peterka, superintendent)
Parking - Johnson (Jim Benz, superintendent)
Public Safety - Grunhovd (Art Blakey, superintendent)
Sanitation - Leary

Sales - Merkins

Attraction Ticket Takers - Johnson (Chris Sycks, superintendent)

The appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Wessel declared the meeting in recess for committee meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Scapanski called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the '17 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon the presentation and/or surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as

established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Wichmann called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Ms. Alexander presented advertising, marketing and publications budgets for 2017. After discussion, the budgets were approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

RULES & PREMIUM LIST COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Authority was granted to Mr. Hammer's delegate to make adjustments in rules, release dates and premium allocations for competitive departments in accordance with guidelines established by the Society's 2017 operating budget on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Chairman Toenges declared the meeting adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Leary called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

The 2017 operating budget, which was reviewed in detail by the board Jan. 13, and the 2017 improvements and maintenance budgets, which were approved Jan. 14 by the board's planning committee, were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

President Wessel reconvened the meeting of the board at 10:43 a.m.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

After discussion, the following admission fee schedule was approved for the 2017 State Fair on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Adults (13-64)	\$14
Seniors (65 +)	\$12
Children (5-12)	\$12
Kids (under 5)	Free
Seniors & Kids Days promotions	\$9
Thrifty Thursday Adults & Seniors	\$12
Thrifty Thursday Children	\$9
Military Appreciation Day*	\$9
Read & Ride Day adults**	\$12
Read & Ride Day kids**	\$9
Motorcycle parking	\$8
All-ages pre-fair discount	\$11

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses. All must present valid

documentation of military service.

** Discount applies to persons who present a valid library card at the gate.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of current agreements with building trades contractors providing architectural and engineering, carpentry, electric and plumbing and heating services, and sought renewal of a three-year agreement with J.B. Nelson & Son, Inc. for painting services; the new J.B. Nelson agreement was approved on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0 (Leary abstained).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to job classifications and pay ranges established by the board of managers Nov. 5, 2015, on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's legal representation by Fredrikson & Byron P.A., and McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb Chartered was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A., was approved to provide audit services for the Society on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander provided an outlook on entertainment bookings for the '17 State Fair. Information only; no action required.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried, retiring attorney Kent Harbison of the Fredrikson & Byron law firm was commended for more than four decades of outstanding legal service to the Great Minnesota Get-Together (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the board of managers was set for Wednesday, March 29 at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Jan. 15 through March 28, 2017

January

27-29 - The Legacy Luau Gymnastics Meet was conducted in the Warner Coliseum.

27-Feb. 4 - The St. Paul Winter Carnival's Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Contest was presented at the Kidway lot.

February

4 - The St. Paul Winter Carnival Beer Dabbler event was held at the Midway lot and Warner Coliseum.

11 - The North Star Roller Girls held a bout in the Warner Coliseum.

12 - Hammer gave a presentation on the State Fair's early history at the Como Park lakeside pavilion; the event was produced by Como Park's District 10 community council.

18-19 - The Gina Morri Memorial Invitational Gymnastics Meet was presented in the Warner Coliseum.

March

10-12 - The Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Classic was held in the Warner Coliseum.

17 - Hammer and Hudalla met with staff of the International Institute to discuss their plans for building expansion.

18-19 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was held in the Warner Coliseum.

20-22 - Staff and board attended and assisted with presentation of the IAFE Zone 4 Spring Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bloomington.

25 - The North Star Roller Girls held a bout in the Warner Coliseum.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS OF THE SALES COMMITTEE & GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Brian Hudalla; Renee Alexander; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Jim Rougier; Sean Casey; Gail Anderson; Pam Simon; Dennis Larson; Dani Vavreck; Carol Doyle; Jill Nathe; Samantha Gilbertson; Heather Brady; Matt Steffenhagen; Steve Grans; Theresa Weinfurter; Greg Harder; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Jodi Jetson; Emily Diedrick; Brett Ward; Shannon Buchda; Grace Woodis; Keri Huber; Kay Cady; Lynn Varco; Lisa Ford; Leah Janus.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Larson offered a recommendation to grant a license for the sale of beer and wine during the 2017 State Fair to the Perfect Pie LLC, operator of the new Hideaway concession on the second floor of the Grandstand. On a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried, the license was granted (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The Society's purchase of the concession structure at 1674 Dan Patch from Richard Mueller for the appraised amount of \$67,000 was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The Society's sale of the concession structure at 1674 Dan Patch to Larry Abdo for \$67,000 was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Ward presented a recommendation to grant a license to Golden Badger LLC for the sale of beer and wine at Twin Cities Oktoberfest Oct. 6-7, 2017; the license was granted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Brian Hudalla; Renee Alexander; Marshall Jacobson; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Jim Rougier; Sean Casey; Gail Anderson; Pam Simon; Dennis Larson; Dani Vavreck; Carol Doyle; Jill Nathe; Samantha Gilbertson; Heather Brady; Matt Steffenhagen; Steve Grans; Theresa Weinfurter; Greg Harder; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Jodi Jetson; Emily Diedrick; Brett Ward; Shannon Buchda; Grace Woodis; Keri Huber; Kay Cady; Lynn Varco; Lisa Ford; Joe Bagnoli; Leah Janus.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Minutes of the Society's board meetings, committee meetings, caucuses and general business session conducted Jan. 12-15 were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Jan. 15 through March 28, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Jacobson presented the financial statement for Feb. 28, 2017, as follows:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
Month Ending February 28, 2017**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance-Jan. 31, 2017		\$6,773,518
Add: cash deposits	\$911,771	
Less: payroll ending Feb. 13	(218,705)	
payroll ending Feb. 27	(219,927)	
cash disbursements	(698,133)	
	(224,994)	
Balance-Feb. 28, 2017		\$6,548,524

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-Jan. 31, 2017		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-Feb. 28, 2017		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-Jan. 31, 2017		\$-
Add: note proceeds		
interest		
Less: disbursements		
Balance-Feb. 28, 2017		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2016	2017
Operating account	\$6,204,588	\$6,548,524
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$6,211,138	\$6,555,074

After discussion, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society approved a resolution thanking Controller Marshall Jacobson for 30 years of outstanding service, and congratulating him on his upcoming retirement.

The following signatory authority, to become effective in early May after Mr. Jacobson's retirement, was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Operating account – Jerry Hammer and Wally LeVesseur with "Hammer/LeVesseur" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll funds; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Hammer or LeVesseur. The preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reviewed highlights of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 37, defining the Society and its operation of the State Fairgrounds, followed by discussion. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Bagnoli reviewed the current session of the Minnesota Legislature and issues that could affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla and Mr. Casey reviewed capital and maintenance projects currently underway. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander reviewed the status of entertainment, marketing and educational outreach programs for the upcoming fair. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Nathe reported on the fair's numerous agricultural, creative arts

and educational contests. Information only; no action taken.

An update on activities of the State Fair Foundation was provided by Ms. Cady. Information only; no action taken.

The following rates for the 2017-18 vehicle storage season were recommended by Mr. Hammer: Units up to 20 feet - \$200; more than 20 feet to 25 feet - \$240; more than 25 feet to 30 feet - \$290; more than 30 feet to 35 feet - \$340; more than 35 feet - \$390. After discussion, the rates were adopted on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting was moved to executive session at 11:44 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting was reopened at 12:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the board was set for Friday, June 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES**

March 29 through June 8, 2017

March

30 - The staff Lunch & Learn program featured a presentation by Rhymesayers Entertainment - producers of the Soundset music festival.

30-April 2 - St. Paul Osman Temple Shrine Circus was presented in the Warner Coliseum.

April

1 - The Graham/Stanton wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center.

5 - Alexander, Noonan, Dullinger, Hughes and Jetson met with the State Fair's advertising coalition to review the 2017 ad campaign.

6 - Noonan gave a presentation to marketing students at Mounds View High School. Sinclair and Simon met with Mike Cardinal of the Star Tribune to discuss the Strib's exhibit facility.

6-8 - Hammer attended the annual meeting of the Mid-West Fairs Association and visited the Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition in Miami, Fla.

8 - The University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine's Dog Olympics were held in AgStar Arena.

8-9 - Gopher State Timing Association's Rod & Custom Spectacular was presented in the Warner Coliseum.

11 - Alexander and Jetson met with the State Fair ad coalition to review digital marketing spots. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

12 - Alexander, Grans, Noonan and Jetson met with representatives of Metro Transit to review plans for the '17 fair. Alexander, Dullinger, Hughes and Jetson met with Star Tribune sales staff to discuss '17 State Fair partnerships. St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce met in the History & Heritage Center.

13 - Hammer gave a presentation for neighborhood residents on State Fairgrounds history at Como Park Lutheran Church.

15 - North Star Roller Girls held a bout in the Warner Coliseum.

16 - The University of Minnesota Gopher Criterium bicycle race was held on various fairgrounds streets.

17 - Sinclair and Hines met with Don McClure of D.M.C., Inc. to discuss Skyride operation at the fair.

19 - Senior staff met with representatives of Cuninghams Group to discuss the North End project. The State Fair staff Lunch & Learn series continued with a presentation by 2017 State Fair commemorative artist Ta-coumba Aiken.

20 - The State Fair Foundation hosted a donor event in the History & Heritage Center during which Sinclair gave a presentation on midway operations. Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

22 - The Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association spring show was presented in the AgStar Arena. Comcast Cares Day was held in the Dairy Building.

22-23 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association spring show and sale was held in the Education Building. Prime Promotions presented their Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market at the Grandstand and infield. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Military Relic & Collector Spring Show was held in the Progress Center.

22-Aug. 6 - Weekend shuttle parking service to Como Park was provided from the south Como parking lot.

24 - The Minnesota FFA Livestock, Horse & Dairy Judging Contest was conducted in the Warner Coliseum as part of the annual Minnesota State FFA Convention, which also utilized the CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

24-28 - Hammer, Sinclair, Alexander, Huber, Hudalla, Simon, Larson and Leach attended the IAFE Spring Management Conference in Spokane, Wash., and toured the Spokane County Interstate Fairgrounds; Leach received his Certified Fair Executive award during the conference. Also, Huber, Simon and Hudalla visited the Washington State Spring Fair in Puyallup.

25 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

26 - Noonan attended a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

28-30 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was presented at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex. Munchkin Markets Children's Consignment Spring Sale was held in the Education Building.

29 - St. Paul Craftstravaganza was held at the Progress Center.

May

1 - Alexander and Jetson met with representatives of AllOver Media to discuss indoor advertising for the upcoming fair.

2 - Hammer, Jacobson and LeVesseur met with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A. to review their audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2016. Senior staff met with representatives of Cuninghame Group for continued discussions on the North End project. Alexander, Sinclair, Franzmeier, Leach, Ward, Hines and Bower participated in a pre-event meeting for the Soundset festival. Metro Transit Bus Rodeo practice was conducted at the south Como parking lot. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on various Machinery Hill streets.

3 - Alexander, Hughes and Jetson met with a prospective artist to create the 2018 State Fair commemorative art.

4 - Staff gathered in the Libby Conference Center to thank State Fair Controller Marshall Jacobson for exactly 30 years of service to the State Fair, to celebrate his career and to congratulate him on his retirement. LeVesseur, Rougier and Coleman met with Aerco Wireless to discuss upgrades to the fairgrounds' wireless network.

5 - The McArdell/Gohr wedding was held in the DNR Building and park. LeVesseur, Casey and Rougier met with University of Minnesota representatives to discuss WiFi upgrades.

5-7 - The Sahara Sands Spring Classic Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

6 - The Frye/Nadeau wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center. A private function was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

7 - The Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet was held on Machinery Hill. The Northland Antique Toy, Doll & Advertising Show was presented in the Progress Center.

8 - Alexander attended a meeting of International Entertainment Buyers Association in Los Angeles, Calif.

9 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on various Machinery Hill streets.

9-10 - The State Fair and Minnesota FFA regional agriculture commodity groups partnered to present Urban Ag In The Classroom Days for St. Paul and Minneapolis public school third graders at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

10 - Rougier and Coleman met with Soundset festival production staff to discuss IT needs.

10-11 - Sinclair attended and presented courses on carnival midway operations and commercial exhibits at the IAFE Institute of Fair Management Summit in Sacramento, Calif.

11 - Huber, Edman and Belde attended the Minnesota Employees Recreation & Services Council vendor show at Canterbury Downs in Shakopee.

11-14 - The Friends of the American Saddlebred Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

12-13 - The Minnesota Barbecue Society presented the Minnesota in May Barbecue Contest at the campground.

12-14 - The Friends School of Minnesota Plant Sale was held at the Grandstand.

13 - The Spring Model Railroad & Hobby Sale was conducted in the Education Building.

15 - LeVesseur, Brady and Carlson participated in a discussion of changes to State Department of Revenue requirements. Carlson attended a presentation on accounts payable. Noonan met with representatives of the University of Minnesota to discuss promotion of activities in the U's State Fair exhibit. Sinclair, Alexander and Simon met with Joe Johnston of KSTP-TV to discuss plans for their exhibit structure.

16 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on various Machinery Hill streets.

17 - LeFebvre met with representatives of the Minnesota Farm Bureau to discuss the Century Farm program. State Fair staff Lunch & Learn series continued with a presentation by Deputy G.M. Jim Sinclair.

18 - Wessel, Fox and Hammer, and Society life member Schmidt participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board. Dullinger represented the State Fair at a MSP Hello event at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Larson, Hughes and Jetson met with representatives of Hamline Church Dining Hall to discuss marketing ideas for Hamline's 120th anniversary at the State Fair. Huber and Edman attended an employee benefits training conference.

18-20 - The St. Paul YMCA Garage Sale was conducted in the Merchandise Mart.

19-20 - The Artists Market was presented by the Northstar Water Media Society in the Fine Arts Center.

19-June 4 - ApplianceSmart's Major Appliance Liquidation Sale was held in the Education Building.

20 - The Rowe/Neinaber wedding was held in the Progress Center.

20-21 - Minnesota Comic Book Association presented MSP Comicon in the Grandstand.

21 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held in AgStar Arena. The First Fifty Auto Parts Sale & Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots.

21-25 - Butler and Simon attended the Alltech agriculture conference in Lexington, Ky.

22-25 - Goodrich, LeFebvre, Harder, Nathe and Koenen attended the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers annual meeting in Grand Island, Neb., and toured the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

24 - Noonan attended a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association board.

28 - The Soundset music festival was held at the Midway lot.

31 - Alexander, Bower, Simon and Jetson met with representatives of Evine home shopping network to discuss a live broadcast from the '17 State Fair.

June

1 - The North Central Reining Extravaganza Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

2 - A retirement party for employment manager Pam Mix was held in the Libby Conference Center, celebrating her 23-year career with the State Fair.

2-4 - The International Gem & Jewelry Show was held in the Progress Center. The North Central Reining Extravaganza horseshow was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

3 - The Minneapolis/St. Paul Mini Maker Faire was held at the Grandstand. The Olson/Reinhardt wedding was held in the DNR Building and Park.

4 - The General Motors Car Clubs Association Car Show & Swap Meet was held on Machinery Hill.

5 - Butler, Jetson and Scholdt hosted a meeting of the Ag Communicators group. The State Fair ticket office opened for the summer.

5-11 - The Airstream Club Camping event was held at the campground.

6 - The PFM Public Investment & Debt Management Forum was held at the History & Heritage Center and was attended by Hudalla, Leach and LeVesseur. The Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill streets. A private function was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

7 - Senior staff met with members of the Cuningham Group design firm to continue discussions on the North End project. Noonan gave a presentation to marketing students at Como Park High School.

8 - The official 2017 State Fair commemorative art, created by world-renowned St. Paul artist Ta-coumba Aiken, was unveiled during a celebration attended by hundreds at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE & THE GOVERNING BOARD

9 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2017

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; Dan Grunhovd; D.J. Leary; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio. Absent: Gail Johnson.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Sean Casey; Gail Anderson; Heather Brady; Michelle Butler; Jodi Jetson; Theresa Weinfurter; Carol Doyle; Jill Nathe; Danielle Dullinger; Shannon Buchda; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde; Hannah Miller; Kay Cady; Leah Janus.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Simon reported on many of the new commercial exhibits, institutional and educational displays, touring exhibits and sponsors scheduled to participate at the upcoming State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyfair, Inc. to adjust their 2017 SkyGlider round-trip ticket prices from \$6 to \$7. After discussion, the request for the increase was denied on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyride operator D.M.C., Inc. to adjust their 2017 Skyride round-trip ticket price from \$6 to \$7. After discussion, the request was denied on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Sean Casey; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Heather Brady; Michelle Butler; Jodi Jetson; Theresa Weinfurter; Carol Doyle; Jill Nathe; Danielle Dullinger; Shannon Buchda; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde; Hannah Miller; Kay Cady; Leah Janus; Jackie Heugel.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes of the Society board's general business meeting conducted March 29, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes covering interim activities March 29 through June 8, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier in the morning by the sales committee was reviewed by committee chairman Mr. Merkins and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Rodosevich & Co., P.A., and Mr. LeVesseur reviewed the audit of the Society's books and accounts for fiscal 2016. After discussion, the audit report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Financial statement for May 2017 was presented by Mr. LeVesseur as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending May 31, 2017

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance-April 30, 2017		\$6,055,718
Add: cash deposits	\$3,089,464	
Less: payroll ending May 6	(306,793)	
payroll ending May 20	(284,607)	
cash disbursements	(1,160,754)	
		1,337,310
Balance-May 31, 2017		\$7,393,028

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-April 30, 2017	\$450
Add: interest earned	
securities purchased	
Less: securities redeemed	
Balance-May 31, 2017	\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-April 30, 2017	
Add: note proceeds	\$-
interest	
Less: disbursements	
Balance-May 31, 2017	\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31:

	2016	2017
Operating account	\$5,028,447	\$7,393,028
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$5,034,997	\$7,399,578

After review, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur presented a resolution authorizing the amendment of the State Fair 2009 Subordinated Indebtedness Note to extend the maturity thereof and authorizing certain other actions. The complete resolution is on file at the Society offices on the State Fairgrounds. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reported on the recently concluded regular session of the Minnesota Legislature, and its potential impacts on the Society. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander presented the following entertainment contracts for consideration:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUE
Freestyle Productions, Inc.	8/24-9/4	\$88,507 flat	Grandstand Production
P.E.S.O., Inc. (Concert Ushers)	8/24-9/4	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$19.25/hour per person	Grandstand Production
A.S.I.A., Inc. (Concert Security)	8/24-9/4	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$21.00/hour per person	Grandstand Production
Eat Your Heart Catering (Grandstand Catering)	8/24-9/4	\$20,000 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoice	Grandstand Production
Perk Global Productions, Inc. (Grandstand Stage Manager)	8/24-9/4	\$21,000 flat	Grandstand Production
Brian Bourn (Grandstand Follow Spots)	8/24-9/4	\$3,500 flat	Grandstand Production
Nickelback Touring 2, Inc. f/s/o Nickelback	8/24	\$550,000 plus 90% over \$675,000	Grandstand Artist
CDD Touring LLC f/s/o Daughtry	8/24	\$50,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Chimichanga Productions, f/s/o Jim Gaffigan	8/26	\$500,000 plus 80% over \$600,000	Grandstand Artist
Tokeco, Inc. f/s/o Toby Keith	8/27	\$380,000 plus 90% over \$575,000	Grandstand Artist
Long Road Touring Company f/s/o 3 Doors Down	8/27	\$95,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
N.J., Inc. f/s/o Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	8/28	\$150,000 plus 80% over \$250,000	Grandstand Artist
Tour Management Associates LLC f/s/o John Mellencamp	8/29	\$350,000 plus 90% over \$460,000	Grandstand Artist

Carlene Carter	8/29	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Navfive Live, Inc. f/s/o Usher	8/31	\$1,000,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Minnesota Public Radio f/s/o A Prairie Home Companion	9/1	60% of box office receipts	Grandstand Artist
Lanco Music LLC f/s/o LANCO	9/4	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Out In It LLC f/s/o Sam Hunt	9/4	\$500,000 plus 80% over \$606,500	Grandstand Artist
The Pointer Sisters	8/24-25	\$60,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Moon Dog, Inc. f/s/o George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	8/26-27	\$65,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
My Kids Money LLC f/s/o Chris Janson	8/28-29	\$65,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
TTuckaho, Inc. f/s/o Tanya Tucker	8/30-31	\$54,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Noisy S.O.D. Inc. f/s/o Foghat	9/1-2	\$45,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Hippo Campus, Inc. f/s/o Hippo Campus	9/3-4	\$60,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight!
Tonic Sol-fa LLC f/s/o Tonic Sol-fa	8/24-25	\$8,500 flat	Bandshell Day
Dailey & Vincent, Inc.	8/24-25	\$16,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Loving Mary LLC f/s/o The Loving Mary Band	8/26-27	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Domino Effect Music LLC f/s/o Sammy Arriaga	8/26-27	\$6,000 flat	Bandshell Day
The Hub City All-Stars LLC f/s/o Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars	8/26-27	\$12,500 flat	Bandshell Day
34th Infantry Division "Red Bull Band"	8/28-29	No payment required	Bandshell Day
Hot Club Productions LLC f/s/o Hot Club of Cowtown	8/28-29	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Day
RHEI LLC f/s/o Redhead Express	8/30-31	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Nightowls Music LLC f/s/o The Nightowls	8/30-31	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
J.D. McPherson Touring LLC f/s/o JD McPherson	9/1-2	\$15,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Parlay Music Group f/s/o Kazual	9/1-2	\$6,000 flat	Bandshell Day
144 Entertainment LLC f/s/o Mary Sarah	9/1-2	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Monroe Crossing Inc. dba Monroe Crossing	9/3-4	\$7,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Tank & The Bangas LLC f/s/o Tank & The Bangas	9/3-4	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
CAAMCDT f/s/o CAAM Chinese Dance Theater	8/24-25	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Glen Helgeson dba Worldview Productions LLC f/s/o Axis Mundi World Jazz Quintet	8/24-25	\$1,800 flat	Bazaar Day

Guava Entertainment f/s/o Socaholix	8/26-27	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
James P Dobosenski f/s/o Doctor Kielbasa	8/26-27	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Adam Sandhurst f/s/o Adam Sandhurst & The Jolly Jammers	8/28-29	\$1,800 flat	Bazaar Day
Native Pride Productions Inc. f/s/o Native Pride Dancers	8/30-31	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Day
The Bavarian Musikmeisters	8/30-31	\$1,600 flat	Bazaar Day
Laura Mackenzie f/s/o Brass Lassie	9/1-2	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Rogelio Onofre f/s/o Chinelos de Axochiapan	9/3-4	\$1,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Tom Mason f/s/o Tom Mason & The Blue Buccaneers	9/3-4	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Chris Hawkey Entertainment f/s/o Chris Hawkey	8/24-25	\$7,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Douglas Vickers Little dba Tesca Music LLC f/s/o Charanga Tropical	8/26-27	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Fabulous Armadillos Inc. f/s/o Takin' It To The Limit: An Eagles Tribute	8/28-29	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Mark Stevens f/s/o Corey Stevens	9/1-2	\$7,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
BC Characters, Inc. f/s/o BreakShop Bump'n	8/24-9/4	\$33,360 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Sean Emery	8/24-9/4	\$15,600 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Divas Entertainment LLC f/s/o The Dollipops	8/24-25	\$1,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Merry Bobb Music, Inc. d/b/a The Splatter Sisters	8/26-27	\$2,700 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Steve Wilson d/b/a Tuey Wilson	8/28-29	\$1,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Total Entertainment f/s/o Kidsdance	8/30-31	\$2,300 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Fantastick Patrick Productions	9/1-2	\$2,500 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Concrete Dream, Inc. f/s/o Steve Trash	9/3-4	\$3,500 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Dan Sparkman	8/27	\$70 flat	Milk Run
Rick Recker	8/27	\$350 flat	Milk Run
Allied Audio (Free Stage Sound & Lights)	8/24-9/4	\$231,224 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoices	Misc. Ent.
DL Weatherhead Timberworks Lumberjack Show LLC f/s/o Timberworks Lumberjack Show	8/24-9/4	\$35,500 flat	North Woods
Chris Perondi dba Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show	8/24-9/4	\$15,000 flat	North Woods
Steven G. Bauer	8/24-9/4	\$2,700 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert D. Wilson	8/24-9/4	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show

Christopher J. Chadwick	8/24-9/4	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
James Birk	8/24-9/4	\$1,260 flat	Old Iron Show
Jack's PC Consulting LLC f/s/o C. John Deschene	8/24-9/4	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
Lee Jason Sackett	8/24-9/4	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
David M. Lewerer	8/24-9/4	\$1,320 flat	Old Iron Show
Shannon M. Sackett	8/24-9/4	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Stevermer	8/24-9/4	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Ken Anderson	8/24-9/4	\$1,680 flat	Old Iron Show
Duane H. Rolstad	8/24-27	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Jon A. Getting	8/24-27	\$120 flat	Old Iron Show
James M. Quirk	8/24-31	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Lorraine Quirk	8/24-31	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Schimml	8/24-9/1	\$1,350 flat	Old Iron Show
Cecil L. Bechel f/s/o Cecil Bechel	8/31-9/4	\$2,460 flat	Old Iron Show
Rickie D. Grufman	8/31-9/4	\$840 flat	Old Iron Show
Devon Lark	8/24-27	\$140 flat	Old Iron Show
William A. Griesbach	8/24-31	\$720 flat	Old Iron Show
Sam Waldoch	8/28-31	\$120 flat	Old Iron Show
Paul Thomas Bainbridge	9/1-4	\$280 flat	Old Iron Show
Henry A. Reiner	9/1-4	\$280 flat	Old Iron Show
Jason Stock f/s/o Jason Stock Trolley Service	8/24-9/4	\$1,800 flat	Parade
Joseph Stevermer	8/24-9/4	\$420 flat	Parade
Lee Jason Sackett	8/24-9/4	\$420 flat	Parade
Jeff Goldsmith	8/24-9/3	\$2,310 flat	Parade
Lane Powell	8/24-9/3	\$2,640 flat	Parade
Lane Powell f/s/o Tri-State Judging Association	8/24-9/3	\$2,400 flat	Parade
Jack Brass Band	8/31, 9/2-4	\$6,000 flat	Parade
Twin Cities Unicycle Club	8/24	\$450 flat	Parade
Paul Husby f/s/o St. Anthony Park Community Band	8/25	\$100 flat	Parade
St. Paul Police Band	8/26	\$250 flat	Parade

Crow River Drumline Association f/s/o Phoenix Drumline	8/27	\$750 flat	Parade
Regents of the University of Minnesota	9/4	\$2,750 flat	Parade
Sprague Hollaner f/s/o Curtiss A. & The Cold Cold Hearts	8/24-25	\$2,100 flat	Ramberg Center
Mellow Fellows	8/24-25	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Center
Pop Wagner Inc. f/s/o Pop Wagner & Bob Bovee	8/28-29	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Center
Slew Foot Family Band	8/28-29	\$1,250 flat	Ramberg Center
James D. Shannon f/s/o Jim Shannon Trio	8/30-31	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Center
James P. Berner f/s/o Jim Berner's Music Legends	8/30-31	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Center
Joel P. Johnson f/s/o Joey Johnson Band	9/1-2	\$1,300 flat	Ramberg Center
It's A Secret LLC	9/1-2	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Center
Gabby Bruestle	9/3	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
Amanda Chan	9/3	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
MNHS presents History-On-A-Schtick	8/24-9/4	No payment required	West End Market
Minnesota State Fiddlers Assoc. f/s/o Minnesota State Fiddle Contest	8/26-27	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association f/s/o MN American-Roots Music Contests	9/1-2	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Divas Entertainment LLC f/s/o Divas Through the Decades	8/24-25	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Katherine L. Vanderwood d/b/a Katy Vernon	8/24-25	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Dan C Israel	8/26-27	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Musicalou Productions f/s/o Pat Donohue, formerly of A Prairie Home Companion	8/28-29	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Kenny Ahern	8/28-29	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Michael E Riddle d/b/a Riddlemusic LLC f/s/o The Riddle Brothers	8/28-29	\$950 flat	West End Market
Tommy Ryman	8/30-31	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
451st Army Band "Blue Devils"	8/30-31	No payment required	West End Market
Duelly Noted LLC f/s/o Duelly Noted	9/1-2	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Roger Radley	9/3-4	\$2,500 flat	West End Market

The Pines Music LLC f/s/o The Pines	8/26-27	\$6,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Heiruspecs f/s/o Heiruspecs	8/28-29	\$8,000	West End at Sunset
Romantica Music f/s/o Romantica	8/30-31	\$8,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Bad Bad Hats LLC f/s/o Bad Bad Hats	9/1-2	\$10,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Nooky Jones LLC f/s/o Nooky Jones	9/3-4	\$2,400 flat	West End at Sunset
Action Sports of Minnesota dba 3rd Lair Skatepark	8/24-9/4	\$45,475 flat	X-Zone

After review and discussion, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Nathe reviewed the State Fair's competitions in agriculture, education and the arts, and reported on early entries and increased levels of participation for the '17 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of board-hosted functions for the '17 State Fair: Minnesota Federation of County Fairs lunch Friday, Aug. 25; State Fair Hall of Fame and Life Member lunch Sunday, Aug. 27; and Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association breakfast Thursday, Aug. 31. The functions were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Cady and Mr. Hammer reviewed contributions, ongoing fundraising activities, development of the Foundation endowment and other projects of the State Fair Foundation. Information only; no action taken.

President Wessel extended the board's thanks to State Fair staff for their continuing effort on behalf of the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Leary seconded and motion carried to move the meeting into executive session at 10:39 a.m. (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting was reopened at 11:59 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer provided an update on planning and design for the North End agriculture, arts and education development. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

June 9 through August 24, 2017

June

9-10 - The Stamp & Scrapbook Expo was held in the Education Building. South Como parking lots were used as shuttle parking for Minnesota State High School League track and field championships at Hamline University.

9-11 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a series of graduation parties and corporate events.

10 - The St. Paul Summer Festival was held at the International Bazaar. The Story-Gustafsson wedding was held in the DNR Building.

10-11 - The Minnesota Antique Dealers Association presented the Antique and Decorative Arts Show.

12 - Funeral services for Bill Hermes, State Fair greenhouse superintendent from 1972 to 1994, were attended by State Fair staff and friends of the fair. Hammer attended the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association at U.S. Bank Stadium.

13 - State Fair Affair bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

14-17 - The Minnesota 4-H Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outload (YELLO) was held at the 4-H Building.

14-18 - The Region 10 Arabian & Half-Arabian Championships Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

15 - HealthEast Get-Together was held at West End Market.

16 - Hudalla, Casey and Leach met with staff of Cuningham Group to discuss continued planning for the North End project.

16-17 - The Viking Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America held their National Meet at the campground and Progress Center.

17 - CBS Radio's Pet-A-Palooza was held on Machinery Hill.

18-21 - Huber and Edman attended the Society for Human Resource Management annual conference in New Orleans.

19 - G.L. Berg Workshop was conducted in the Libby Conference Center.

20 - Hudalla and Casey met with representatives of Peterson Brothers Roofing to discuss future roof replacement projects.

23-24 - The 31st Annual Twin Cities Classic Car Auction was held in the Cattle Barn.

23-25 - The Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back To The '50s Weekend was held across the fairgrounds.

27 - State Fair Affair bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

28 - The State Fair conducted its second annual job fair for seasonal and fair-time employees in the Progress Center. The Midsummer Mile footrace was held on various fairgrounds streets.

28- July 1 - The Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

29 - Hudalla, Alexander and Cady met with Cuningham Group staff and former Minnesota State Historical Society exhibits director Dan Spock to discuss the North End project exhibit building.

30 - July 1 - The Twin Cities Antiquarian & Rare Book Fair was presented in the Progress Center.

July

1-2 - Shuttle parking for the Hmong Freedom Celebration at Como Park was provided at the south Como parking lots.

8 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a graduation party. The Konopacky wedding reception was held in the History & Heritage Center.

9 - The Color Run was held at the Grandstand and various streets around the fairgrounds.

10-13 - Hughes, Noonan, Dullinger and Simon met with KARE-TV, KMSP-TV, KSTP-TV and WCCO-TV to discuss fair-time exhibits and coverage of the upcoming fair.

11 - Hudalla toured the fairgrounds with Minnesota State Risk Management staff to evaluate the grounds. State Fair Affair bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill. Huber, Edman and Schoen met with the McDowell Agency to discuss background check services.

12 - Senior staff met with representatives of Cuningham Group to discuss phasing of the North End project.

13 - A meeting of all full-time staff was held in the Libby Conference Center. Huber, Edman and Schoen discussed staff training with two consulting groups.

13-16 - The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association Corporate Challenge horse show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

14-16 - The StreetMachine Nationals car show was held throughout the fairgrounds.

17 - Sinclair, Alexander, Simon and Hughes met with representatives of Evine home shopping network to discuss their Aug. 24 broadcast from the State Fair.

19 - The St. Paul Fire Department conducted rappel training on the Space Tower. Huber and Edman met with staff of the Bloomington DoubleTree Hotel to review a proposal for the joint annual meetings of the Society, Federation of County Fairs and Midwest Showmen's Association in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

19-21 - Harper, Schadeck and Ward attended Universal Studios Hollywood in Universal City, Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa, and Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica, California.

20 - Hammer met with Bill McGrann, Joe Bagnoli and Doug Carnival of the McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm to discuss legislative matters. Sinclair and Hines met with David Garrett and Brad Doolittle of Haas Wilkerson Insurance.

21 - A retirement party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

22 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a class reunion.

22-23 - The Capitol Classic Horse Show was held in AgStar Arena.

23 - A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

25 - Hudalla, Leach, State Fair Police Chief Blakey and Assistant Chief Paulos met with the State Fair legal team to discuss a variety of matters. State Fair Affair bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

27 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a corporate party.

28 - A wedding reception was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

29 - A class reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

August

1 - Sinclair and Hines met with John and Jim Keenan to discuss Ye Old Mill operations.

2 - A meeting of all full-time staff was held in the Libby Conference Center, during which 19 staff members were recognized with length-of-service awards.

3 - The State Fair Foundation hosted more than 100 major donors and special guests to the world premiere of Twin Cities Public Television's new documentary "State Fair Traditions" in the DNR Building theater. Hammer gave a presentation on State Fair history and fairgrounds architecture to residents of Lyngblomsten Heritage Center.

3-6 - The North Central Reining Futurity & Derby horse show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

3-4 - Sinclair, Simon, Hines, Ward and LeVesseur visited the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis.

4-5 - Hudalla visited the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.

9 - Operations, facilities, marketing and sales staff met with Minnesota State Risk Management, St. Paul Fire Department and Regions Hospital to coordinate fair-time operations.

11 - Sinclair, Simon, Larson, Bower, Hines and Juettner visited the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

13 - Midway staff arrived and began set-up of Mighty Midway and Kidway.

17 - The State Fair Foundation's Taste of the Fair hosted more than 1,300 donors and friends at the International Bazaar. The University of Minnesota hosted an open house at the new Driven to Discover building.

19 - The State Fair Around the Fair Committee hosted a staff pancake breakfast in the 4-H Building.

22 - The State Fair Foundation's First Glance event and the State Fair's Fine Arts Preview were held in the Fine Arts Center.

23 - Princess Kay of the Milky Way 2017 was crowned by the Midwest Dairy Association during ceremonies at the Bandshell.

24 - The 2017 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD****10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2017****Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds**

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhord; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli; Doug Carnival.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes from the board meeting of June 9, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period from June 9 through Aug. 23 were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The July financial statement was presented as follows by Mr. Hammer:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY****Month Ending July 31, 2017****OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:**

Cash Balance-June 30, 2017		\$7,271,670
Add: cash deposits	\$3,164,688	
Less: payroll ending July 14	(362,377)	
payroll ending July 28	(368,017)	
Cash disbursements	(2,407,405)	
	26,889	
Balance-July 31, 2017		\$7,298,559

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-June 30, 2017		\$450
Add: interest earned		
securities purchased		
Less: securities redeemed		
Balance-July 31, 2017		\$450

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-June 30, 2017		\$-
Add: note proceeds		
interest		
Less: disbursements		
Balance-July 31, 2017		\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31:

	2016	2017
Operating account	\$5,682,929	\$7,298,559
Petty cash	24,298	24,748
Building fund	450	450
Total cash balances	\$5,707,677	\$7,323,757

After review, the summary was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A summary of the 2017 legislative session was provided by Joe Bagnoli and Doug Carnival of the McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm. No action taken.

The following list of entertainment contracts were presented for review:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUE
RES Specialty Fireworks	8/24-9/4	\$32,500 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc.	8/24-9/4	\$110,583 flat	Grandstand Production

Premier Global Production Company, Inc. (Lighting)	8/24-9/4	\$65,895 flat	Grandstand Production
Clair Brothers Audio, Inc. (GS Sound)	8/24-9/4	\$73,950 flat	Grandstand Production
Rock-A-Little, Inc. f/s/o Stevie Nicks	8/25	\$800,000 plus 85% over \$910,000	Grandstand Artist
VC Tours, Inc. f/s/o Vanessa Carlton	8/25	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Tokeco, Inc. f/s/o Toby Keith	8/27	\$425,000 plus 90% over \$625,000	Grandstand Artist
Carter Girl Music LLC f/s/o Carlene Carter	8/29	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Pentatonix Touring, Inc. f/s/o Pentatonix	8/30	\$250,000 plus 85% over \$355,000	Grandstand Artist
Alvarado Entertainment LLC f/s/o Us The Duo	8/30	\$5,000	Grandstand Artist
WatchTheDuck	8/31	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Wildewoman Music LLC f/s/o Lusius	9/2	\$45,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Nightlife Touring, Inc. f/s/o Phantogram	9/2	\$100,000 plus 80% over \$250,000	Grandstand Artist
Now Now LLC f/s/o Now, Now	9/2	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Nightlife Touring, Inc. f/s/o Phantogram	9/2	\$200 flat	Grandstand Artist
Wildewoman Music LLC f/s/o Lusius	9/2	\$1,500 flat	Grandstand Artist
Ryan Follese	9/4	\$1,500 flat	Grandstand Artist
Joni Harms	8/24-25	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Day
The Malpass Brothers	8/28-29	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Day
James Strehlke f/s/o Alpensterne	8/30-31	\$2,000 flat	Bandshell Day
James Andres f/s/o James Andrews and The Crescent City Allstars	9/3-4	\$12,250 flat	Bandshell Day
C. Willi Myles Ent. Inc. f/s/o C. Willi Myles	9/3-4	\$3,000 flat	Bandshell Day
Frogleg LLC dba Wain McFarlane	8/28-29	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Day
Wayne Anthony McFarlane dba Wain McFarlane	9/1-2	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar Day
Mark J Moran dba CW's HMX f/s/o The Good, the Bad and the Funky	8/30-31	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Elizabeth Holly Munoz f/s/o Ambassadors of Culture	9/3-4	\$5,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Premier Global Production Company, Inc.	8/24-9/4	\$12,000 flat	Misc. Attractions

Laser Encore, Inc. f/s/o Laser Encore's Laser Hitz Show	8/24-9/4	\$19,000 flat	Misc. Attractions
Allied Audio (Free Stage Sound and Lights)	8/24-9/4	\$213,821.96 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoices (revised)	Misc. Ent.
Sylvain Pienault	8/29	\$100 flat	Misc. Ent.
Steve L. McDonough	8/24-9/4	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert A. McDonough	8/24-9/4	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Glen William Westphal	8/24-9/4	\$720 flat	Old Iron Show
Patrick McDonough	8/24-9/4	\$2,100 flat	Old Iron Show
Jake Suchy	8/24-9/4	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Devon Lark	9/1-4	\$140 flat	Old Iron Show
Kenneth Scott	9/1-4	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Rodney Mondor	9/1-4	\$480 flat	Old Iron Show
Delores Nelson	9/1-4	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Susan M. Hirschmug f/s/o Upstanding Stilts	8/24-9/4	\$3,900 flat	Parade
River City Rhythm, Inc.	9/3-4	\$600 flat	Parade
Minneapolis First SDA Church	8/27, 8/30 & 9/3	\$800 flat	Parade
Barebones Productions	8/31-9/1	\$500 flat	Parade
Minnesota Pipes and Drums f/s/o Minnesota Police Pipe Band	8/26	\$1,250 flat	Parade
Minnesota "Over-60" Band	8/31	\$400 flat	Parade
Women's Drum Center f/s/o Drumheart	9/2	\$1,200 flat	Parade
Gordon Lewis f/s/o Pig's Eye Jass Band	9/4	\$560 flat	Parade
Scott R. Fraser f/s/o Scott Fraser Guitar Virtuoso	8/26-27	\$600 flat	Ramberg Center
The Brass Barn Polka Band	8/26-27	\$2,000 flat	Ramberg Center
Richard Hollister f/s/o Jack Knife & The Sharps	9/3-4	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Center
John D. Barrett f/s/o The Fairlanes	9/3-4	\$1,600 flat	Ramberg Center
Kersten Rodau	9-3	\$500 flat	Talent Contest
Fiddle Pal Music f/s/o The Barley Jacks	8/24-25	\$4,000 flat	West End Market
Kristoffer Olson f/s/o Kristoffer Olson, Funny Magician	8/26-27	\$1,700 flat	West End Market
CharMike Music f/s/o Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra	8/30-31	\$3,500 flat	West End Market

The Wild Goose Chase Cloggers	9/1-2	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Anthony Lewis Lehr f/s/o Family Three	9/3-4	\$1,000 flat	West End Market
The Sweet Colleens LLP f/s/o The Sweet Colleens	9/3-4	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
MJG Production f/s/o The Big Wu	8/24-25	\$4,000 flat	West End at Sunset

After review, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to make miscellaneous ticket refunds and payment of minor claims as he deems appropriate on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of State Fair Scholarship winners:

Emily Annestad, St. Peter; Ryleigh Beers, Luverne; Mitch Bobendrier, Pipestone; Laura Church, Hastings; Mikayla Erf, Oakdale; Kristin Farris, Goodridge; Alyssa Groskopf, Hastings; Kylee Kohls, Litchfield; Morgan Krause, Buffalo; Ella Lee, Cannon Falls; Jackson Neil, Northfield; Rebekka Paskewitz, Browerville; Emily Pliscott, Kenyon; Leah Ruen, Lanesboro; Mikayla Spinler, Morristown; Gracie Vathauer, Wheaton; Gavin Viland, Pipestone; Heather Weller, New York Mills; and Alexis Wetzel, Faribault.

The scholarship winners were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A proclamation honoring the Ribar-Libby Family with the State Fair Family Legacy Award was approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The proclamation celebrates 80 years of participation as commercial exhibitor at the State Fair and is issued jointly by the State Agricultural Society and the State Fair Foundation.

Mr. Hammer provided updates on activities of the fair's first day. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Leah Janus

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Aug. 25, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer provided an update on activities of the 2017 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

The board authorized an annual contribution of \$5,000 to the State Fair employees club to provide partial funding for employee club functions and beverages used by employees and visitors on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

It was moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried that members of the board and certain staff members designated by the secretary be authorized to attend the International Association of Fairs & Expositions 2017 international convention in Las Vegas, Nev. (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The dates of the 2018 Minnesota State Fair were set for Thursday, Aug. 23 through Labor Day, Sept. 3, on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

\$3 million for infrastructure improvements to the north end of the fairgrounds was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the Society's board of managers was set for Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, was approved as a paid holiday for State Fair full-time staff on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The board extended their gratitude to staff and congratulated them for superior effort in producing the 2017 Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Aug. 24 through Nov. 13, 2017

August

24 - The 2017 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m. Later that morning, Society President Sharon Wessel presided over opening ceremonies at the Bandshell.

28 - The State Fair hosted a meeting of the Roseville Rotary Club at Heffron Park.

29 - Military Appreciation Day featured discounted admission for active, retired and veteran military members along with a variety of special activities. Included was a special ceremony at the State Fair Veterans Garden commemorating the centennial of the United States' entry into World War I; participants included Rosetown American Legion Post 542 and the Como Park Military Veterans Association. The ceremony was followed by programs at the Bandshell and Dan Patch Park, and additional activities throughout the fairgrounds.

31 - Gwenn Smith of Deer River (Itasca County) and Terry Marsh of Buffalo (Wright County) were named Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens during Senior Day ceremonies at the Bandshell.

September

3 - At a special Grandstand ceremony, 15 State Fair staff members were recognized for outstanding performance, and five from that group received State Fair All Star MVP Awards - Matthew Dorn, Grandstand Building; Vitali Haug, Sanitation; Jennifer Moran, Competition; Kelly Morrison, Competition; and Anthony Nelson, Sanitation.

4 - The 2017 Minnesota State Fair closed with record attendance of 1,997,320. Three daily records were set (Monday, Aug. 28 - 144,504; Friday, Sept. 1 - 187,066; Sunday, Sept. 3 - 242,759). VIP visitors included board members of the Dade County Fair in Miami, Fla.; John Juliano and staff from the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass.; Paul Davis of the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City; a delegation from the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Ga.; Jeremy Parsons and board members from the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa; Dan Mourning and staff from the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque; Roger White of the Royal Easter Show in Sydney, Australia; 20 presidents of regional dairy associations throughout the nation; a 15-member delegation from the World Press Institute representing nations from around the world; National Independent Concessionaires Association's Rey O'Day from Pomona, Calif.; and CEO Gary Slater and staff from the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

8 - Edman and Schoen attended a Business Leaders workshop.

8-9 - The first of several fall household hazardous waste drop-offs for Ramsey County residents was conducted at the south Como parking lot.

13 - Alexander, Dullinger, Hughes and Noonan attended the Minnesota Marketing Summit in Minneapolis, where Alexander also served as a panelist.

14 - Alexander served as a panelist for the Leadership St. Paul conference at CHS Field. A Celebration of Sorts, presented by the Arc Greater Twin Cities, was held in the Dairy Building.

14-16 - Several private functions were held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

14-21 - Metro Transit drivers participated in the annual Bus Rodeo at the south Como parking lots.

15-18 - The Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

15 - A wedding reception was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

16 - The TC Model Railroad Club held their annual model railroad and hobby sale in the Education Building. A class reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill. The Grandstand lot was used as a shuttle parking lot for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

17 - The Antique Motorcycle Club swap meet was held at the north parking lot. The Como lot was used for shuttle parking for the Twin Cities Community Walk.

19 - Huber, Edman and Schoen attended an employee benefits training session presented by the State Employees Group Insurance program.

19-22 - Buchda and Schuldt attended the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., the Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT., and the Queens County Farm Museum in Floral Park, NY.

19-24 - Diedrick and Dullinger attended the Epcot Food & Wine Festival and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

20 - A post-fair meeting of the fair's risk management and emergency medical services team was attended by State Fair staff representing several departments. An appreciation dinner for State Fair Foundation volunteers was held in the Progress Center.

21 - A celebration honoring State Fair Hall of Famer Art Blakey, retiring after serving 37 years as State Fair Chief of Police, was held at O'Gara's At The Fair and was attended by hundreds of friends and fair associates; it was announced at the celebration that the fair's police headquarters will be named the Arthur R. Blakey Jr. Police Station.

21-25 - The Western Saddle Club Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

22-26 - Franzmeier and Hines attended Central Washington State Fair in Yakima, the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, and Pike Place Market in Seattle, Washington.

23 - The 32nd Roy Griak Invitational cross country meet in the University of Minnesota golf course used the south Como lot for bus parking. Weddings were held in the History & Heritage Center, Giggles' Campfire Grill and O'Gara's At the Fair.

23-24 - The Twin Cities 20th Century Design Show was held in the Progress Center. Munchkin Markets Fall Children's Consignment Sale was held in the Education Building. The State 4-H Dog Show was held in the 4-H Building. The LuLaRoe Clothing Sale was held in the Merchandise Mart.

26 - Sinclair, Simon, Alexander and Noonan met with representatives of iHeart Radio to discuss broadcast activities of their stations at the fair and discuss future plans. Schoen and Woodis attended a meeting with a Convenience Online learning representative. A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff featured a presentation by Susan Brown and Eve Stubens of the State Fair Marketing Coalition. Buchda, Dungan and Weinfurter met with representatives of Allied Audio to recap the '17 fair.

27 - Noonan attended a strategic planning board retreat of the Roseville Visitors Association. The Metro Area Children's Water Festival was held at the 4-H Building and Baldwin Park.

28 - A reception honoring Kay Cady, retiring executive director of the State Fair Foundation, was held in the History & Heritage Center.

28-Oct. 1 - The Title Nine Blowout Sale was held in the Dairy Building.

29 - Noonan spoke to two business career classes at Farnsworth Aerospace School. Sinclair met with Dave Rustad of Midwest ATM to review cash machine operations at the '17 fair. Alexander, Goldstein, Hughes and Duda met with the fair's 2018 commemorative artist to discuss concepts for '18 artwork.

29-30 - The Beer Dabbler's Rummage event was held at West End Market.

29-Oct. 1 - The Fall Festival Arabian Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock area.

30 - The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game. A wedding was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

30-Oct. 1 - The Minneapolis-St. Paul Military Relic & Collectors Fall Show was held in the Progress Center. The Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market fall show was presented at the Grandstand. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Weapons Show & Sale was held in the Education Building.

October

1 - The Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Antique Auto Show was held on the north parking lot.

1-4 - K. Huber and Tapia attended Disneyland and Disney California Adventure in Anaheim, and Bowers Kidseum in Santa Ana, California.

2-7 - The City of St. Paul Public Works Department conducted snow plow training at the south Como lots.

3 - The University of Minnesota's FFA Invitational Career Development Events were held in the CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

3-8 - The Minnesota Harvest Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

5 - Woodis met with Washington County school district advisors regarding employment opportunities for students. Alexander, Dullinger, Hughes, Larson and Noonan attended the Minnesota Hospitality Conference & Expo at Saint Paul Rivercentre.

6 - Noonan spoke to two marketing classes at Mounds View High School.

6-7 - Twin Cities Oktoberfest was presented by Golden Badger Events LLC in the Progress Center. The Gold Country FairWear Sale was held at Visitors Plaza.

6-8 - The Half Price Books Clearance Event was held at the Grandstand.

7 - Minnesota Comic Book Association's Fallcon was presented in the Education Building. The City of St. Paul's District 10 conducted a community cleanup event at the north parking lots. The Losure-Krejci wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center.

8-11 - Huber, Edman and Schoen attended Minnesota's Society of Human Resource Management annual conference in Duluth.

9 - Butler and Schuldt hosted Ag In Action field trips for St. Anthony Park fifth graders at Little Farm Hands in partnership with the University of Minnesota ag education department.

10 - Sinclair, Simon, Diedrick, Casey and Steffenhagen met with representatives of Minnesota DNR to review activities at the '17 fair and discuss plans for '18.

12 - Edman and Schoen met with Mary Weber and Janice Downing from CommonSense Consulting regarding leadership training.

12-16 - Anderson and Vavreck attended the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

13-29 - Pumpkin Nights was held at DNR Park and neighboring roadways.

13 - The Bachhuber-Dunker wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center.

14 - The Twin Cities Book Festival, presented by Rain Taxi, was held in the Progress Center and Fine Arts Center. The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for the American Brain Tumor Association's BT5K Run & Walk at Como Lake. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

15 - The Twin Cities Roadster Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots.

15-17 - Alexander and Dungan attended the International Entertainment Buyers Association annual conference in Nashville, Tenn.; Alexander was presented with IEBA's Fair Buyer of the Year award during the conference.

17 - The Mortenson Event presented by Giggles was held in the Progress Center.

18 - Noonan spoke to a gathering of the North Hennepin Business Women in Robbinsdale.

19 - Wessel and Hammer participated in meetings of the State Fair Foundation's finance and investment committees in the J.V. Bailey House.

19-22 - The State Fair presented the Minnesota Beef Expo in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

21 - The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

21-29 - The south Como lots were used as shuttle parking for Como Park's Zoo Boo.

23 - Noonan spoke to a marketing class at North St. Paul High School.

24 - Sinclair, Alexander, Hudalla, Leach, Larson, Simon, Hines, Vavreck, Doyle, LeFebvre, Bower and Hughes met with representatives of the Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture to review '17 fair inspections and operations. Alexander, Hughes and Duda met with the 2018 commemorative artist to confirm the timeline for art production.

25 - Full-time staff attended a Lunch & Learn program featuring State Fair fireworks providers Erv Haman and Tracy Vanasek of RES Pyro. Noonan and Simon met with representatives of CBS Radio to recap the '17 fair and discuss future plans.

28-29 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show & Sale was held in the Warner Coliseum.

29 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show and Minnesota Academy Equestrian Finals were held in AgStar Arena.

November

2 - McGough Construction held their Women's Initiative Meeting in the History & Heritage Center.

2-4 - Hammer gave the keynote address along with a presentation on agriculture education at the fall conference of the Association of Shows & Agricultural Organisations in York, England, and toured the Great Yorkshire Show grounds in Harrogate.

3 - Huber, Edman, Schoen and Woodis attended a Fredrikson & Byron seminar on employment law.

4-5 - The 2017 Championship Competition presented by GameDay Crossfit Competition was held in the Warner Coliseum.

6-9 - Belde, Gilbertson, Mold and Nathe attended The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada

8 - Butler and Schuldt hosted the inaugural Ag Literacy Network meeting in the Libby Conference Center. Alexander, Dullinger, Hughes and Noonan met with representatives of iHeart Radio to discuss future projects.

11 - Huber and Edman met with staff of the Sheraton and DoubleTree

Hotels in Bloomington to plan for the Society's upcoming annual meeting. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

11-12 - Hmong American New Year celebration was held in the Warner Coliseum and the History & Heritage Center.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND SALES & PLANNING COMMITTEES

9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Heather Brady; Hannah Miller; Jill Nathe; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Michelle Butler; Marie LeFebvre; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Theresa Weinfurter; Shannon Buchda; Dani Vavreck; Brett Ward; Emily Diedrick; Nikki Hines; Carol Doyle; Jennifer Bower; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Leah Janus.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mr. Larson, Ms. Simon, Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Vavreck provided detailed review of the 2017 State Fair's sales division income of \$15.1 million from commercial exhibits, food and beverage concessions, Midway, Kidway, ticketed attractions, sponsorships and touring promotional exhibits. The report will be reviewed by committee members and considered for approval at the next meeting of the sales committee in January 2018.

The sales committee adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Mark Goodrich, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Heather Brady; Hannah Miller; Jill Nathe; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Michelle Butler; Marie LeFebvre; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Theresa Weinfurter; Shannon Buchda; Dani Vavreck; Brett Ward; Emily Diedrick; Nikki Hines; Carol Doyle; Jennifer Bower; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Leah Janus.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Hammer reviewed plans for a reconfiguration of attractions, exhibits and infrastructure on the north end of Machinery Hill.

Mr. Hudalla presented a proposed standard maintenance projects budget totaling \$1.5 million, along with capital items totaling \$3.2 million for fiscal 2018. After review and discussion, the projects were approved on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0); the projects will be included in the comprehensive 2018 capital and maintenance budgets to be considered at the Society's January meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Sean Casey; Heather Brady; Hannah Miller; Jill Nathe; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Michelle Butler; Marie LeFebvre; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Theresa Weinfurter; Shannon Buchda; Dani Vavreck; Brett Ward; Emily Diedrick; Nikki Hines; Carol Doyle; Jennifer Bower; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Leah Janus.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Sept. 3, 2017, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Aug. 24 through Nov. 13, 2017, were approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the Sales & Planning Committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the October financial statement as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Month Ending October 31, 2017

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Cash Balance-September 30, 2017	\$13,297,402
Add: cash deposits	\$3,285,940
Less: payroll ending October 6	(297,138)
payroll ending October 20	(280,223)
Cash disbursements	(3,116,195)
	(407,616)
Balance-October 31, 2017	\$12,889,786

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance-September 30, 2017	\$451
Add: interest earned	
securities purchased	
Less: securities redeemed	
Balance-October 31, 2017	\$451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance-September 30, 2017	\$-
Add: note proceeds	
interest	
Less: disbursements	
Balance-October 31, 2017	\$-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31:

	2016	2017
Operating account	\$ 11,015,239	\$12,889,786
Petty cash	6,100	6,100
Building fund	450	451
Total cash balances	\$ 11,021,789	\$12,896,337

After review and discussion, the statement was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented for review a report of fair-period payroll for 80 departments totaling \$2.7 million. After discussion, the report was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich reported on the 2017 State Fair's competitive events for agriculture, horticulture, education and creative arts, and public participation of more than 16,000 exhibitors who displayed nearly 36,000 animals, creative and fine artworks and education projects. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander reported on the 2017 State Fair's programs for Grandstand and free entertainment, marketing, promotions and guest services. Information only; no action taken.

A review of the 2017 fair's educational programs in agriculture, arts, sciences and early learning was presented by Ms. Butler. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Diedrick and Mr. Ward reported on the fairgrounds' busy schedule of 150 non-fair events during 2017. Information only; no action taken.

A license for the sale of beer during the Beer Dabbler event Feb. 24, 2018, was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reported on a recommendation of the Honors Committee to name the State Fair public safety headquarters the Arthur R. Blakey Jr. Police Station. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Cashman reviewed State Fair Foundation activities, including upcoming major fundraising projects. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Edman provided an update on the 2018 joint conventions of the Society, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association.

On behalf of the board of managers, Mr. Oleheiser extended the sincere thanks of the members to the State Fair staff for their outstanding efforts in presenting the record-setting 2017 Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The meeting moved into executive session at 11:04 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The meeting was reopened at 12:32 p.m.

Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Merkins seconded and motion carried to adopt electronic voting procedures in certain instances, consistent with applicable law (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Nov. 14, 2017 through Jan. 12, 2018

November

14 - Hammer and board members Wessel, Fox and Merkins participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's nominating committee.

15 - A staff Lunch & Learn was held with presentations by staff members Harper, Schadeck, Ward, Diedrick, Dullinger, Schuldt and Buchda on their travels to various fairs, events and venues.

16 - Hammer, Edman and Schoen met with representatives of CommonSense Consulting to discuss a supervisor training program for staff. State Fair staff toured the new Bell Museum at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. Noonan gave presentations on State Fair marketing to two classes at Irondale High School.

18 - North Star Roller Derby held their first bout of the 2017-18 season in the Warner Coliseum. The Arthritis Foundation conducted the Jingle Bell 5K Race.

21 - Sinclair and Simon met with Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association representatives to review their activities and operations at the Pet Center.

25 - Grandstand lots were used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

27-30 - A delegation of staff and board members attended the International Association of Fairs & Expositions annual convention in Las Vegas, Nev.; at the convention, eighth district board representative Oleheiser received the IAFE's Heritage Award for his service to the Itasca County Fair, and Sinclair was inducted into the Showmen's League of America Hall of Honor.

28 - Schoen and Woodis met with representatives of the University of Minnesota and Hamline University to discuss employee recruiting strategies.

29 - Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

30 - Brady, Hedin and Duda participated in a tax form preparation webinar.

December

1 - LeVesseur and Brady met with representatives of Bremer Bank.

2 - LeVesseur met with members of area Lions clubs to recap Midway and Kidway ticket sales operations for the '17 State Fair, and to begin planning for '18.

2-3 - The Horse Crazy Holiday Market was held in the Warner Coliseum.

4-6 - Full-time supervisory staff participated in the first of a series of supervisor and leadership training sessions.

5 - Hammer, along with Vice President Leary and attorneys Janus and Bagnoli, appeared before the State Executive Council, where the council granted approval for the Society to purchase 1.87 acres of property and structures at 1640 Como Ave. Sinclair, Larson, Simon and Hines met with Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild representatives to discuss their operation at the '18 State Fair.

8 - Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with Bayou Bob's concessionaires to discuss their operation. Sinclair and Hines met with members of the Keenan family to discuss Ye Old Mill. Sinclair, Simon and Larson met with representatives of the Minnesota Cider Guild to discuss possible participation at the State Fair.

8-10 - Flips Gymnastics hosted the State Gymnastics Meet in the Warner Coliseum.

11 - LeVesseur and Brady met with Bremer Bank staff to discuss banking matters. Noonan gave presentations on State Fair marketing to five classes at Stillwater High School.

12 - The MSF Gives Back employee group volunteered at the Little Sisters of the Poor. Casey, LeVesseur, Rougier and Coleman met with MP Solutions staff to discuss upgrades to the fair's fiber optic network. Hudalla, Leach and Casey met with representatives of the University of Minnesota, Roseville and Falcon Heights to discuss storm water management issues.

13 - Noonan attended a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association board.

14 - Alexander, Dullinger, Hughes and Noonan met with the MSF Marketing Coalition to recap 2017 and continue planning for '18.

15 - Hammer and Alexander along with media consultant Monique Linder met with Otis Zanders and John Harrington of Ujamaa Place to discuss participation in the State Fair.

16 - North Star Roller Derby Bout 2 was held in the Warner Coliseum.

18 - Leach and Franzmeier attended a recycling summit hosted at U.S. Bank Stadium.

19 - Leach and State Fair Police Chief Paul Paulos attended a Super Bowl public safety exercise conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

January

3-5 - Alexander attended and offered a presentation at the Western Fairs Association convention in Anaheim, Calif.

4 - Hammer and LeVesseur met with bond counsel Peter Cooper of McGrann Shea Carnival, Straughn & Lamb, and Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft of PFM Financial Advisors to discuss State Fair bonding authority and other financial matters. Schoen and Woodis met with employee recruiting representatives at the University of Minnesota.

5 - Sinclair and Simon met with Tom Wennblom of Schmitt Music regarding their exhibit space at the fair.

6 - North Star Roller Derby Bout 3 was held in the Warner Coliseum.

8 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association and the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association regarding Pet Center operations at the '18 State Fair.

8 - Feb. 9 - Super Bowl vehicle and cargo inspection was conducted at the Midway lot.

8-10 - The second in a series of leadership training sessions was conducted for supervisory staff.

9-12 - Goodrich, Hofteig and Koenen attended the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado.

11 - Sinclair, Larson, Simon and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild to discuss their operations at the '18 State Fair.

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Fair met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Wessel opened the meeting and asked State Fair General Manager Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

President Wessel called for a report of the credentials committee by Marie Pflipsen of Benton County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

Credential forms submitted to the State Agricultural Society have been inspected by the full committee. All credentials have been found to be in order with the following exceptions: Three statewide associations did not file with the secretary of state as required by Dec. 20, 2017. One statewide association and two county fairs did not provide correct information on their credentials applications. Members of the credentials committee do attest to the actions noted above on the 13th day of January, 2018.

President Wessel called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Don Nolander of Freeborn County presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society expresses its sincere gratitude to the 1,997,320 guests who were part of the 2017 State Fair, the highest-attended in our history, and to the additional 1 million people who came to events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year.

Resolved, that the Society acknowledges the State Fair is dependent on retaining these visitors. Therefore, we are committed to advancing the fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; providing outstanding customer service in a safe, clean, carefully maintained environment that is accessible to all; and providing exceptional value while remaining financially independent through fiscally sound management.

Resolved, that we recognize with great appreciation all those who contributed to the success of the State Fair, including staff, the board

of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, school groups, and members of 4-H and FFA. We also extend our gratitude to our neighbors in the communities surrounding the fairgrounds.

Resolved, that we also recognize with great appreciation the generosity of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's board, staff, donors and volunteers, whose gifts of time, talent and money play an important role in preserving and improving State Fair buildings, fairgrounds and educational programs.

Resolved, that the Society's affiliations and strong relationships with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association and other organizations devoted to professional improvement are valuable in furthering the fair industry statewide and nationally.

Resolved, it is with regret and a deep sense of loss that we acknowledge the passing this past year of these Society members and State Fair friends: Charles Bankey, longtime State Fair employee in the heritage exhibits department; Steve Dahl, entertainment agent with the Paradigm Agency in Nashville and a friend of the fair; Ned Hanna, mayor of Como Park; Bill Hermes, Minnesota State Fair greenhouse superintendent for 22 years; Edwin Krueger, longtime State Fair employee in the public safety and senior citizens departments and husband of Marge Krueger, senior citizens department superintendent and honorary life member of the Society; Roger J. Larson, longtime State Fair employee who worked as DNR and Bazaar building superintendent, as well as in the public safety department, and was a 50 Year Award recipient in 2009; Walter Melynychuk, longtime owner of the Delicious Potato Skins food concession; Bob Morrison, longtime veterinary volunteer in the CHS Miracle of Birth Center; Edwin Murphy of Martin County, awarded this year's Minnesota Federation of County Fair's District 2 Fair Person of the Year; Jerry Pendleton, president of SkyFair Inc./SkyGlider; Larry Shear, former representative with Bolin Advertising, which coordinated State Fair advertising for many years; Manny Simons, son of Don Simons, Society board of managers member from 1987 to 2002 and an honorary life member of the Society; Emily L. Taylor, 2014 Commemorative Artist; and Roy Thompson, longtime State Fair farm crops judge.

Whereas, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is one of the most highly regarded expositions in North America, providing an unparalleled and world-class forum for education, recreation and employment, and

Whereas, the immense cultural and economic impact of a successful State Fair and a robust Minnesota tourism industry play a key role in the economic vitality of our state,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the membership of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society – representing both rural and urban stakeholders – strongly urges continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open after Labor Day, ensuring that children, families and workers from throughout the state can fully participate in the historic, educational and culturally rich Minnesota State Fair.

Be it further resolved, the Society extends its thanks and appreciation to all who helped make its 159th annual meeting a success.

The resolutions were adopted as read.

President Wessel called for a report of the membership committee by Clair Anderson of Lac Qui Parle County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

The membership committee met on Jan. 13, 2018, to review the request from the Minnesota Boer Goat Association to become a member of the State Agricultural Society. Committee members approved the Boer Goat Association to become a member, and will be able to participate in the Society's 2019 annual meeting. Members of the membership committee do attest to the above action on the 13th day of January, 2018.

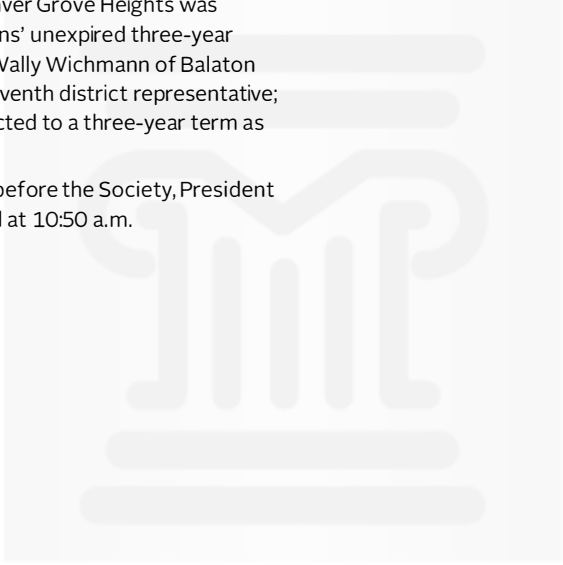
President Wessel turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election of Society president for a term of one year. Paul Merkins of Stewart was elected and assumed the chair.

President Merkins turned the chair over to State Fair board past president and Society honorary life member Al Paulson of Shevlin who nominated Sharon Wessel for life membership; Ms. Wessel was elected by acclamation and was presented with awards recognizing her Honorary life membership and honoring her 12 years of service to the Society's board of managers.

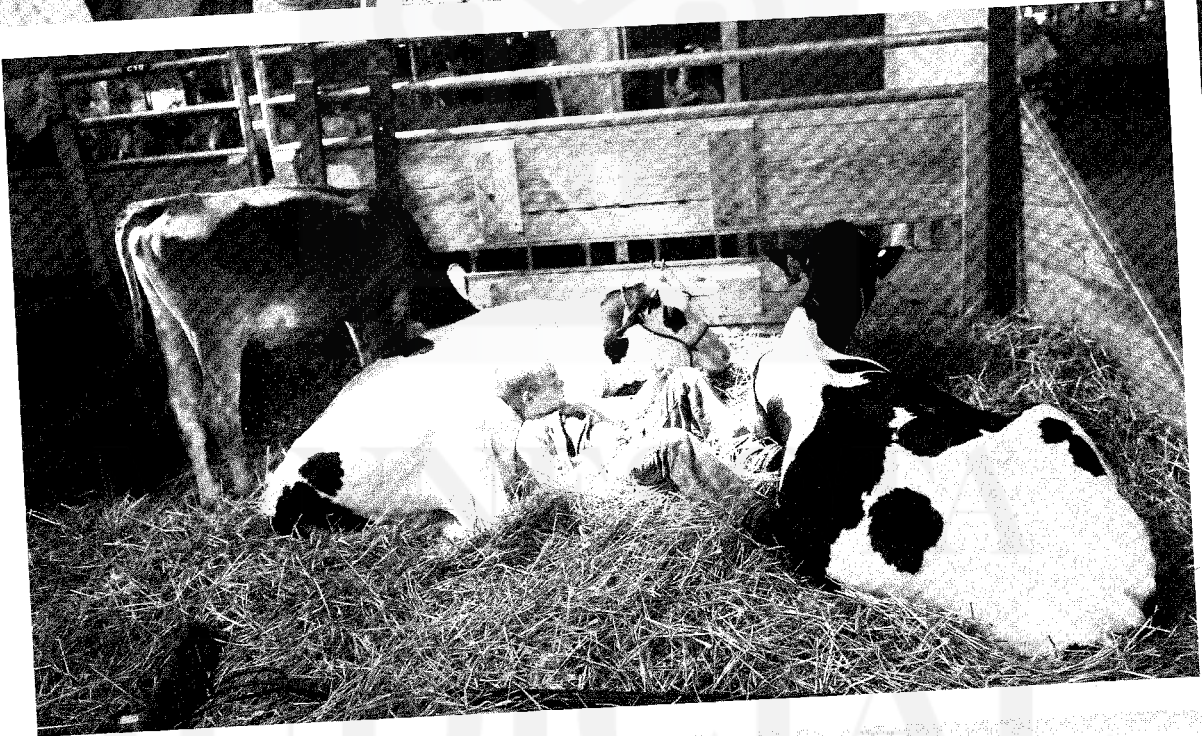
President Merkins then proceeded to conduct elections as follows:

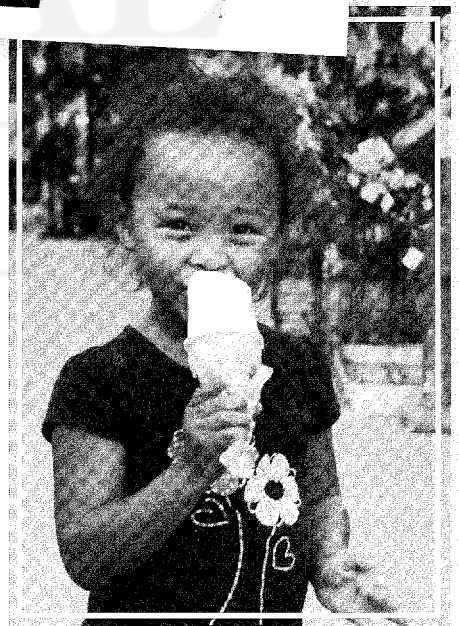
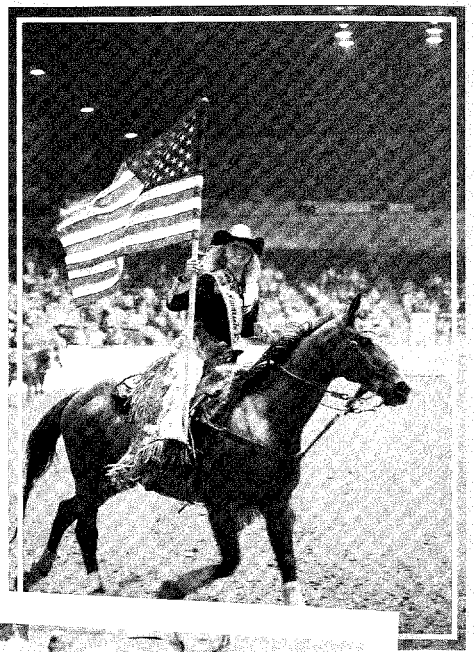
D.J. Leary of Minneapolis was reelected to a two-year term as fifth district vice president; Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights was elected to fill the final year of Paul Merkins' unexpired three-year term as second district representative; Wally Wichmann of Balaton was reelected to a three-year term as seventh district representative; and Danny Grunhove of Gary was re-elected to a three-year term as ninth district representative.

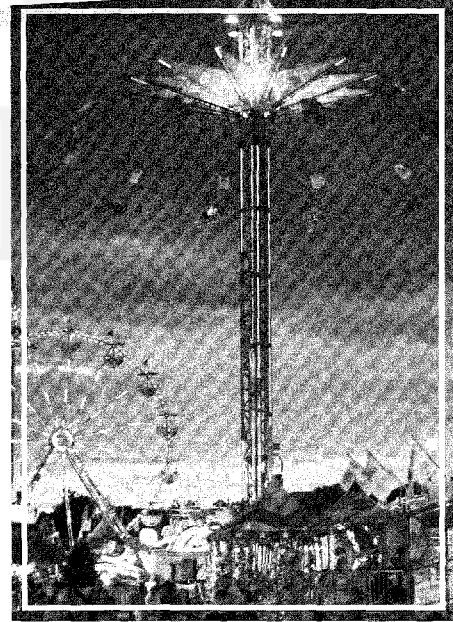
With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Merkins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



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To educate and involve our guests by providing a world-class showcase that is innovative, entertaining and fun. We strive to:

- Showcase Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry
- Present an unparalleled forum for knowledge and ideas
- Provide outstanding customer service
- Offer exceptional value
- Provide a safe, clean environment that is accessible to all
- Create unique experiences

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On the cover: 2018 Minnesota State Fair
Commemorative Art by Minnesota artist Kristi Abbott



**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****January 11-12-13-14, 2018****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington**

The 159th annual meeting of the Society, held in conjunction with the annual conventions of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association, opened Thursday, Jan. 11, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018**

Members present: Paul Merkins, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhove; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Cheryl Huber; Carol Doyle; Debbie Edman; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines.

Chairman Merkins called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the report of '17 State Fair sales revenue, originally distributed at the Nov. 14, 2017, meeting of the board. The report was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson and Ms. Simon offered a presentation on the integrity of the State Fair's commercial exhibit licensing process. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Hines presented the following fees for percentage attractions at the 2018 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2017%	2018%
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	25%	25%
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	5%	10%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist	Artist CDs/DVDs	10%	10%
Merchandise Sales	Other Merchandise	20%	20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	<u>Sling Shot</u>	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Midway Rides and Shows	41%	41%
	Kidway Rides and Shows	43%	43%
	Games of Skill	23%	23%
River Raft Ride, Inc.	River Raft Ride	25%	25%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%

Attractions underlined are located in Adventure Park

After discussion, the attraction percentages were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0). The approved percentage fees represent the fees payable to the State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied as follows; state sales tax (7.125%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the State Fair and concessionaires is made on the net of tax balance.

Ms. Hines presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2018 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	\$5
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	\$5
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.50 one-way \$6 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	\$5
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	<u>Sling Shot</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$4
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	\$7 for Driver \$4 for Passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	\$5
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Rides, Shows and Games of Skill	\$1 single \$25 for 30 tickets (\$.833 per ticket) \$40 for 54 tickets (\$.741 per ticket) (Advance Purchase) \$15 for 25 tickets (\$.60 per ticket)
River Raft Ride, Inc.	River Raft Ride	\$5
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	\$4.50 one-way \$6 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	\$30 single/\$55 for 2 riders. Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$3

Underlined attractions are located at Adventure Park and operate on a central ticket system.

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Ward presented the following concessionaires recommended for beer and wine licenses at the '18 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ball Park Café, Inc. (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages & Cider
Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc., dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp, David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Tres-C, Inc. dba Café Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chicago Dogs, Inc. (Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul and Diana Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine

Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages
Werner's Frontier, Inc. (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
RC's Barbecue – American Restaurant Inc. (Randy Jernberg and Charlie Torgerson)	Block 28	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Creperie (Marc and Tracy Vezies)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minnesota Produced Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC (Timothy Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of Saint Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
The Hideaway-GSH Food Services, Inc. (Bryan and Jennie Enloe)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg., 286U Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg. 286S Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Glenn Baron)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages
FireFly Group, Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Mintahoe, Inc. – MN Farm Wine Assoc. (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minnesota Produced Wine
Midway Men's Club (Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
MJ Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
O'Gara's at The Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Cuisine Concepts dba Tejas (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Lancer Mgmt. - Minn. Craft Brewers Guild (Tony Arvdison)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Malt Beverages

After discussion, the concessionaires were approved for beer and wine licenses on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Simon offered the following commercial vendors recommended for multiple-site licenses at the '18 State Fair:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Nellie's Laundry Products, Green Heat Packs & Cooley Towels	2
Big Dog Corn Dogs	Corn Dogs, Footlong Hot Dogs & Beverages	2

Butcher Boys	London Broil Sandwiches – Sausages	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ JD's Salsa	2
Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gary Crutchfield	Cheese on a Stick	2
George Funk - Moon Beam Coffee	Leather Goods/Coffee	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese on a Stick	2
Groscurth Concessions	Corn Dogs and Beverages	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gripstic	Gripstick - Air purifier	2
Holly's Hobby	Seasonal Handcrafts	2
Larry Abdo – Gopher Ice Co.	Big Fat Bacon/Ice (Ice = wholesale permit only)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores	2
Midwest Dairy Assoc.	Ice Cream, Milk & Dairy Foods	2
Minn. Honey Producers	Honey, Honey Ice Cream & Honey Candy	2
Minne-Kabob Foods	Kabobs	2
Netterfield's Lemonade & Popcorn	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/ Sausage, Corn Dogs, Burgers	2
Orange Treet Sales	Orange Treet Drink & Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Produce Exchange	Ready to eat Fresh Fruits	2
Stafford Ent.	Microfiber Mops/ Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Knife Sharpener/Wine Opener	2
Tina Isaac	Sandwiches and Spiral Chips/ Designer Coffees & Desserts	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries	2
Great Lakes Coca Cola	Coca Cola Soft Drinks	3
Icee USA Corp.	Icee Frozen Beverages	3
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Larry Immerman	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Hot Dogs on a Stick	3
Lynn Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	3
Maxine Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones & Caramel Apples/Baked Potatoes	3
Crocker Ent.	Root Beer Barrels	4
Lancer Management Services, Inc.	Food, Beverages & Beer (Coliseum)	4
Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Caramel Corn & Caramel Apples/Cheese Curds	4
Syndicate Sales Corp.	Vegetable Cutters/Knives/ Salsa Makers/Total Tiller	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
Dandy Souvenirs	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	8

Following discussion, the multiple-site vendors were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The committee recommended Society purchase of the structure and equipment of Ye Old Mill boat ride for \$80,000 from the John Keenan family – the sole owners and operators of the ride since its opening in 1915 – on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Non-fair event licenses for alcohol sales were approved for Encore Concessions (Soundset Music Festival May 27) and Chop Liver Craft Beer Fest (St. Paul Beer Fest June 9) on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson provided an update on the status of the Robbinsdale OES Dining Hall structure for the 2018 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. on a motion Mr. Grunhovi, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2018

Present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovi; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Brian Hudalla; Renee Alexander; Cheryl Huber; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Heather Brady; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Theresa Weinfurter; Jill Nathe; Michelle Butler; Brett Ward; Carol Doyle; Josie Belde; Nikki Hines; Virginia Mold; Cynthia Cashman; Lynn Varco; Joe Bagnoli; Leah Janus.

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Mr. Bagnoli of the McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota legislature and issues that may affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur offered historical background on attendance, sources of revenue and expense, trends in departmental expenses, annual cash flow and long-term debt, followed by a detailed review of the Society's financial activities during fiscal '17. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the proposed operating budget and year-end cash position for '18, followed by discussion on the budget's relationship to capital and maintenance projects. Information only; no action taken.

A resolution approving the purchase of 1.89 acres of property and structures at 1640 Como Ave., and directing Mr. Hammer and staff to finalize the purchase pending successful resolution of contingencies in the sales agreement, was passed on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The complete resolution is on file at Society offices on the State Fairgrounds.

Sales committee action taken Jan. 11, 2018, recommending purchase of Ye Old Mill by the State Fair was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Merkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 12, 2018

Members present: Sharon Wessel, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovi; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Wessel and declared in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wessel at 3:30 p.m.

DISTRICT CAUCUSES OF THE SOCIETY

11:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018

Delegates from the second, seventh and ninth district met in caucus to certify nominees for election to the State Fair board of managers during the Society's general business session Sunday Jan. 14. Selected were Dennis Van Moorlehem of Arlington (second district), Wally Wichmann of Balaton (seventh district) and Dan Grunhovi of Gary (ninth district).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018

Present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhovi; Gail Johnson; Paul Merkins; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Sharon Wessel, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Chris Leach; Wally LeVesseur; Heather Brady; Dennis Larson; Theresa Weinfurter; Steve Grans; Patrick Schoen; Brett Ward; Josie Belde; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Jim Ertl.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Mr. Hudalla provided a detailed review of capital and maintenance expenditures from 2017. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed 21 years of State Fair capital and maintenance projects, totaling \$138.1 million. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hudalla presented capital and maintenance project recommendations for 2018 totaling \$11.1 million. A summary of the project list follows, and includes projects previously approved at the Nov. 14, 2017, meeting of the board:

2018 MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Structure Improvements		<u>\$ 5,375,000</u>
B. Land Improvements		
BI. Fencing & Fixtures	_____	-
BII. Land	_____	-
BIII. Sewer System	_____	-
BIV. Streets & Sidewalks	_____	-
BV. Water Distribution System	_____	-
BVI. Gas Distribution System	_____	-
BVII. Land Purchases	300,000	-
TOTAL Land Improvements		\$ 300,000
C. Personal Property		<u>\$ 108,000</u>
D. Electric Plant:		<u>\$ 1,510,000</u>
TOTAL Improvements		\$ 7,293,000
E. Structure Maintenance		<u>\$ 1,724,200</u>
F. Land Maintenance		
FI. Fencing & Fixtures	35,000	_____
FII. Land	346,000	_____
FIII. Sewer System	39,000	_____
FIV. Streets & Sidewalks	462,000	_____
FVI. Water Distribution System	37,000	_____
FVII. Gas Distribution System	2,500	_____
TOTAL Land Maintenance		\$ 921,500
G. Personal Property Maintenance		<u>\$ 279,500</u>
H. Vehicle Maintenance:		<u>\$ 178,000</u>
I. Electric Plant Maintenance:		<u>\$ 755,500</u>
TOTAL Maintenance		\$ 3,858,700
TOTAL Improvements & Maintenance		<u>\$11,151,700</u>

After review and discussion, Mr. Merkins moved, Mr. Fox seconded and motion carried that the '18 improvements and maintenance budget be approved by the committee as presented and recommended to the full board for approval (Aye-7; Nay-0). Included in the motion was staff authority to adjust, shift, add or cancel specific line items as appropriate to accommodate changes that occur throughout the budget year.

The planning committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Fair met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Wessel opened the meeting and asked State Fair CEO Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

President Wessel called for a report of the credentials committee by Marie Pflipsen of Benton County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

Credential forms submitted to the State Agricultural Society have been inspected by the full committee. All credentials have been found to be in order with the following exceptions: Three statewide associations did not file with the secretary of state as required by Dec. 20, 2017. One statewide association and two county fairs did not provide correct information on their credentials applications. Members of the credentials committee do attest to the actions noted above on the 13th day of January, 2018.

President Wessel called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Don Noland of Freeborn County presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society expresses its sincere gratitude to the 1,997,320 guests who were part of the 2017 State Fair, the highest-attended in our history, and to the additional 1 million people who came to events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year.

Resolved, that the Society acknowledges the State Fair is dependent on retaining these visitors. Therefore, we are committed to advancing the fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; providing outstanding customer service in a safe, clean, carefully maintained environment that is accessible to all; and providing exceptional value while remaining financially independent through fiscally sound management.

Resolved, that we recognize with great appreciation all those who contributed to the success of the State Fair, including staff, the board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, school groups, and members of 4-H and FFA. We also extend our gratitude to our neighbors in the communities surrounding the fairgrounds.

Resolved, that we also recognize with great appreciation the generosity of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's board, staff, donors and volunteers, whose gifts of time, talent and money play an important role in preserving and improving State Fair buildings, fairgrounds and educational programs.

Resolved, that the Society's affiliations and strong relationships with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association and other organizations devoted to professional improvement are valuable in furthering the fair industry statewide and nationally.

Resolved, it is with regret and a deep sense of loss that we acknowledge the passing this past year of these Society members and State Fair friends: Charles Bankey, longtime State Fair employee

in the heritage exhibits department; Steve Dahl, entertainment agent with the Paradigm Agency in Nashville and a friend of the fair; Ned Hanna, mayor of Como Park; Bill Hermes, Minnesota State Fair greenhouse superintendent for 22 years; Edwin Krueger, longtime State Fair employee in the public safety and senior citizens departments and husband of Marge Krueger, senior citizens department superintendent and honorary life member of the Society; Roger J. Larson, longtime State Fair employee who worked as DNR and Bazaar building superintendent, as well as in the public safety department, and was a 50 Year Award recipient in 2009; Walter Melnychuk, longtime owner of the Delicious Potato Skins food concession; Bob Morrison, longtime veterinary volunteer in the CHS Miracle of Birth Center; Edwin Murphy of Martin County, awarded this year's Minnesota Federation of County Fair's District 2 Fair Person of the Year; Jerry Pendleton, president of SkyFair Inc./SkyGlider; Larry Shear, former representative with Bolin Advertising, which coordinated State Fair advertising for many years; Manny Simons, son of Don Simons, Society board of managers member from 1987 to 2002 and an honorary life member of the Society; Emily L. Taylor, 2014 Commemorative Artist; and Roy Thompson, longtime State Fair farm crops judge.

Whereas, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is one of the most highly regarded expositions in North America, providing an unparalleled and world-class forum for education, recreation and employment, and

Whereas, the immense cultural and economic impact of a successful State Fair and a robust Minnesota tourism industry play a key role in the economic vitality of our state,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the membership of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society – representing both rural and urban stakeholders – strongly urges continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open after Labor Day, ensuring that children, families and workers from throughout the state can fully participate in the historic, educational and culturally rich Minnesota State Fair.

Be it further resolved, the Society extends its thanks and appreciation to all who helped make its 159th annual meeting a success.

The resolutions were adopted as read.

President Wessel called for a report of the membership committee by Clair Anderson of Lac Qui Parle County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

The membership committee met on Jan. 13, 2018, to review the request from the Minnesota Boer Goat Association to become a member of the State Agricultural Society. Committee members approved the Boer Goat Association to become a member, and the association will be able to participate in the Society's 2019 annual meeting. Members of the membership committee do attest to the above action on the 13th day of January, 2018.

President Wessel turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election of Society president for a term of one year. Paul Merkins of Stewart was elected and assumed the chair.

President Merkins turned the chair over to State Fair board past president and Honorary Society Life Member Al Paulson of Shevlin who nominated Sharon Wessel for life membership; Ms. Wessel was elected by acclamation and was presented with awards recognizing her Honorary Life Membership and honoring her 12 years of service to the Society's board of managers.

President Merkins then proceeded to conduct elections as follows: D.J. Leary of Minneapolis was reelected to a two-year term as fifth district vice president; Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights was elected to fill the final year of Paul Merkins' unexpired three-year term as second district representative; Wally Wichmann of Balaton was reelected to a three-year term as seventh district representative; and Danny Grunhove of Gary was re-elected to a three-year term as ninth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Merkins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018

Present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Cheryl Huber; Debbie Edman; Wally LeVesseur; Dennis Larson; Sean Casey; Heather Brady; Chris Leach; Gail Anderson; Steve Grans; Cory Franzmeier; Theresa Weinfurter; Marie LeFebvre; Michelle Butler; Patrick Schoen; Jill Nathe; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Brett Ward; Grace Woodis; Virginia Mold; Beth Schuldt; Keri Huber; Josie Belde; Kim Scibak; Leah Janus; Tim Higgins.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Ms. Huber administered oaths of office to newly elected board members as follows:

Paul Merkins of Stewart, president (one-year term); D.J. Leary of Minneapolis, fifth district vice president (two-year term); Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights, second district representative (final year of unexpired three-year term); Wally Wichmann of Balaton, seventh district representative (three-year term); and Danny Grunhovd of Gary, ninth district representative (three-year term).

On a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried, Jerry Hammer of St. Paul was re-appointed to a one-year term as executive vice president of the Society (Aye-8; Nay-0). Ms. Huber administered the oath of office to Mr. Hammer.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Nov. 14, 2017, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 14, 2017, through Jan. 11, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the financial statement for Dec. 31, 2017, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending December 31, 2017 OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2017	\$11,231,359
Add: Cash Deposits	\$674,868
Less: Payroll Ending Dec. 1	(239,733)
Payroll Ending Dec. 15	(236,352)
Payroll Ending Dec. 29	(227,961)
Cash Disbursements	(900,014)
	(929,192)
Balance - Dec. 31, 2017	\$10,302,167

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2017	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance - Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2017	\$ -
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	
Less: Disbursements	
Balance - Dec. 31, 2017	\$ -

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2016	2017
Operating Account	\$7,703,322	\$10,302,167
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	450	451
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$7,709,872</u>	<u>\$10,308,718</u>

After review, the statement was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. LeVesseur:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signatory authority: Operating account - Jerry Hammer and Wally LeVesseur with "Hammer/LeVesseur" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll funds; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Jerry Hammer or Wally LeVesseur. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2018 were presented by President Merkins:

Finance - Fox, chairman; Hawkins; Leary; Oleheiser; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; LeVesseur, ex officio.

Foundation Nominating - Merkins, chairman; Fox; Oleheiser; Hammer.

Governmental Affairs - Scapanski, chairman; Grunhovd; Leary; Johnson; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors - Leary, chairman; Alexander; Goodrich; Sinclair; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Operations - Grunhovd, chairman; Fox; Johnson; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Planning - Toenges, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Leach, ex officio.

Public Affairs - Johnson, chairman; Grunhovd; Leary; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio.

Rules & Premium List - Wichmann, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Johnson; Scapanski; Toenges; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio.

Sales - Oleheiser, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Larson, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2018:

Administration - Wichmann

Employment Office - Oleheiser

Competition

Bee Culture - Johnson (David Schaaf, superintendent)

Beef Cattle - Oleheiser (Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)

Christmas Trees - Johnson (Kim Ustruck)

Creative Activities - Fox (Curt Pederson, superintendent)

Dairy Cattle - Grunhovd (Deb Kraus, superintendent)

Dairy & Boer Goats - Johnson (Mark Boorsma
& Gretchen Sankovitz, supts)
Dairy Products - Grunhovd (Lisa Radmacher, superintendent)
Dog Trials - Hawkins (JoAnna Yund, superintendent)
K-12 Competition - Leary (Florence Newton, superintendent)
Farm Crops - Johnson (Ron Kelsey, superintendent)
Fine Arts - Wichman (Jim Clark, superintendent)
Flowers - Johnson (Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)
4-H - Oleheiser (Brad Rugg, superintendent)
Fruits - Johnson (Louis Quast, superintendent)
FFA - Scapanski (Duane Hutton, superintendent)
Horses - Scapanski
Llamas - Hawkins (Jen Rouillard, superintendent)
Milking Parlor - Fox (Doris Mold, superintendent)
Miracle of Birth - Wichmann (Jim Ertl, superintendent)
Poultry - Merkins (Paul Bengtson, superintendent)
Seniors - Fox (Marge Krueger, superintendent)
Sheep - Toenges (Jo Bernard, superintendent)
Swine - Wichmann (Jerry Hawton, superintendent)
Vegetables - Johnson (Phil Klint, superintendent)
Entertainment - Johnson
Grandstand Production - Grunhovd (Gary Perkins, superintendent)
Heritage Exhibits - Hawkins (Jan Bankey, superintendent)
Finance - Leary
Fair-time Payroll - Fox
Ticket Sales - Leary (JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)
Marketing - Toenges
Operations - Grunhovd
Admissions - Toenges (Dave Woodis, superintendent)
Park & Ride - Johnson (Sarah Peterka, superintendent)
Parking - Scapanski (Jim Benz, superintendent)
Public Safety - Scapanski (Paul Paulos, superintendent)
Sanitation - Toenges
Sales - Oleheiser
Attraction Ticket Takers - Leary (Chris Sycks, superintendent)

The appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges,
seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared the meeting in recess for committee
meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Grunhovd called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the
'18 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon
the presentation and/or surrender of a valid ticket of admission in
accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as
established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by
Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by
Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Alexander presented advertising, marketing and publications
budgets for 2018. After discussion, the budgets were approved on
a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried
(Aye-4; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by
Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

RULES & PREMIUM LIST COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Wichmann called the meeting to order.

Authority was granted to Mr. Hammer's delegate to make adjustments
in rules, release dates and premium allocations for competitive
departments in accordance with guidelines established by the Society's
2018 operating budget on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by
Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by
Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order.

The 2018 operating budget, which was reviewed in detail by the
board Jan. 12, and the 2018 improvements and maintenance budget,
which was approved Jan. 13 by the board's planning committee, were
approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and
carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing
schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking
into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other
sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Mr. Toenges,
seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Leary,
seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-4; Nay-0).

President Merkins reconvened the meeting of the board.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public
affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved
on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried
(Aye-8; Nay-0).

After discussion, the following admission fee schedule for the 2018
State Fair was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by
Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Adults (13-64).....	\$14
Seniors (65 and over).....	\$12
Children (5-12).....	\$12
Kids under 5.....	Free
Seniors & Kids Days promotions.....	\$9
Thrifty Thursday Adults & Seniors.....	\$12
Thrifty Thursday Children.....	\$9
Military Appreciation Day*	\$9
Read & Ride Day adults**	\$12
Read & Ride Day kids**.....	\$9
Motorcycle parking.....	\$8
All-ages pre-fair discount	\$11

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military
and spouses; and military veterans and spouses. All must present valid
documentation of military service.

** Discount applies to persons who present a valid library card at
the gate.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of current agreements with building
trades contractors providing architectural and engineering, carpentry,
electric and plumbing and heating services, and sought renewal of
three-year agreements with Toltz, King, Duvall & Anderson architects
and engineers, Collins Electric, Inc. electricians, Maertens-Brenny
Construction Co.; and Spriggs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; the contractor
agreements were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by
Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to the

following job classifications and pay ranges on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0):

Operating Classification

Title: Specialist

\$660 to \$1,200 weekly (\$34,320 to \$62,400 yearly)

Intermediate & Professional Classification

Title: Supervisor

\$820 to \$1,290 weekly (\$42,640 to \$67,080 yearly)

Middle Management Classification *

Title: Manager

\$1,150 to \$1,770 weekly (\$59,800 to \$92,040)

Executive Classification *

Titles: Director, Controller, Executive Administrator, Deputy GM

\$1,450 to \$2,650 weekly (\$75,400 to \$137,800 yearly)

* Exempt from overtime

The Society's legal representation by Fredrikson Byron P.A., and McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb Chartered was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander provided an outlook on entertainment bookings for the '18 State Fair. Information only; no action required.

President Merkins offered his gratitude to all State Fair staff for their efforts in presenting the outstanding exposition of 2017, and in producing the 2018 annual meeting.

The next meeting of the board was set for Tuesday, March 27, at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES Jan. 11 through March 27, 2018

January

11-Feb. 9 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security operated a Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System facility at the Midway lot in conjunction with the NFL Super Bowl.

13-14 - The Winter Antique Show was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

16 - Hammer met with Jackie Heugel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A., to discuss MMKR's audit of State Fair financial activities in fiscal 2017. Dullinger attended a social media seminar hosted by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

17 - A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff featuring staff reports on a variety of fairs and attractions around the country was held at the History & Heritage Center.

18 - A retirement celebration for Cheryl Huber, the State Fair's long-time executive administrator, was held at the History & Heritage Center. Hammer, Alexander, Hughes, Dullinger and Casey attended the opening of a 58-year-old time capsule at the former KTCA-TV building on Como Avenue.

19-21 - The Legacy Luau Gymnastics Tournament was held at the Warner Coliseum.

22-25 - Anderson attended the International Ticketing Association annual conference in Baltimore, Md.

23-29 - Production of the NFL Super Bowl half-time show utilized the Warner Coliseum.

24 - Sinclair, Larson, Simon and Hines met with representatives of Fun Biz Concessions, Cuningham Group and Shelter Architecture to review and discuss plans for the new Hangar concession at the north end of the fairgrounds.

26 - Sinclair, Simon, Larson and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Farmers Union to discuss their exhibit and concession operations.

26-Feb. 11 - The St. Paul Winter Carnival's State Snow Sculpting Competition was presented at the Kidway lot.

29 - Alexander, Hughes and Duda met with 2018 commemorative artist Kristi Abbott's studio to review artwork progress.

30 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of Crossroads Chapel to discuss their operations at the fair.

30-Feb. 1 - Scibak conducted a series of CPR training sessions for full-time staff at the Libby Conference Center.

31 - Hammer and Hudalla attended a meeting to close on the Society's purchase of the former TV station property at 1640 Como Ave.

February

1 - Hammer, Sinclair, Alexander and Hudalla met with Mayor Peter Lindstrom and City Administrator Sack Thongvanh of Falcon Heights to discuss mutual issues.

2 - Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild to discuss their exhibit and concession activities at the '18 fair.

4 - Staff and volunteer check-in for the NFL Super Bowl was held at the Warner Coliseum.

6-7 - Supervisor training sessions were conducted for full-time staff at the Libby Conference Center.

6-10 - Sinclair, Simon, Larson, Ward and Hines attended the National Independent Concessionaires Association & Fare Foods Trade Show, International Independent Showmen's Association Trade Show, Outdoor Amusement Business Association annual meeting, IAFE specialty seminar and the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Fla.

7 - Hudalla attended the annual Minnesota legislative session preview breakfast, presented by Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. law firm. Noonan gave a presentation on the State Fair to the Bloomington Lions Club.

13 - Hammer gave a presentation to the Twin Cities Communications Council at the History & Heritage Center. Anderson, Schadeck and Ostapowycz met with Cub Foods representatives to discuss advance ticket sales for the '18 fair.

15 - A full-time staff meeting and lunch was held at Flaherty's Arden Bowl in Arden Hills. Noonan gave presentations to two marketing classes at Mounds View High School.

16 - Alexander and Noonan met with representatives of Strong Suit Media to discuss advertising for the upcoming fair.

17-18 - The 2018 Gina Morri Memorial Invitational Gymnastics Meet was held at the Warner Coliseum.

20 - Noonan gave a presentation on the State Fair to two marketing classes at White Bear Lake High School.

21 - Sinclair, Larson, Simon and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Farmers Union to discuss their exhibit facility and food concession operation.

21-23 - Sinclair, Casey, Franzmeier and Hines met with Tracy Shedd of SkyTrans Manufacturing to begin initial Ye Old Mill construction work.

22 - Schoen and Woodis attended an employee recruitment event at Hamline University.

24 - The Winter Beer Dabbler was conducted at the Midway lot and Warner Coliseum.

25 - Hammer gave a State Fair history presentation for neighborhood residents at Lyngblomsten, sponsored by the Como Park District 10 community council.

26 - Hammer, Sinclair, Hudalla, Joe Bagnoli and Leah Janus met

with Xcel Energy's community relations coordinator Jake Sedlacek to discuss the State Fairgrounds relationship to neighboring communities. Alexander attended the annual meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in Nashville, Tenn., where she was elected vice president of the organization. Harper, Schoen, Woodis and Schadeck participated in the University of Minnesota job fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

27 - A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff was conducted at the History & Heritage Center, featuring staff presentations on several North American fairs and attractions. Harper, Schoen and Ostapowycz participated in the Minnesota Private Colleges Job Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

March

1 - Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair planning and employment to two classes at Sibley High School.

2 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of Anderson Corporation and Renewal by Anderson to discuss their State Fair exhibit structure.

2-3 - The Twin Cities Regional Science Fair was held at the Warner Coliseum.

7 - A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff featured the U of M's Dr. Logan Spector, who gave a presentation on the U's Driven To Discover initiative at the fair.

8 - LeVesseur and Brady met with BMO Harris Bank representatives regarding financial services.

9 - Noonan attended a MyVSP meeting hosted by Visit St. Paul.

9-11 - The Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Classic was held at the Warner Coliseum.

10-11 - The Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association Horsemanship Clinic was held at the AgStar Arena.

14 - Edman and Schoen attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

15 - Noonan met with representatives of AllOver Media to discuss 2018 advertising.

16 - Edman and Schoen met with representatives from CommonSense consulting to discuss feedback from supervisor training.

17-18 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Spring Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was held at the Warner Coliseum.

18 - The Riders and Ribbons Horse Show was presented at the AgStar Arena.

19-21 - A delegation of State Fair full-time staff and several board members attended the IAFE Zone 4 Spring Conference in Grand Forks, N.D.

20 - Sinclair, Simon and Vavreck met with representatives of the Anderson Corporation to discuss potential projects involving State Fair facilities. Alexander and Noonan met with the MSF Marketing Coalition to discuss '18 social media and television ads. Dullinger attended a seminar on social media, presented by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

21 - Noonan gave a presentation on careers in marketing to two AVID classes at Maplewood Middle School. Edman and Woodis attended a Minnesota Employees Recreation & Services Council event in Chanhassen.

22 - Hammer and LeVesseur met with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A. to review their audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2017.

23-25 - The Donnie Smith Bike Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and AgStar Arena.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS OF THE SALES COMMITTEE & GOVERNING BOARD

9 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Debbie Edman; Michelle Butler; Marie LeFebvre; Jill Nathe; Danyl Vavreck; Jim Rougier; Steve Grans; Carol Doyle; Nikki Hines; Jennifer Bower; Nate Dungan; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Brett Ward; Shannon Buchda; Danielle Dullinger; Keri Huber; Abby Harazin; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Josie Belde-Mell; Erik Klingner.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Ms. Hines provided an update on the new Hangar food and beverage concession at the former Pet Center building, and presented staff recommendation that Nate and Stephanie Janousek of Fun Biz Concessions be granted a license to sell beer as part of The Hangar's food and beverage operation. After discussion, the license was granted on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Bower presented a staff recommendation to grant a license to Ryan Brown of Golden Badger LLC for the sale of beer and wine at Twin Cities Oktoberfest Oct. 5-6, 2018 at the Progress Center; the license was granted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson presented a staff recommendation to purchase the structure at 1315 Underwood St. from Robbinsdale Chapter 238 Order of the Eastern Star for the appraised value of \$59,000. The purchase was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Larson presented a staff recommendation to sell the structure at 1315 Underwood St. to GLK, Inc. principal Gregg Karnis for \$59,000, for use as a Pronto Pup retail and commissary facility. The sale was approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented a review of Society rules, chapter two, dealing with commercial space policy. Information only; no action taken.

The sales committee meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Debbie Edman; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Michelle Butler; Marie LeFebvre; Jill Nathe; Danyl Vavreck; Jim Rougier; Steve Grans; Carol Doyle; Nikki Hines; Jennifer Bower; Nate Dungan; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Brett Ward; Shannon Buchda; Danielle Dullinger; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Keri Huber; Abby Harazin; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Josie Belde-Mell; Erik Klingner; Cynthia Cashman; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes of the Society's board meetings, committee meetings, caucuses and general business session conducted Jan. 11-14, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Jan. 12 through March 26, 2018, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the sales committee was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's financial statement for February 2018, was presented as follows by Mr. LeVesseur:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
Month Ending February 28, 2018**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – January 31, 2018		\$7,265,031
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,661,485	
Less: Payroll Ending February 9	(235,360)	
Payroll Ending February 23	(235,912)	
Cash Disbursements	(2,191,027)	
		(1,000,814)
Balance - February 28, 2018		\$6,264,217

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – January 31, 2018	\$ 451	
Add: Interest Earned Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance - February 28, 2018	\$ 451	

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – January 31, 2018	\$ -	
Add: Note Proceeds Interest		
Less: Disbursements		
Balance - February 28, 2018	\$ -	

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Account	\$6,548,524	\$6,264,217
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	450	451
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 6,555,074</u>	<u>\$6,270,767</u>

After discussion, the financial statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

State Fair legal counsel Leah Janus reviewed Minnesota's open meeting law. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Bagnoli reviewed the current session of the Minnesota legislature, and issues that may have an effect on the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla provided an update on improvements and maintenance projects throughout the fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander reported on marketing initiatives and the status of entertainment bookings. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Nathe and Ms. LeFebvre reviewed various agricultural and creative competitions. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Cashman reported on State Fair Foundation goals and objectives for 2018. Information only; no action taken.

An update on the State Fair's busy schedule of 150 non-fair events was provided by Mr. Ward. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting was moved into executive session at 11:16 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting was reopened at 12:12 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next general business meeting of the board was set for 9 a.m. Friday, June 8, at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETINGS OF THE SALES COMMITTEE &
GOVERNING BOARD
9 a.m. Friday June 8, 2018
Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds**

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; D.J. Leary; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio; Dennis Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Debbie Edman; Steve Grans; Dani Vavreck; Heather Brady; Gail Anderson; Jill Nathe; Nate Dungan; Jennifer Bower; Patrick Schoen; Lara Hughes; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Shannon Buchda; Carol Doyle; Nikki Hines; Emily Diedrick; Erik Klingner; Hannah Miller; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde-Mell; Keri Huber; Abby Harazin; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Leah Janus.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Simon and Mr. Larson reported on the status of new and existing commercial exhibits for the '18 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyscraper Two, Ltd. to discontinue their two-riders-for-\$55 discount. The request was approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc. to discontinue their two-riders-for-\$55 discount. The request was approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Skyride owner DMC, Inc. to increase one-way tickets from \$4.50 to \$5, and round-trip tickets from \$6 to \$8. On a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried, the one-way ticket increase request was denied and a round-trip ticket increase to \$7 was approved (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented an additional request from DMC, Inc. for a reduction in percentage fee payment to the fair from 30 percent to 25 percent or 27.5 percent. The request was denied on a motion by Joe Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from SkyGlider owner Skyfair, Inc. to increase one-way tickets from \$4.50 to \$5, and round-trip tickets from \$6 to \$8. On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried, the one-way ticket increase request was denied and a round-trip ticket increase to \$7 was approved (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Sinclair presented a late request from Space Tower operator Ventnor Place, Inc. to increase admission ticket prices from \$3 to \$4. An increase of up to \$1 was approved, contingent upon staff review of Ventnor Place's financial information and subsequent approval of the Society board's executive committee, on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-6; Nay-1 (Fox); with one abstention (Leary).

The sales committee meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Chris Leach; Debbie Edman; Dennis Larson; Pam Simon; Steve Grans; Dani Vavreck; Heather Brady; Gail Anderson; Jill Nathe; Nate Dungan; Jennifer Bower; Patrick Schoen; Lara Hughes; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Shannon Buchda; Carol Doyle; Nikki Hines; Emily Diedrick; Erik Klingner; Hannah Miller; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde-Mell; Keri Huber; Abby Harazin; Cynthia Cashman; Shana Zaiser; Leah Janus.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes of the State Fair board meeting conducted March 27, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period from March 27 through June 7 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier in the day by the board's sales committee was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Jim Eichten of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A., and Mr. LeVesseur reviewed MMKR's audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2017. The audit report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the May 2018 financial statement as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending May 31, 2018

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – April 30, 2018		\$5,294,356
Add: Cash Deposits	\$2,525,643	
Less: Payroll Ending May 4	(275,403)	
Payroll Ending May 18	(299,626)	
Cash Disbursements	(1,668,968)	
	281,646	
Balance – May 31, 2018		\$5,576,002

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – April 30, 2018	\$	451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance – May 31, 2018	\$	451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – April 30, 2018	\$	-
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		
Less: Disbursements		
Balance – May 31, 2018	\$	-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2017	2018
Operating Account	\$7,393,028	\$5,576,002
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	450	451
Total Cash Balances	\$7,399,578	\$5,582,553

After discussion, the cash statement was accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur presented a resolution authorizing the amendment of the State Fair 2009 Subordinated Indebtedness Note to extend its maturity, and authorizing certain other actions. The complete resolution is on file at the Society offices on the State Fairgrounds. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The sale of .53 acres of land adjacent to the International Institute for the appraised value of \$310,392 was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Hawkins seconded and motion carried to accept the Minnesota Department of Transportation's offer of \$15,500 for a State Highway Right of Way Easement on Snelling Avenue near the East Dan Patch gate (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following list of State Fair entertainment contracts was presented by Ms. Alexander.

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUES
RES Specialty Fireworks	8/23-9/3	\$32,500 flat Production	Grandstand
P.E.S.O., Inc. (Concert Ushers)	8/23-9/3	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$21.50/hour per person	Grandstand Production
A.S.I.A., Inc. (Concert Security)	8/23-9/3	Payable upon receipt of invoice \$23.50/hour per person	Grandstand Production
Eat Your Heart Catering	8/23-9/3	\$20,000 flat plus final payment upon receipt of invoice	Grandstand Production
Perk Global Productions, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$22,000 flat	Grandstand Production
Brian Bourn (Grandstand Follow Spots)	8/23-9/3	\$3,500 flat	Grandstand Production
No Harm LLC fso Niall Horan	8/23	\$300,000 plus 85% over \$455,000	Grandstand Artist
Second Star LLC fso Sugarland	8/24	\$485,000 plus 80% over \$600,000	Grandstand Artist
Frankie Ballard Enterprises fso Frankie Ballard	8/24	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Ell Entertainment, LLC fso fso Lindsay Ell	8/24	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Trampled By Turtles LLC	8/25	\$100,000 plus 80% over \$285,000	Grandstand Artist
Linian Touring Inc. fso Lord Huron	8/25	\$85,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Lionboy Touring Inc. fso Lissie	8/25	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
All Ways Touring, Inc. fso Earth, Wind & Fire	8/26	\$215,000 plus 80% over \$365,000	Grandstand Artist
All Ways Touring, Inc. fso Earth, Wind & Fire	8/26	\$20,000 flat Production Expenses	Grandstand Artist
Another Bad Production fso Sinbad	8/26	\$30,000 flat	Grandstand Artist

Another Bad Production fso Sinbad	8/26	\$2,500 flat Travel Expense	Grandstand Artist	Tonic Sol-fa, LLC fso Tonic Sol-fa	8/25-26	\$8,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
Meleco, LLC fso The Beach Boys	8/27	\$100,000 plus 80% over \$250,000	Grandstand Artist	RHEI LLC fso Redhead Express	8/25-26	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Meleco, LLC fso The Beach Boys	8/27	\$2,500 Production Expenses	Grandstand Artist	34th Infantry Division "Red Bull" Band	8/27-8/28	No payment needed	Bandshell Stage
WT Medley LLC fso The Righteous Brothers	8/27	\$50,000 flat	Grandstand Artist	Aadyn's Dad Touring Inc. fso Jimmie Allen	8/29-30	\$12,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
Mraz Discount Janitorial Supplies, LTD fso Jason Mraz	8/28	\$275,000 plus 80% over \$375,000	Grandstand Artist	Parlay Music Group fso Kazual	8/31-9/1	\$7,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
One Redwood Inc. fso Brett Dennen	8/28	\$10,000 flat	Grandstand Artist	C. Willi Myles Ent. Inc. fso C. Willi Myles	9/2-3	\$3,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Two Up Two Down, LLC fso Old Dominion	8/29	\$150,000 plus 90% over \$295,000	Grandstand Artist	Secret Touring Inc. fso The Secret Sisters	9/2-3	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Two Up Two Down, LLC fso Old Dominion	8/29	\$15,000 flat Production Expenses	Grandstand Artist	Daniel A. Newton fso Café Accordion Orchestra	8/23-24	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar Stage
Neal McCoy Enterprises fso Neal McCoy	8/29	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist	Rafael Ramirez Cortes fso Mariachi Jalisco de Minnesota	8/23-24	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
One Wave Inc. fso Morgan Evans	8/29	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist	Native Pride Productions Inc. fso Native Pride Dancers	8/25-26	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
The Tenderloins, LLC	8/30	\$350,000 plus 80% over \$450,000	Grandstand Artist	Siama Matuzungidi fso Siama's Congo Roots	8/25-26	\$1,500 flat	Bazaar Stage
Hairball Productions LLC	9/1	\$25,000 plus following bonus structure: Over 2500 sold - \$2,500/Over 5000 sold - \$5,000/Over 7500 sold - \$7,500/Over 10,000 sold -\$10,000	Grandstand Artist	Scott D. Miller fso Scottie Miller Band	8/27-28	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Kat Perkins Music Inc.	9/1	\$5,000 flat	Grandstand Artist	Raymond H. Sands fso Ray Sands and The Polka Dots	8/27-28	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Normaltown, Inc. fso The B52's	9/3	\$65,000 plus 28% over \$350,000	Grandstand Artist	Pavel Jany fso Natania & Ticket To Brasil	8/29-30	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Tower of Power	8/23-24	\$51,500 flat	Bandshell Tonight	Annie Mack Band LLC fso Annie Mack Band	8/29-30	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Tower of Power	8/23-24	\$1,500 flat Production Expenses	Bandshell Tonight	Breck School fso BATO! BATO! Breck Marimba Ensemble	9/2-3	\$1,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
BoDeans Inc. fso BoDeans	8/25-26	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight	Walter Chancellor Jr. fso Walter Chancellor Jr. Band featuring Thomasina	9/2-3	\$2,150 flat	Bazaar Stage
EC Enterprises Inc. fso Clay Walker	8/29-30	\$60,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight	Matthew Velline fso I Am, He Said: A Celebration of the Music of Neil Diamond	8/29-30	\$8,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Hi Hat Inc. fso Journey Former Lead Vocalist Steve Augeri	8/31-9/1	\$40,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight	Pedro Fonseca fso Tropical Zone Orchestra	8/31-9/1	\$2,400 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Sean Tillman fso Har Mar Superstar	9/2-3	\$35,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight	Greg Walter Frisbee	8/23-24	\$2,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Paul W. Martin fso The Martin Family Circus	8/23-24	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Stage	Concrete Dream, Inc. fso Steve Trash	8/23-28	\$9,600 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Carter Girl Music LLC fso Carlene Carter	8/23-24	\$17,500 flat	Bandshell Stage	Charles Lowell Burnes III fso The Chipper Experience	8/23-30	\$4,500 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
The Malpass Brothers	8/27-28	\$12,000 flat	Bandshell Stage	Sean Emery	8/23-9/3	\$15,600 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Douglas Raymond Leahy fso Next Generation Leahy	8/29-30	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage	Jerry Frasier fso Jerry Frasier, Comic Magician	8/25-26	\$1,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Florian Chmielewski fso Chmielewski Funtime Band	8/29-30	\$2,750 flat	Bandshell Stage	Noah Riemer Productions LLC fso Duke Otherwise	8/27-28	\$2,500 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
				Sherlock Studios LLC fso Jared Sherlock	8/29-9/3	\$5,400 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
				Robert Lok fso Allez-OOPS!	8/31-9/1	\$3,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
				Appeal Entertainment LLC fso Six Appeal	9/2-3	\$4,000 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
				Total Entertainment fso Kidsdance	9/2-3	\$2,300 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
				Dan Sparkman	8/26	\$70 flat	Milk Run

Rick Recker	8/26	\$350 flat	Milk Run
Premier Global Production Company, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$12,000 flat	Misc. Attractions
Laser Encore Inc. fso Laser Encore's Laser Hitz Show	8/23-9/3	\$19,000 flat	Misc. Attractions
Sylvain Pienault	8/28	\$100 flat	Misc. Attractions
Allied Audio Services	8/23-9/3	\$254,033.32 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoices	Misc. Ent.
DL Weatherhead Timberworks Lumberjack Show LLC fso Timberworks Lumberjack Show	8/23-9/3	\$35,500 flat	North Woods
Chris Perondi dba Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show	8/23-9/3	\$15,000 flat	North Woods
Duane H. Rolstad	8/23-26	\$495 flat	Old Iron Show
Jon A. Getting	8/23-26	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
William A. Griesbach	8/23-30	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert D. Wilson	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Steve L. McDonough	8/23-9/3	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
James Birk	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Jack's PC Consulting LLC	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
James M. Quirk	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Lee Jason Sackett	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Glen William Westphal	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
David M. Lewerer	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Jake Suchy	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Shannon M. Sackett	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Schimml	8/23-9/3	\$1,620 flat	Old Iron Show
Cecil L. Bechel	8/23-9/3	\$2,160 flat	Old Iron Show
Rickie D. Grufman	8/23-9/3	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Stevermer	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Ken Anderson	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Patrick McDonough	8/23-9/3	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
Christopher J. Chadwick	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert A. McDonough	8/23-9/3	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
Devon Lark	8/31-9/3	\$200 flat	Old Iron Show
Paul Thomas Bainbridge	8/31-9/3	\$400 flat	Old Iron Show
Lane Powell	8/23-9/2	\$2,640 flat	Parade
Lane Powell fso Tri-State Judging Association	8/23-9/2	\$2,400 flat	Parade
Jason Stock fso Jason Stock Trolley Service	8/23-9/3	\$1,800 flat	Parade
Joseph Stevermer	8/23-9/3	\$600 flat	Parade
Lee Jason Sackett	8/23-9/3	\$600 flat	Parade
Jason Stock fso Jason Stock Trolley Service	8/23-9/3	\$3,300 flat	Parade
Jolly Giants Entertainment, fso Wacky Wheeler	8/23-9/3	\$6,600 flat	Parade
Thomas W. Logan fso Tom's Carousel Music	8/30 & 9/2	\$400 flat	Parade
Paul Husby fso St. Anthony Park Community Band	8/24	\$100 flat	Parade
Twin Cities Unicycle Club	8/24	\$450 flat	Parade
St. Paul Police Band	8/25	\$250 flat	Parade
Minnesota Pipes and Drums fso Minnesota Police Pipe Band	8/26	\$1,250 flat	Parade

Mike Olander dba Jack Brass Band	9/1-3	\$4,500 flat	Parade
River City Rhythm, Inc.	9/2-3	\$600 flat	Parade
Regents of the University of Minnesota	9/2	\$2,750 flat	Parade
Gordon Lewis fso Pig's Eye Jass Band	9/3	\$560 flat	Parade
Hank Thunander	8/23-24	\$2,250 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Steven Gary Roehm fso The Neighborhood Trio	8/23-24	\$1,900 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Scott R. Fraser fso Scott Fraser Guitar Virtuoso	8/25-26	\$600 flat	Ramberg Music Café
David A. Fruehauf fso The Banjo Boys Variety Band	8/27-28	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Music Café
James P. Berner fso Jim Berner's Music Legends	8/29-30	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Douglas P Otto fso Doug Otto & The Getaways	8/29-30	\$1,250 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Rodney S. Cerar fso Rod Cerar Orchestra	8/31-9/1	\$1,400 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Fat Six LLC fso Becky Kapell & The Fat 6	9/2-3	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Music Café
William F. Koncar dba Bill Koncar	9/2-3	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Music Café
Lori Evert fso 612IVE	9/2	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
Aurora Wang	9/2	\$50 flat	Talent Contest
Russ Parrish	9/2	\$500 flat	Talent Contest
Lisa Wenger Larson fso Lisa Wenger Band	8/23-24	\$3,500 flat	West End Market
Myra Burnette fso Miss Myra & The Moonshiners	8/23-24	\$1,750 flat	West End Market
MNHS presents History-on-a-Schtick	8/23-9/3	No payment required	West End Market
Minnesota State Fiddlers Association fso Minnesota State Fiddle Contest	8/25-26	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Kristoffer Olson fso Kristoffer Olson, Funny Magician	8/25-26	\$1,700 flat	West End Market
The High 48s LLC fso The High 48s	8/25-26	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
The Memories LLC	8/27-28	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Barbary Coast Productions, Inc. fso The Barbary Coast Dixieland Showband	8/27-28	\$4,000 flat	West End Market
Randal L. Sabien fso Randy Sabien & The Fiddlehead Band	8/29-30	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Raymond Berg's Music Works, Inc. fso Sisters Of Swing	8/29-30	\$3,500 flat	West End Market
Okee Dokee Music LLC fso The Okee Dokee Brothers	8/31-9/1	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association fso MN Americana-Roots Music Contests	8/31-9/1	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Knock Wood LLC fso James Wedgwood Ventriloquist	9/2-3	\$1,750 flat	West End Market
Scott E. Sparlin dba Bockfest Boys	9/2-3	\$3,000 flat	West End Market

The Last Revel LLC	8/23-24	\$7,000 flat	West End At Sunset
Chastity Anne Brown fso Chastity Brown	8/31-9/1	\$6,000 flat	West End At Sunset
Jay Kalk fso Church Of Cash	9/2-3	\$3,500 flat	West End At Sunset
Action Sports of Minnesota dba 3rd Lair Skatepark	8/23-9/3	\$45,475 flat	X-Zone

Following discussion, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich offered a report on agricultural and creative contests for the upcoming fair. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Zaiser, Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hawkins provided an update on activities of the State Fair Foundation. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of board-hosted functions for the '18 State Fair: Minnesota Federation of County Fairs lunch Friday Aug. 24; State Fair Hall of Fame and Life Member lunch Sunday Aug. 26; and Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association breakfast Thursday Aug. 30. The functions were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared the meeting in executive session at 11:02 a.m.

President Merkins re-opened the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Board member travel to the 2018 Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis was approved on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A motion supporting the current direction of planning and development for a major new exhibit facility on the north end of the fairgrounds was offered by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES March 27 through June 8, 2018

March

28 - The first of four training sessions on hiring procedures for department superintendents was held at the Libby Conference Center.

29 - Sinclair and Hines met with Don McClure of DMC, Inc. to discuss Skyride operations at the upcoming State Fair.

30 - Sinclair and Hines met with owners of the River Raft Ride to discuss this year's State Fair.

31 - North Star Roller Derby held a bout at the Warner Coliseum.

April

3 - Staff attended a ceremony during a meeting of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners honoring retired State Fair Chief of Police Art Blakey at the Ramsey County Courthouse. Hammer gave a presentation to a meeting of the St. Paul Rotary Club.

5-8 - The Osman Temple Shrine Circus was presented at the Warner Coliseum.

7-10 - The State Fair hosted 140 fair industry professionals from throughout North America, the United Kingdom and Australia at the IAFE's Spring Management Conference.

14-15 - The Gopher State Timing Association's Rod & Custom Spectacular was held at the Warner Coliseum.

16 - Hammer met with Cashman and Foundation board member Dave Sorenson to discuss a fundraising campaign for the north end project.

16-17 - LeVesseur and Rougier visited Etix headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., to discuss cashless ticketing systems.

17 - Edman and Schoen attended a labor law seminar presented by Fredrickson & Byron P.A. law firm.

18 - Hudalla, Leach and Grans met with staff of the Minnesota Vikings to discuss and offer assistance with parking and traffic issues at their new practice facility in Eagan. Alexander and Dullinger met with staff from AirVuz to discuss drone photography of the upcoming fair. Full-time staff attended a Lunch & Learn presentation by Mark Goodrich and Cody Koenen, who discussed our livestock show operation.

19 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee. A public affairs lunch meeting of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce was hosted by the State Fair at the History & Heritage Center.

21 - The Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association Spring Horse Show was presented at the Horse Barn and AgStar Arena. Shuttle parking at the south Como lots with service to Como Park began for the spring and summer.

21-22 - The Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market, presented by Prime Promotions, was held at the Grandstand and infield. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Military Relic & Collector Show was held at the Progress Center. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show & Sale was held at the Education Building.

23 - Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair marketing to a business skills class at St. Paul College. Minnesota FFA livestock, horse and dairy cattle judging was held at the Warner Coliseum.

24 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

25 - Noonan participated in a meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association board. Alexander and Hughes met with the 2019 Official State Fair commemorative artist.

25-28 - Hammer attended the annual meeting of the Mid-West Fairs Association in Tucson, Ariz., and visited the Pima County Fair.

27-29 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was presented at the livestock complex and adjacent areas. Munchkin Markets Children's Spring Consignment Sale was held at the Education Building.

28 - The Horsing Around Spring Festival was held at the Merchandise Mart.

30 - Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with Clint Roberts to discuss the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild's participation at the upcoming fair.

May

1 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill. Metro Transit Bus Rodeo practice was held at the south Como lots.

2 - Vice President Fox, Hammer, Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with members of the Walter Melynychuk family to review State Fair policy regarding commercial space allocation. Senior staff met with the Cuninghame team to continue discussions on the north end project. Metro Transit Bus Rodeo was held at the south Como lot.

3 - Noonan gave presentations on the State Fair and marketing careers to two classes at Marcy Open School.

4 - Schoen and Woodis met with representatives of Ujamaa Place to discuss employment opportunities at the State Fair.

4-6 - The Sahara Sands Spring Classic horse show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

5 - The Street Heat car show was presented at the West End Market, Grandstand and adjacent parking lots. The Guenther-Taylor wedding was held at the Natural Resources Building.

6 - The Northland Antique Toy, Doll & Advertising Show was held at the Progress Center. The Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet was held on Machinery Hill.

7 - Alexander participated in a board meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in Los Angeles, Calif.

7-11 - A Drivers training program for various police agencies was held at the south Como parking lots.

8 - LeVesseur, Rougier and Coleman met with Matrix Communications representatives to review State Fair data systems. Edman and Schoen met with the McDowell Agency to discuss employee background check protocols. Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

8-9 - Urban Ag Day events were held at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center, Dairy Building, Sheep & Poultry Barn and DNR Building. Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management presented disaster recovery workshops at the Libby Conference Center.

9 - Edman and Schoen attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association. Alexander and Noonan met with the State Fair marketing coalition regarding the '18 State Fair advertising buy.

10-12 - The YMCA Garage Sale was held at the Merchandise Mart.

10-13 - The Friends of the American Saddle Horse Spring Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

11 - Sinclair met with representatives of MyTalk107.1 Radio to review ideas for modification of their broadcast facility. Noonan attended a MyVSP meeting of Visit Saint Paul. A pre-event planning meeting for the Soundset music festival at Libby Conference Center was attended by staff from several fair departments.

11-12 - The Minnesota Barbecue Society presented their Minnesota in May BBQ Contest at Machinery Hill and the Campgrounds.

11-13 - The Friends School Plant Sale was conducted at the Grandstand and Grandstand Plaza.

12 - The Spring Model Railroad & Hobby Sale was held at the Education Building.

14 - Leach and Paulos met with representatives of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to update the department's site assistance report for the fairgrounds. Alexander, Dungan, Noonan and Simon met with representatives of KSTP-TV to discuss their '18 State Fair exhibit and program.

14-18 - Police agencies from throughout the region conducted drivers training programs at the south Como parking lots.

15 - Tuesday Night Worlds bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

16 - Hammer, Alexander, Hudalla, Sinclair, Goodrich and LeVesseur met with the team from Markin Consulting to discuss a study of the State Fair's regional economic impact. The State Fair Employee Safety Committee met at the Libby Conference Center. The State Fair hosted a meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce at the History & Heritage Center.

17 - Hammer, Hawkins and Clarice Schmidt participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board.

18 - Butler and Schuldt met with the Ag Literacy Networking group at the Oliver Kelley Farm.

19 - Private parties were held at Giggles' Campfire Grill and O'Gara's.

19-20 - Midwest Comic Book Association presented MSP Comicon at the Grandstand.

20-22 - Hammer, Simon and Butler attended the Alltech Ideas Conference in Lexington, Ky.

20 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held at the AgStar Arena. A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

21-22 - Scibak and Woodis attended the Upper Midwest Employment Law Conference at the Saint Paul RiverCentre.

21-24 - Goodrich, LeFebvre, Nathe and Koenen attended the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association annual meeting in San Angelo, Texas.

22 - Edman, LeVesseur and Brady met with representatives of 121 Benefits to discuss employee benefit programs. Edman and Schoen attended a seminar on administering retirement benefits in St. Paul. Tuesday Night World bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill.

23 - Leach and Paulos met with representatives of neighboring law enforcement agencies to discuss operations at the Soundset music festival.

25 - A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

27 - The Soundset music festival was held at the Midway lot and livestock area.

30 - The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department conducted training exercises on Machinery Hill.

31 - A meeting of State Fair full-time staff was held at the Libby Conference Center.

June

1 - Graduation parties were held at O'Gara's, Giggles' Campfire Grill and the History & Heritage Center.

1-2 - Northstar Watermedia Society presented the Artists Market at the Fine Arts Center.

1-3 - The International Gem & Jewelry Show was held at the Progress Center. The North Central Reining Extravaganza horse show was conducted at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

2 - The McGuire wedding was held at the Dept. of Natural Resources Building. A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

2-3 - The St. Paul/Minneapolis Mini Maker Faire was held at the Grandstand.

3 - The General Motors Car Clubs Association Car Show & Swap Meet was presented on Machinery Hill. A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

5 - The Machinery Hill Criterium bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill. Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with representatives of the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild to discuss their exhibit in the Agriculture Horticulture Building.

6 - The State Fair Foundation and the Ramsey County Historical Society presented a walking tour of the historic State Fairgrounds. Sinclair and Ward met with Markin Consulting to review data collection for an economic impact study of the State Fair's annual operations. Alexander and Noonan met with the State Fair marketing coalition regarding the '18 State Fair advertising buy.

7 - The 2018 State Fair's commemorative art was introduced by St. Paul artist Kristi Abbott during a public unveiling ceremony at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2018

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Wally LeVesseur; Heather Brady; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli; Peter Cooper; Heather Casperson; Chuck Upcraft.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes from the board meeting of June 8, 2018, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period from June 8 through

Aug. 22 were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The July financial statement was presented as follows by Mr. Hammer:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
Month Ending July 31, 2018**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2018	\$4,876,795
Add: Cash Deposits	\$3,440,642
Less: Payroll Ending July 13	(375,160)
Payroll Ending July 27	(345,447)
Cash Disbursements	(2,221,708)
	498,327
Balance – July 31, 2018	\$5,375,122

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance – July 31, 2018	451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ -
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	
Less: Disbursements	
Balance – July 31, 2018	\$ -

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Account	\$7,298,559	\$5,375,122
Petty Cash	24,748	23,523
Building Fund	450	451
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 7,323,757</u>	<u>\$5,399,096</u>

After review, the summary was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Cooper, Ms. Casperson and Mr. Upcraft reviewed details of State Agricultural Society Resolution relating to State Fair revenue notes for the North End project, authorizing the issuance of State Fair revenue notes, approving the Society's Fifth Supplemental Revenue Bond Resolution, the establishment of a pricing committee and authorizing certain other actions. Information only; no action taken.

The following list of entertainment contracts were presented for review:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUES
Freestyle Productions, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$90,719.52 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$39,380 flat	Grandstand Production
Clair Brothers Audio, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$74,000 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc.	8/23-9/3	\$127,738 flat	Grandstand Production
RES Specialty Fireworks - Revised	8/23-9/3	\$33,200 flat	Grandstand Production
MMM Touring fso Maren Morris	8/23	\$50,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Two Up Two Down, LLC fso Old Dominion	8/29	\$15,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
		Production Expenses	

311 Touring Inc.	8/31	\$200,000 plus 40% over \$470,000	Grandstand Artist
Offspring, Inc.	8/31	\$150,000 plus 40% over \$470,000	Grandstand Artist
GCH Touring fso Gym Class Heroes	8/31	\$20,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Trampled By Turtles LLC - Revised	8/25	\$100,000 plus 80% over \$290,000	Grandstand Artist
Mraz Discount Janitorial Supplies, LTD fso Jason Mraz	8/28	\$275,000 plus 80% over \$385,000	Grandstand Artist
You Give Me Life, Inc. fso Culture Club	9/3	\$160,000 plus 52% over \$350,000	Grandstand Artist
TB Touring LTD fso Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey	9/3	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
En Vogue Enterprises, LLC	8/27-8/28	\$75,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
Lauren Burgreen fso Charlie Faye & The Fayettes	8/23-8/24	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Just A Pup Inc. fso Bryan White	8/25-8/26	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Ben Haggard Music LLC fso Ben Haggard	8/27-8/28	\$20,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Mouthing Off Live, LLC fso Cowboy Mouth	8/31-9/1	\$15,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Sunpie Music Inc. fso Sunpie and the Louisiana Sunspots	8/31-9/1	\$8,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Terrance Simien Incorporated	9/2-9/3	\$14,285 flat	Bandshell Stage
Antoine Zamundu dba The Reminders Music	9/2-9/3	\$6,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
James L. Dorsey fso The Men of New Hope	8/31-9/1	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
David Tullis fso Black Market Brass	8/31-9/1	\$3,600 flat	Bazaar Stage
Wayne Anthony McFarlane fso Ipso Facto	8/25-8/26	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Pop Rocks Entertainment, LLC	8/27-8/28	\$6,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Musicians 4 Musicians fso '90s R&B Revival	9/2-9/3	\$4,500 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Greg Walter Frisbee	8/23-8/24	\$2,800 flat	Family Fair At Baldwin Park
Steve Wilson DBA Tuey Wilson	8/23-8/24	\$2,500 flat	Family Fair At Baldwin Park
Virtual Outdoors fso Dick Hansen	8/23-9/3	\$3,000 flat	Misc. Ent.
The Mellow Fellows	8/27	\$150 flat	Misc. Ent.
Sam Waldoch	8/23-8/26	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Jonathan Baller	8/23-8/26	\$180 flat	Old Iron Show
Steven G. Bauer	8/23-9/3	\$3,000 flat	Old Iron Show
Roger Geist	8/23-9/3	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Rodney Mondor	8/23-9/3	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Andy Schmidt	8/23-9/2	\$2,300 flat	Parade
Susan M. Hirschmugl fso Upstanding Stilts	8/23-9/3	\$3,900 flat	Parade
Women's Drum Center fso Drumheart	8/25-8/26 9/1-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Parade

Minneapolis First SDA Church	8/26 & 9/2	\$800 flat	Parade
Crow River Drumline	8/26	\$750 flat	Parade
Association fso Phoenix Drumline			
Minnesota "Over-60" Band	8/29	\$400 flat	Parade
Mike Olander	9/1-9/3	\$4,500 flat	Parade
dba Jack Brass Band			
Steven Gary Roehm fso	8/23-8/24	\$950 flat	Ramberg
The Neighborhood Trio (revised)			Music Café
Hank Thunander (revised)	8/23-8/24	\$3,200 flat	Ramberg
			Music Café
Jim Walsh dba	8/25-8/26	\$2,000 flat	Ramberg
The Mad Ripple Hootenanny			Music Café
Jeff Arundel dba	8/27-8/28	\$1,600 flat	Ramberg
Lucky Club Music			Music Café
Martin Thomas Devaney	8/31-9/1	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg
			Music Café
In Capable Hands	8/23-8/24	\$2,000 flat	West End
			Market
Joel Dennis Kezer	8/27-8/28	\$3,000 flat	West End
dba The WoodPicks			Market
Timothy Harmston	8/29-8/30	\$1,750 flat	West End
			Market
Rick Ausland fso	8/31-9/1	\$2,500 flat	West End
Buckets and Tap Shoes			Market
Siri Undlin fso Humbird	9/2-9/3	\$1,500 flat	West End
			Market
Mayda Miller	8/25-8/26	\$3,000 flat	West End
			at Sunset
Zachary Lupetin dba	8/27-8/28	\$10,000 flat	West End
The Dustbowl Revival LLC			at Sunset
Deke Dickerson fso	8/29-8/30	\$10,000 flat	West End
The Dave & Deke Combo			at Sunset

After review, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to make miscellaneous ticket refunds and payment of minor claims as he deems appropriate on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). Mr. Hammer presented the following list of State Fair Scholarship winners:

John L. Altendorf, Red Wing; Meghan M. Beckendorf, Renville; Hannah L. Berg, Pipestone; Lincoln J. Bryan, Red Wing; Sydney L. Chicos, Alden; Jason T. Donkers, Faribault; Maggie A. Heezen, Hadley; Tess C. Hokanson, Cannon Falls; Isabelle R. Lindahl, Lindstrom; Brett R. Neel, Alden; Hannah Neil, Northfield; Emma C. Nelson, Hancock; Gabrielle E. Nemitz, Canby; Madeline F. Patterson, Kenyon; Alicia M. Sandberg, Taylors Falls; Abbey F. Schiefelbein, Kimball; Grace M. Schlueter, Janesville; Haley K. Schwecke, Gibbon; Emily A. Sheehan, Bird Island; and Austin C. Weckwerth, Arlington. The scholarships were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

A proclamation honoring the Moses Family with the State Fair Family Legacy Award was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0). The proclamation celebrates 100 years of participation as livestock exhibitors at the State Fair and is issued jointly by the State Agricultural Society and the State Fair Foundation.

Amidst thunderclaps and a downpour, Mr. Hammer provided updates on the first day of the fair. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

June 8 through Aug. 22, 2018

June

8-10 - A series of private events was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

8-9 - The Stamp & Scrapbook Expo was held at the Education Building. South Como parking lots were used as shuttle parking for Minnesota State High School League track and field championships at Hamline University.

9 - The St. Paul Summer Beer Fest was held at the International Bazaar. A city-wide community clean-up event was held at the north parking lots.

9-10 - The Minnesota Antique Dealers Association presented the Antique and Decorative Arts Show.

12 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of Andersen Window Corp. to discuss their exhibit at the State Fair.

12-15 - The Minnesota 4-H Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud (YELLO) was held at the 4-H Building.

12-17 - The Region 10 Arabian and Half-Arabian Championships Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

13 - Senior staff met with the team from Cuningham Group to continue discussions on development plans for the north end of the fairgrounds. Edman, Schoen, Belde-Mell, Woodis and Scibak attended a St. Paul Human Resources function.

14 - Hammer and attorney Janus attended a meeting of the Minnesota State Executive Council where Hammer and the Society were granted authority to sell .53 acres of State Fairgrounds property to the International Institute of Minnesota.

15-16 - The Viking Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America held their National Meet at the Campground and Progress Center.

15-19 - Edman and Schoen attended the Society for Human Resource Management annual conference and exposition in Chicago.

16 - A private event was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

18 - Hudalla, Leach, Larson and Foundation board member Ken Sandvik participated in a 4-H fundraising event.

21 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board's executive committee.

22-23 - The Twin Cities Classic Car Auction was held at the Cattle Barn.

22-24 - The Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back To The '50s Weekend was held across the fairgrounds.

25 - Hammer and LeVesseur met with Chuck Upcraft and Heather Casperson of PFM financial management on financing for fairgrounds capital projects.

26 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted an anniversary party.

27-30 - The Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

28 - Hammer addressed the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce. The Midsummer Mile foot race was held on various fairgrounds streets. Sinclair and Hines met with a representative of United Rentals to discuss power generator needs for the State Fair.

29-30 - The Twin Cities Antiquarian & Rare Book Fair was presented at the Progress Center.

29-July 1 - ZedTown Twin Cities was held at the Lower Grandstand and neighboring parks.

30 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a class reunion.

30-July 1 - Shuttle parking for the Hmong Festival at Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

July

2-7 - American Simmental Association Junior National Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

7 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a wedding.

8 - The Color Run was held at the Grandstand and various streets throughout the fairgrounds.

9 - Hammer met with Joe Bagnoli and Doug Carnival of McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm to discuss governmental issues and their potential impact on the State Fair.

10 - Simon, Dullinger, Hughes, Noonan and Harazin met with staff of WCCO-TV to discuss programming at the fair.

11 - Miller attended a training seminar on employment pay practices, hosted by the State of Minnesota. Simon, Dullinger, Hughes, Noonan and Harazin met with staff of KARE-TV to discuss programming at the fair.

12 - Staff met with representatives of Cuningham & Associates and McGough Construction to continue planning for the north end project. Simon, Dullinger, Hughes, Noonan and Harazin met with KSTP-TV staff to discuss the upcoming fair.

12-15 - The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association Corporate Challenge was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

14 - A class reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

15 - Hammer visited the Ramsey County Fair.

16 - LeVesseur and Brady met with Bremer Bank officials regarding new banking regulations.

17 - State Fair Employment Services conducted the fair's third annual job fair at the Progress Center.

20-22 - The Street Machine Nationals car show was presented throughout the fairgrounds.

21-22 - The Capitol Classic Horse Show was held at AgStar Arena and livestock complex.

23-26 - Various regional police departments conducted drivers training at the south Como lot.

23-29 - Auditions for the State Fair's 46th Annual Amateur Talent Contest were held at the Bandshell.

25 - Alexander, Brady, Hudalla and LeVesseur attended Public Financial Management's annual forum on public investment and debt management, hosted at the State Fair's History & Heritage Center. Sinclair and Hines met with David Garrett of Haas & Wilkerson Insurance to discuss attractions at the 2018 State Fair. Simon, Dullinger, Hughes, Noonan and Harazin met with staff of KMSP-TV to discuss fair coverage.

30 - Alexander attended a meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in Nashville, Tenn. Training sessions for Miracle of Birth Center staff were conducted at the History & Heritage Center.

August

1 - Hammer and LeVesseur met with bond counsel Peter Cooper the McGrann Shea firm and financial advisors Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft of PFM to continue discussions on financing options for the North End exhibit facility.

2 - Senior staff met with Cuningham & Associates staff to continue discussions on the north end project. Hammer and Hawkins participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's endowment committee. Hammer gave a presentation to area residents at Lyngblomsten.

2-5 - The North Central Reining Futurity & Derby horse show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

3 - Hammer met with Foundation Chair Patty Smith and Cashman.

4 - The State Fair's Hall of Fame long-time Chief of Police and Great Minnesota Get-Together Legend Art Blakey died peacefully at his home in St. Paul. A class reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

5-7 - A delegation of State Fair staff and board members attended the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.

8 - Hammer addressed a meeting of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. Hammer and Hawkins participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's executive committee.

9 - Sinclair, LeVesseur, Rougier, Anderson, Ward, Hines and Steffenhagen attended the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Alexander and Noonan met with members of the Marketing Coalition to discuss 2019 advertising.

10 - Thousands of family and friends attended a celebration of life at the West End Market for Art Blakey, the State Fair's legendary Hall of Fame Chief of Police.

12 - Setup of Mighty Midway and Kidway began.

16 - More than 1,000 fair friends attended the State Fair Foundation's Taste of the Fair fundraising event at the International Bazaar.

18 - The State Fair staff's Around The Fair committee hosted a pancake breakfast for staff at the 4-H Building.

21 - The State Fair Foundation's First Glance event and the State Fair Fine Arts Preview were held at the Fine Arts Center.

22 - Princess Kay of the Milky Way 2018 was crowned by the Midwest Dairy Association during ceremonies at the Bandshell.

23 - The 2018 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Casperson.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Aug. 24, 2018, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer offered a report on action taken at the Aug. 26 meeting of the Honorary Life Member committee. The recommendation to nominate long-time State Fair veterinarian Dr. Tom Hagerty for honorary life membership in the Society was accepted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0); Dr. Hagerty's name will be placed in nomination at the Society's annual meeting in January 2019. The committee's recommendation to induct State Fair Foundation founding executive director Kay Cady into the State Fair Hall of Fame was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer provided an update on activities of the 2018 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

The "Fifth Supplemental State Fair Revenue Bond Resolution, Relating to the State Fair Revenue Notes, North End Project Series 2018A, to be Issued in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10 Million," was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The "Resolution Relating to State Fair Revenue Notes, North End Project Series; Authorizing the Issuance of State Fair Revenue Notes, North End Project Series; Approving the Fifth Supplemental Revenue Bond Resolution; Establishment of Pricing Committee; and Authorizing Certain Other Actions" was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

It was moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried that members of the board and certain staff members designated by Mr. Hammer be authorized to attend the International Association of Fairs & Expositions 2018 international convention in San Antonio, Tex. (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The dates of the 2019 Minnesota State Fair were set for Thursday Aug. 22 through Labor Day, Sept. 2, on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the Society's board of managers was set for Thursday, Nov. 8 on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, was approved as a paid holiday for State Fair full-time staff on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The board extended their gratitude to staff and congratulated them for their outstanding effort in producing the 2018 Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND SALES & PLANNING COMMITTEES

9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D. J. Leary; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Brady; Gail Anderson; Jill Nathe; Theresa Weinfurter; Jim Rougier; Steve Grans; Sean Casey; Patrick Schoen; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Tim Dybevik; Steve Roland; Nate Dungan; Shannon Buchda; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Emily Diedrick; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Erik Klingner; Carol Doyle; Josie Belde; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Beth Schuldt; Michelle Barris; Dani Vavreck; Leah Janus.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Sinclair, Ms. Hines, Mr. Ward; Ms. Diedrick and Mr. Klingner reviewed the 2018 State Fair's sales division income of \$15.9 million from food and beverage concessions, commercial exhibits, Midway, Kidway, ticketed attractions, sponsorships and touring promotional exhibits. The report will be reviewed by committee members and considered for approval at the January 2019, meeting of the sales committee.

The sales committee adjourned at 9:28 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Mark Goodrich, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Brady; Gail Anderson; Jill Nathe; Theresa Weinfurter; Jim Rougier; Steve Grans; Patrick Schoen; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Tim Dybevik; Steve Roland; Nate Dungan; Shannon Buchda; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Emily Diedrick; Brett Ward; Jennifer Bower; Nikki Hines; Erik Klingner; Carol Doyle; Josie Belde-Mell; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Beth Schuldt; Michelle Barris; Dani Vavreck; Leah Janus.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of State Fair facilities projects currently underway, followed by a proposed budget of standard maintenance projects for 2019 totaling \$1.545 million and capital items totaling \$205,000. After review and discussion, the projects were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0); the projects will be included in the comprehensive 2019 capital and maintenance budgets to be considered at the Society's January meetings.

The planning committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Brady; Gail Anderson; Jill Nathe; Sean Casey; Theresa Weinfurter; Jim Rougier; Steve Grans; Patrick Schoen; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Tim Dybevik; Steve Roland; Nate Dungan; Shannon Buchda; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Emily Diedrick; Jennifer Bower; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Erik Klingner; Carol Doyle; Josie Belde; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Beth Schuldt; Michelle Barris; Dani Vavreck; Leah Janus.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Sept. 2, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Aug. 23 through Nov. 7, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the Planning Committee was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the October financial statement as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending October 31, 2018

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2018		\$9,989,654
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 6,777,967	
Less: Payroll Ending October 5	(290,316)	
Payroll Ending October 19	(292,643)	
Cash Disbursements	(5,510,508)	
		684,500
Balance – October 31, 2018		\$10,674,154

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2018	\$	451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance – October 31, 2018	\$	451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – September 30, 2018	\$	-
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		
Less: Disbursements		
Balance – October 31, 2018	\$	-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Account	\$12,889,786	\$10,674,154
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	<u>451</u>	<u>451</u>
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$12,896,337</u>	<u>\$10,680,705</u>

After review and discussion, the statement was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented for review a report of fair-period payroll for 80 departments totaling \$2.6 million. After discussion, the report was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur reviewed details of a \$10 million note to finance North End exhibit building construction, followed by presentation of the Ratifying Resolution Relating To State Fair Revenue Note, North End Project Series 2018A for review. After discussion, the Ratifying Resolution was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich and Ms. Nathe reported on the 2018 State Fair's competitive events for agriculture, horticulture, education and creative arts, and public participation of more than 16,000 exhibitors who displayed nearly 36,000 animals, creative and fine artworks and education projects. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander reported on the 2018 State Fair's programs for Grandstand and free entertainment, marketing, promotions and guest services, plus educational presentations in agriculture, arts sciences and early learning. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Ward, Mr. Klingner and Ms. Bower reported on the fairgrounds' busy schedule of 150 non-fair events during 2018. Information only; no action taken.

A license for the sale of beer during the Beer Dabbler event Feb. 23, 2019, was approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Ms. Cashman reviewed State Fair Foundation activities. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer outlined the dozens of contracts, agreements and working relationships that the State Fair maintains with local, regional, state and federal governmental agencies.

Ms. Edman provided an update on the 2019 joint conventions of the Society, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association.

McGough Construction Company, Inc. of St. Paul was designated general contractor for the north end project on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins extended the thanks of the board to the fair staff for their outstanding efforts in presenting the record-setting 2018 Minnesota State Fair.

President Merkins declared the meeting moved into executive session at 11:36 a.m. The meeting was reopened at 12:14 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Aug. 23 through Nov. 7, 2018

August

23 - The 2018 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m. Later that morning, Society President Paul Merkins, with an assist from his siblings in the front row, presided over opening ceremonies at the Bandshell.

24 - The Society hosted the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs board to lunch at the Officers Quarters.

27 - State Fair 50 Year Awards, recognizing a half-century of participation in the Great Minnesota Get-Together, were presented to eight individuals during ceremonies at the Hugh & Margaret Schilling Amphitheater at West End Market. Sinclair was inducted into the Showmen's League of America Hall of Honor during an event at the Hangar. The State Fair hosted a meeting of the Roseville Rotary Club at Heffron Park.

28 - Military Appreciation Day featured discounted admission for active, retired and veteran military members along with a variety of special activities. Included was a special ceremony at the State Fair Veterans Garden commemorating the military service of American women; participants included active members of the 34th Infantry Division under the command of Lt. Col. Kristen Auge, Rosetown American Legion Post 542 and the Como Park Military Veterans Association. The ceremony was followed by programs at the Bandshell and Dan Patch Park, and additional activities throughout the fairgrounds. State Fair staff and board attended a reception at Heffron Park for participants in the Western Fairs Association's Feature Fair Tour.

30 - Judy Peterson of Grand Rapids (Itasca County) and Al Sannerud of Ham Lake (Anoka County) were named Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens during Senior Day ceremonies at the Bandshell.

September

2 - At a special Grandstand ceremony, 20 State Fair staff members were recognized for outstanding performance, and five from that group received State Fair MVP Awards - Craig Bellanger, Operations; Kristen Kinnear-Ohlmann, Employment and Public Safety Substation; Kaleb Kromann, Miracle of Birth Center; Martin Levine, Operations; and Jack Pearl, Competition.

3 - The 2018 Minnesota State Fair closed with record attendance of 2,046,533. Five daily records were set (Thursday, Aug. 23 - 122,695; Saturday, Aug. 25 - 222,194; Wednesday, Aug. 29 - 144,940; Thursday, Aug. 30 - 156,764; and Saturday, Sept. 1 - 270,426). VIP visitors included a delegation from Western Fairs Association including the Alameda County Fair (Calif.), Butler Amusements, California Mid-State Fair, Central Washington State Fair, Davis Carnival, Desert Empire Fair (Calif.), Dixon May Fair (Calif.), Napa Valley Expo (Calif.), Pima County Fair (Ariz.), San Diego County Fair (Calif.), San Mateo County Fair (Calif.) and Yuma County Fair (Ariz.); Iowa State Fair CEO Gary Slater and 54 staff and board; Clay County Fair (Iowa) CEO Jeremy Parsons and 17 staff and board; a delegation from the Greater Gulf State Fair in Mobile, Ala.; Stephen Shimp from the Georgia National Fair in Perry; Sir Kim Darroch and staff, British Ambassador to the U.S.; six agriculture officials from the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Emma Parkyn of the Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge, U.K.; staff and board of the Bloomsburg Fair in Bloomsburg, Pa.; staff and board with the Florida State Fair, Tampa; staff of the Calgary Stampede, Alberta, Canada; representatives of the Royal Totnes & District Show, Devon, U.K.; representatives of the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis; Rey O'Day of the National Independent Concessionaires Association; and journalists with the World Press Institute from nations including Brazil, Egypt, United Kingdom, Finland, Ghana, Romania, Russia, Australia, India and Indonesia.

7 - State Fair staff attended an appreciation lunch at Giggles' Campfire Grill. Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with representatives of Minnesota Farmers Union to discuss continued remodeling of their exhibit structure.

7-29 - Ramsey County operated a household hazardous waste collection site at the south Como parking lot.

8 - Hudalla attended the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

12 - Edman, Schoen and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

13 - Edman and Schoen attended an employee benefits training session presented by the State Employees Group Insurance program. Alexander was a featured panelist in a Leadership St. Paul program on entertainment and arts. A Celebration of Sorts, presented by the Arc Greater Twin Cities, was held at the Dairy Building.

13-20 - Metro Transit drivers participated in the annual Bus Rodeo at the south Como parking lots.

14-17 - The Minnesota 4-H Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

15 - The TC Model Railroad Club held their annual model railroad and hobby sale at the Education Building. A class reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking lot for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

16 - The Antique Motorcycle Club swap meet was held at the north parking lot. The Como lot was used for shuttle parking for the Twin Cities Community Walk.

17 - Construction began on the North End exhibit building.

19 - Hammer, Cashman and Sorenson met with Minnesota AgriGrowth Council representatives to discuss the State Fair's North End project.

20 - Sinclair, Larson and Hines met with Brad Ribar to review plans for reconstruction of his Corn Roast concession structure.

20-24 - The Western Saddle Club Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

22 - Bus parking was provided at the south Como lot for the Roy Griak Invitational cross country meet at the University of Minnesota golf course. A wedding was held at the History & Heritage Center.

22-23 - The Twin Cities 20th Century Design Show was held at the Progress Center. The State 4-H Dog Show was held at the 4-H Building and surrounding areas. Munchkin Markets Fall Children's Consignment Sale was held at the Education Building.

25 - Noonan spoke to two marketing classes at Irondale High School.

26 - The Metro Area Children's Water Festival was held at the 4-H Building and Baldwin Park.

27-29 - The Camp Widjiwagan & du Nord Fall Garage Sale was held at the Merchandise Mart.

28 - Martin Weber, 40-year veteran and legend of the State Fair's full-time facilities staff, died unexpectedly at his home.

28-30 - The Fall Festival Arabian Horse Show was held at the Coliseum and livestock complex.

29-30 - The Fall Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market was held at the Grandstand and infield. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was held at the Education Building. Minneapolis-St. Paul Fall Military Relic & Collectors Show was held at the Progress Center.

30 - The Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Antique Auto Show was held at the north parking lots.

30-Oct. 2 - Alexander and Dungan attended the International Entertainment Buyers Association annual conference in Nashville, Tenn., where the Minnesota State Fair was named IEBA's Fair of the Year.

October

1 - Hammer met with former Falcon Heights Mayor Sue Gehrz, Karen Gray and Nora Hall to discuss a garden on Larpenteur Avenue.

2 - Minnesota State Retirement System counselor reviewed retirement programs for State Fair staff. The University of Minnesota FFA's Fall Invitational Career Development Events were held at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

2-7 - The Minnesota Harvest Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

3 - Woodis and Scibak attended the Minnesota Hospitality Conference & Expo. Noonan attended Visit Saint Paul's annual meeting.

4 - Scores of current and former State Fair staff members attended funeral services for long-time facilities department mainstay Martin Weber at St. Bernard's Church in St. Paul. Merkins, Fox, Leary, Hammer and LeVesseur participated in a meeting of the State Fair board's pricing committee to review financing plans for the North End project. Hammer and Sinclair met with Soundset promoters Rand Levy and Jason Cook. Ramsey County Sheriff's Department conducted training exercises on Machinery Hill. Sinclair, Larson and Hines met Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild representatives to review their concession operations during the '18 State Fair.

5-6 - Twin Cities Oktoberfest was presented by Golden Badger Events at the Progress Center and Campground.

5-7 - Half Price Books Clearance Event was conducted at the Grandstand.

6 - Midwest Comic Book Association's Falcon was presented at the Education Building. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a U of M Gophers home football game. A wedding was held at the History & Heritage Center.

9 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's finance and investment committees. Edman attended a Minnesota Employee Recreation & Services Council event in Chanhassen. Noonan spoke to five marketing classes at Stillwater High School.

11 - Hammer attended the Ujamaa Place Celebrating Every Step Forward Breakfast at St. Thomas University.

13 - The Twin Cities Book Festival, presented by Rain Taxi, was held at the Fine Arts Center and Progress Center. The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for the American Brain Tumor Association's BT5K Run & Walk at Como Lake. A wedding was held at the History & Heritage Center and West End Market stage.

14 - The Twin Cities Roadsters Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots.

14-16 - Schoen and Woodis attended the Minnesota Society for Human Resource Management conference in St. Cloud.

15 - Edman, Scibak and Belde-Mell attended a meeting at the DoubleTree in Bloomington to discuss arrangements for the Society's '19 annual meeting.

15 & 17 - Butler and Schuldt worked with U of M agriculture extension students to host "Ag In Action" field trips in the Dairy Building for fifth grade students from Highland Park and St. Anthony Park elementary schools.

16 - Alexander, Barris, Dullinger, Dybevik, Goldstein, Harazin, Hughes and Noonan met with Straight Line Theory staff and others to review the State Fair website.

18-22 - The State Fair presented the Minnesota Beef Expo at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

20-28 - The south Como parking lots were used as shuttle parking for Como Zoo's Zoo Boo.

22 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Brady met with IRS agent Lori Stieber for a payroll tax audit entrance conference.

23 - Noonan spoke to two marketing classes at Mounds View High School.

24 - Senior staff met for the first of several planning sessions for the 2019 State Fair. Lyft ride share service gave a presentation at a Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff.

25 - Hawkins and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board.

26 - Sinclair, Simon, Diedrick, Casey and Steffenhagen met with

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources representatives to discuss their operations in '18 and plans for '19. The Grandstand lot was used as shuttle parking for a U of M Gophers home football game.

27-28 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show was held at the Warner Coliseum.

28 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show & Minnesota Academy Equestrian Finals were presented at Compeer Arena.

29 - Sinclair, Alexander, Hudalla, Goodrich, Casey, Larson, Doyle, Hines, Hughes, LeFebvre and Butler met with representatives of the Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture to review the '18 State Fair and begin planning for '19.

31 - LeVesseur and Brady met with representatives of Bremer Bank regarding fund management strategies. Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

November

1 - Hudalla and Grans met with officials of St. Paul, Ramsey County and the University of Minnesota to discuss a bike trail on Como Avenue. Edman and Schoen attended an employment law seminar presented by the Fredrikson & Byron law firm.

2 - A reception honoring the State Fair's retiring long-time Food Czar Dennis Larson was held at the Libby Conference Center. Alexander and Butler visited the Sherlock Holmes exhibition at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J.

3 - The Jingle Bell 5K race was held on fairgrounds roadways.

5 - The State Fair's Timberworks Lumberjack Show producers offered a presentation at Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff.

5-7 - Simon and Butler attended the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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Our Mission

To educate and involve our guests by providing a world-class showcase that is innovative, entertaining and fun. We strive to:

- Showcase Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry
- Present an unparalleled forum for knowledge and ideas
- Provide outstanding customer service
- Offer exceptional value
- Provide a safe, clean environment that is accessible to all
- Create unique experiences

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Commemorative Art by Minnesota artist R. J. Kern



EXHIBIT J

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****January 17-18-19-20, 2019****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington**

The 160th annual meeting of the Society, held in conjunction with the annual conventions of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association, opened Thursday, Jan. 17, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019**

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhøvd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Nikki Hines; Brett Ward; Erik Klingner; Carol Doyle; Emily Diedrick; Josie Belde Mell.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the report of '18 State Fair sales revenue, originally distributed at the Nov. 8, 2018, meeting of the board. The report was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Hines presented the following fees for percentage attractions at the 2019 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2018%	2019%
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	25%	25%
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	10%	15%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist	Artist CDs/DVDs	10%	10%
Merchandise Sales	Other Merchandise	20%	20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	<u>Sling Shot</u>	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Midway Rides and Shows	41%	41%
	Kidway Rides and Shows	43%	43%
	Games of Skill	23%	23%
River Raft Ride, Inc.	River Raft Ride	25%	25%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%

Attractions underlined are located at Adventure Park

After discussion, the attraction percentages were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhøvd, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0). The approved percentage fees represent the fees payable to the State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied as follows; state sales tax (7.125%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the Minnesota State Fair and concessionaires is made on the net of tax balance.

Ms. Hines presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2019 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	\$5
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	\$5
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	\$5
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	<u>Sling Shot</u>	\$30 single Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$4
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	\$7 for Driver \$4 for Passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	<u>Krazy Maze</u>	\$5
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Rides, Shows and Games of Skill (Advance Purchase)	\$1 single \$25 for 30 tickets (\$.833 per ticket) \$40 for 54 tickets (\$.741 per ticket) \$15 for 25 tickets (\$.60 per ticket)
River Raft Ride, Inc.		\$5
Skyfair, Inc.		\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	\$30 single Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$3

Underlined attractions are located at Adventure Park and operate on a central ticket system.

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Hines presented the following concessionaires recommended for beer and wine licenses at the '19 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ball Park Cafe, Inc. (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages & Cider
Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc., dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp, David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Tres-C, Inc. dba Cafe Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chicago Dogs, Inc. (Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul and Diana Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine

Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages
Werner's Frontier, Inc. (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
RC's Barbecue – American Restaurant Inc. (Randy Jernberg and Charlie Torgerson)	Block 28	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Creperie (Marc and Tracy Vezies)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC (Timothy Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of Saint Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg. 2865 Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Glenn Baron)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages
FireFly Group, Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Mintahoe, Inc. – MN Farm Wine Assoc. (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Midway Men's Club (Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
MJ Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
O'Gara's at The Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Cuisine Concepts dba Tejas (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Lancer Mgmt. - Minn. Craft Brewers Guild (Glenn Baron)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Bldg. Malt Beverages
GSH Food Services, Inc. dba The Hideaway (Brian and Jennie Enloe)	Block 28	1760 Dan Patch Ave., Grandstand Malt Beverages and Minn. Wine
The Hangar Group, LLC dba The Hangar (Nate and Stephanie Janousek)	Block 12	1673 Murphy Avenue Malt Beverages

After discussion, the concessionaires were approved for beer and wine licenses on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Ward offered the following list of commercial vendors recommended for multiple-site licenses at the '19 State Fair:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Nellie's Laundry Products, Green Heat Packs & Cooley Towels	2
Big Dog Corn Dogs	Corn Dogs, Footlong Hot Dogs & Beverages	2

Butcher Boys	London Broil Sandwiches/Sausages	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ JD's Salsa	2
Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Corn, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gary Crutchfield Concessions	Cheese on a Stick	2
George Funk - Moon Beam Coffee	Leather Goods/Coffee	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese on a Stick	2
Groscurth Concessions	Corn Dogs and Beverages	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	2
Gripstic	Gripstick Bag Sealers/Extend Fresh Refrigerator Air Purifiers	2
Holly's Hobby	Seasonal Handcrafts	2
Larry Abdo – Gopher Ice Co.	Big Fat Bacon/Ice (Ice = wholesale permit only)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores	2
Midwest Dairy Assoc.	Ice Cream, Milk & Dairy Foods	2
Minn. Honey Producers	Honey, Honey Ice Cream & Honey Candy	2
Minne-Kabob Foods	Kabobs	2
Netterfield's Lemonade & Popcorn	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/ Sausage, Corn Dogs, Burgers	2
Orange Treet Sales	Orange Treet Drink & Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Stafford Ent.	Microfiber Mops & Cloths/ Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Knife Sharpener/Wine Opener	2
Tina Isaac	Spiral Chips/Coffee & Dessert Sandwiches	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries	2
Great Lakes Coca-Cola	Coca-Cola Soft Drinks	3
Icee USA Corp.	Icee Frozen Beverages	3
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Larry Immerman	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Hot Dogs on a Stick	3
Lynn Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples & Beverages	3
Maxine Davis	Ice Cream, Sno Cones & Caramel Apples/Baked Potatoes	3
Crocker Ent.	Root Beer Barrels	4
Lancer Management Services, Inc.	Food, Beverages & Beer (Coliseum)	4
Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Caramel Corn & Caramel Apples/ Cheese Curds/Brats	4
Syndicate Sales Corp.	Vegetable Cutters/ Salsa Makers Knives/Mops/Mixers	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
Dandy Souvenirs	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	8

Following discussion, the multiple-site vendors were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Ward and Mr. Klingner offered a report on the busy schedule of year-round events at the State Fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

Non-fair event licenses for alcohol sales were approved for Encore Concessions (Soundset Music Festival May 26) and Chop Liver Craft Beer Fest (St. Paul Beer Fest June 8) on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2019

Present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Debbie Edman; Wally LeVesseur; Heather Brady; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Marie LeFebvre; Samantha Gilbertson; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde Mell; Joe Bagnoli.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

Mr. Bagnoli of the McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb law firm reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota legislature and issues that may affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur offered historical background on attendance, sources of revenue and expense, trends in departmental expenses, annual cash flow and long-term debt, followed by a detailed review of the Society's financial activities during fiscal 2018. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the proposed operating budget and year-end cash position for 2019, followed by discussion on the budget's relationship to capital and maintenance projects. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2019

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by President Merkins and declared in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by President Merkins at 3:20 p.m.

DISTRICT CAUCUSES OF THE SOCIETY

11:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019

Delegates from the second and eighth districts met in caucus to certify nominees for election to the State Fair board of managers during the Society's general business session Sunday, Jan. 20. Selected were Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights (second district) and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids (eighth district).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019

Present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio; Cory Franzmeier, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Jim Rougier; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Dennis Larson; Danyl Vavreck; Josie Belde Mell.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Mr. Hudalla provided a detailed review of capital and maintenance expenditures from 2018. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the construction history of current State Fairgrounds structures dating back to 1907, followed by a 21-year summary of the Society's recent investment in facilities. Mr. Hudalla followed with a detailed report of 2018 capital and maintenance expenditures. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hudalla presented capital and maintenance project recommendations for 2019 totaling \$19.7 million. A summary of the project list follows, and includes projects previously approved at the Nov. 8, 2018, meeting of the board:

2019 MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Structure Improvements		<u>\$16,000,000</u>
B. Land Improvements		
BI. Fencing & Fixtures	_____	-
BII. Land	_____	-
BIII. Sewer System	_____	-
BIV. Streets & Sidewalks	_____	-
BV. Water Distribution System	_____	-
BVI. Gas Distribution System	_____	-
BVII. Land Purchases	_____	-
TOTAL Land Improvements		\$ _____
C. Personal Property		<u>\$ 117,000</u>
D. Electric Plant:		<u>\$ 225,000</u>
TOTAL Improvements		<u>\$16,342,000</u>
E. Structure Maintenance		<u>\$ 1,281,700</u>
F. Land Maintenance		
FI. Fencing & Fixtures	<u>182,000</u>	
FII. Land	<u>75,000</u>	
FIII. Sewer System	<u>60,500</u>	
FIV. Streets & Sidewalks	<u>209,000</u>	
FV. Water Distribution System	<u>45,000</u>	
FVI. Gas Distribution System	<u>2,500</u>	
TOTAL Land Maintenance		<u>\$ 574,000</u>
G. Personal Property Maintenance		<u>\$ 341,300</u>
H. Vehicle Maintenance:		<u>\$ 215,000</u>
I. Electric Plant Maintenance:		<u>\$ 959,500</u>
TOTAL Maintenance		<u>\$ 3,371,000</u>
TOTAL Improvements & Maintenance		<u>\$19,713,000</u>

After review and discussion, Mr. Scapanski moved, Mr. Wichmann seconded and motion carried that the '19 improvements and maintenance budget be approved by the committee as presented and recommended to the full board for approval (Aye-8; Nay-0). Included in the motion was staff authority to adjust, shift, add or cancel specific line items as appropriate to accommodate changes that occur throughout the budget year.

The planning committee adjourned at 2:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

**GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY
8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019**

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Fair met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Merkins opened the meeting and asked State Fair CEO Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

State Fair Foundation Founding Director Kay Cady was inducted into the State Fair Hall of Fame and presented with her award by Mr. Fox and Mr. Hammer.

President Merkins called for a report of the credentials committee by Marie Angstman of Kanabec County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

Credential forms submitted to the State Agricultural Society have been inspected by the full committee. All credentials have been found to be in order with the following exceptions:

There were two statewide associations that did not file with the secretary of state as required by Dec. 20, 2018. There was one statewide association that didn't have the correct information. Members of the Credential Committee do attest to the actions noted above on the 19th day of January 2019.

President Merkins called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Heather Sanvig of Carlton County presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

Whereas the Minnesota State Agricultural Society welcomed more people to the State Fairgrounds in 2018 than in any year in our history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members,

1. expresses its heartfelt thanks to the 2,046,533 guests who visited and participated in the 2018 Minnesota State Fair, the best-attended Great Minnesota Get-Together in its 160-year history, and to the additional 1 million people who came to events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year;
2. acknowledges with deep appreciation all those who contributed to the State Fair's success, including staff, board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, members of 4-H and FFA, and neighbors and community organizations in the areas surrounding the fairgrounds;
3. recognizes with gratitude the generosity of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's board, staff, donors and volunteers, whose gifts of time, resources and expertise play a vital role in preserving and improving State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and agricultural education, arts and culture, education, fairgrounds environment and history and heritage programs; and
4. values its strong relationship with and membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, Midwest Showmen's Association and other organizations committed to professional improvement, and the Society understands that these partnerships help to further the fair industry.

Whereas the Minnesota State Fair is regarded as one of the premier expositions in North America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members, pledges to further the fair's mission of educating and engaging people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; providing outstanding customer service in a safe, clean, well-maintained

environment that is accessible to all; and providing exceptional value while remaining financially independent through sound and fiscally responsible management.

Whereas the Great Minnesota Get-Together owes its success to the dedication of countless individuals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members, acknowledges with sadness the passing in 2018 of: Joseph Barrett, owner/operator of The Big Pepper food/beverage concession; Chief Arthur R. Blakey Jr., who served the Minnesota State Fair for seven decades, including 37 years as police chief; Officer Mike Burke, State Fair police officer since 1980; Donald G. Coury, owner/operator of the Middle East Bakery food/beverage concession; Ann Elizabeth Diggins, horticulture judge; "Dutch" Elbers, longtime parking department employee; Norma Ethen, reception desk employee in the administration department; Bill Farrell, three-term mayor of Shoreview and State Fair best friend; Ward Hall, showman and sideshow impresario who presented World of Wonders Palace of Illusions on the Mighty Midway; Francis P. Ivory, owner/operator of The Strawberry Patch food/beverage concession; Darlene M. Johnson, former Coliseum food/beverage concessionaire; Roger H. Karstens, owner/operator of The Lamb Shoppe food/beverage concession; "Doc" G.F. Kennedy, longtime sheep exhibitor; Greg Kirkevold, spouse of former Officers Quarters staff member Ruth Kirkevold; Monty J. Krizan, longtime attraction owner/operator of Monty's Traveling Reptile Show; Warren MacKenzie, American craft potter who was an exhibitor and juror for the State Fair's Fine Arts Exhibition; Patricia McDonald, spouse of Minnesota State Fair Foundation founding member Malcolm McDonald; Derold McDonough, antique tractor exhibitor as part of the Old Iron Show; Karen Nelson, 38-year fair-time employee with the public safety department; Verle E. Paul, former manager of Camp Omega's food/beverage concession at the State Fair; Nicholas W. "Nick" Pelino, owner/operator of Showtime Rides Inc., longtime Midway/Kidway ride provider; Michael M. Sandefur, longtime State Fair seasonal employee who provided oversight of Mighty Midway and Kidway rides; Lori Sogn, 30-year employee in the admissions department; Howard M. Spiess, former engraved redwood sign concessionaire; Robbie K. Straight, former food/beverage concessionaire; Eleanore Troxel, who worked in fair-time guest services for many years; Martin Weber, employee for 40+ years in the Minnesota State Fair's operations department; and Linda R. Young, co-owner of LuLu's Public House food/beverage concession at West End Market.

Whereas the Minnesota State Fair is a world-class forum for education, recreation and employment and an incomparable end-of-summer tradition in the region; and

Whereas a successful State Fair has important economic impact, and the state's tourism industry is vital to Minnesota; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, whose membership includes both rural and urban stakeholders, urges continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open after Labor Day, ensuring that children, families and workers from throughout the state can fully participate in the historic, educational and culturally rich Minnesota State Fair.

Whereas this 160th annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society brought together hundreds of members for valuable meetings, networking and education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Society extends its thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to this annual meeting's success.

The resolutions were adopted as read.

President Merkins turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election of Society president for a term of one year. President Merkins was reelected and reassumed the chair.

President Merkins turned the chair over to State Fair board past president and Honorary Society Life Member Sharon Wessel of Hamel

who nominated long-time State Fair veterinarian Dr. Tom Hagerty for life membership; Dr. Hagerty was elected by acclamation and was presented with the Society Life Member Award.

President Merkins then proceeded to conduct elections as follows: Joe Fox of Maplewood was re-elected to a two-year term as fourth district vice president; Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights was elected to a three-year term as second district representative; and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids was re-elected to a three-year term as eighth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Merkins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019

Present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Brian Hudalla; Renee Alexander; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Pam Simon; Gail Anderson; Michelle Butler; Cory Franzmeier; Marie LeFebvre; James Rougier; Theresa Weinfurter; Nate Dungan; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Patrick Schoen; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Shannon Buchda; Julian Schadeck; Grace Woodis; Erik Klingner; Josie Belde Mell; Kim Scibak; Beth Schuldt; Virginia Mold; Danyl Vavreck; Sarah Peterka; Dennis Larson; Kent Harbison; Leah Janus; Liam Higgins.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

Ms. Edman administered oaths of office to newly elected board members as follows:

Paul Merkins of Stewart, president (one-year term); Joe Fox of Maplewood, fourth district vice president (two-year term); Jeff Hawkins of Inver Grove Heights, second district representative (three-year term); and Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids, eighth district representative (three-year term).

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried, Jerry Hammer of St. Paul was re-appointed to a one-year term as executive vice president of the Society (Aye-9; Nay-0). Ms. Edman administered the oath of office to Mr. Hammer.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Nov. 8, 2018, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 8, 2018, through Jan. 17, 2019, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the financial statement for Dec. 31, 2018, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending December 31, 2018

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2018		\$ 7,425,656
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,900,550	
Less: Payroll Ending Dec. 14	(254,683)	
Payroll Ending Dec. 28	(251,533)	
Cash Disbursements	(1,593,103)	
		(198,769)
Balance - Dec. 31, 2018		\$7,226,887

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2018	\$ 451
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Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance - Dec. 31, 2018	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2018	\$ 9,979,386
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	10,001
Less: Disbursements	
Balance - Dec. 31, 2018	\$ 9,989,387

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Account	\$10,302,167	\$ 7,226,887
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note Proceeds)	-	<u>9,989,387</u>
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$10,308,718</u>	<u>\$17,222,825</u>

After review, the statement was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. LeVesseur:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signature authority: Operating account - Jerry Hammer and Wally LeVesseur with "Hammer/LeVesseur" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll funds; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Jerry Hammer or Wally LeVesseur. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2019 were presented by President Merkins:

Finance - Fox, chairman; Hawkins; Leary; Oleheiser; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; LeVesseur, ex officio.

Foundation Nominating - Merkins, chairman; Fox; Oleheiser; Hammer.

Governmental Affairs - Scapanski, chairman; Grunhovd; Leary; Johnson; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors - Leary, chairman; Alexander; Goodrich; Sinclair; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Operations - Grunhovd, chairman; Fox; Johnson; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio.

Planning - Toenges, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio.

Public Affairs - Johnson, chairman; Grunhovd; Leary; Oleheiser; Scapanski; Toenges; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio.

Rules & Premium List - Wichmann, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Johnson; Scapanski; Toenges; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio.

Sales - Oleheiser, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Merkins, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Merkins presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2019:

Administration - Wichmann

Employment Office - Oleheiser

Competition

Bee Culture - Johnson

(Hannah Huttner-Hallahan, superintendent)

Beef Cattle - Oleheiser

(Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)

Christmas Trees - Johnson

(Kim Ustruck, superintendent)

Creative Activities - Fox

(Curt Pederson, superintendent)

Dairy Cattle - Grunhovd

(Deb Kraus, superintendent)

Dairy & Boer Goats - Johnson

(Mark Boorsma & Gretchen Sankovitz, superintendents)

Dairy Products - Grunhovd

(Lisa Radamacher, superintendent)

Dog Trials - Hawkins

(JoAnna Yund, superintendent)

K-12 Competition - Leary

(Florence Newton, superintendent)

Farm Crops - Johnson

(Ron Kelsey, superintendent)

Fine Arts - Wichman

(Jim Clark, superintendent)

Flowers - Johnson

(Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)

4-H - Oleheiser

(Brad Rugg, superintendent)

Fruits - Johnson

(Louis Quast, superintendent)

FFA - Scapanski

(T. J. Brown, superintendent)

Horses - Scapanski

(Pam Keeler, Mark Costello, Steve Tibbetts,
Don Bauleke, superintendents)

Llamas - Hawkins

(Jen Rouillard, superintendent)

Milking Parlor - Fox

(Doris Mold, superintendent)

Miracle of Birth - Wichmann

(Jim Ertl, superintendent)

Poultry - Merkins

(Paul Bengtson, superintendent)

Seniors - Fox

(Marge Krueger, superintendent)

Sheep - Toenges

(Jo Bernard, superintendent)

Swine - Wichmann

(Jerry Hawton, superintendent)

Vegetables - Johnson

(Phil Klint, superintendent)

Entertainment - Johnson

Grandstand Production - Grunhovd

(Gary Perkins, superintendent)

Heritage Exhibits - Hawkins

(Jan Bankey, superintendent)

Finance - Leary

Fair-time Payroll - Fox

Ticket Sales - Leary

(JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)

Marketing - Toenges

Operations - Grunhovd

Admissions - Toenges

(Dave Woodis, superintendent)

Park & Ride - Johnson

(Sarah Peterka, superintendent)

Parking - Scapanski

(Jim Benz, superintendent)

Public Safety - Scapanski

(Paul Paulos, superintendent)

Sanitation - Toenges

Sales - Oleheiser

Attraction Ticket Takers - Leary

(Chris Sycks, superintendent)

The appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared the meeting in recess for committee meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Grunhovd called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the '19 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon the presentation and/or surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Alexander presented advertising, marketing and publications budgets for 2019. After discussion, the budgets were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

RULES & PREMIUM LIST COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Wichmann called the meeting to order.

Authority was granted to Mr. Hammer's delegate to make adjustments in rules, release dates and premium allocations for competitive departments in accordance with guidelines established by the Society's 2019 operating budget on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0)

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order.

The 2019 operating budget, which was reviewed in detail by the board Jan. 18, and the 2019 improvements and maintenance budgets, which were approved Jan. 19 by the board's planning committee, were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Mr. Toenges,

seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

President Merkins reconvened the meeting of the board.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

After discussion, the following admission fee schedule for the 2019 State Fair was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Adults (13-64).....	\$15
Seniors (65 and over).....	\$13
Children (5-12).....	\$13
Kids under 5.....	Free
Seniors & Kids Days promotions.....	\$10
Thrifty Thursday Adults	\$13
Thrifty Thursday Children & Seniors.....	\$10
Military Appreciation Day*	\$10
Read & Ride Day Adults**	\$13
Read & Ride Day Kids**	\$10
Auto parking	\$15
Motorcycle parking.....	\$9
All-ages pre-fair discount	\$12

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses. All must present valid documentation of military service.

** Discount applies to persons who present a valid library card at the gate.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of current agreements with building trades contractors Toltz, King, Duvall & Anderson architects and engineers, Collins Electric, Inc. electricians, Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.; and Spriggs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; the contractor agreements were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to the following job classifications and pay ranges on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Operating Classification

Title: Specialist

\$680 to \$1,240 weekly (\$35,360 to \$64,480 yearly)

Intermediate & Professional Classification

Title: Supervisor

\$860 to \$1,310 weekly (\$44,720 to \$68,120 yearly)

Middle Management Classification *

Title: Manager

\$1,300 to \$1,830 weekly (\$67,600 to \$95,160)

Executive Classification *

Titles: Director, Deputy General Manager

\$1,490 to \$2,780 weekly (\$77,480 to \$144,560 yearly)

* Exempt from overtime

The Society's legal representation by Fredrikson & Byron P.A. and McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb Chartered was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander provided an outlook on entertainment bookings for the '19 State Fair. Information only; no action required.

The next meeting of the board was set for Thursday, March 21, at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Jan. 21 through March 21, 2019

January

23 - Alexander and Noonan met with the State Fair Marketing Coalition to discuss the 2019 advertising campaign.

24 - Sinclair, Simon, Diedrick and Hines met with representatives of Great Lakes Coca-Cola to discuss their ongoing sponsorship at the State Fair.

25-27 - Legacy Luau Gymnastics Meet was held in the Warner Coliseum.

25-Feb. 3 - The St. Paul Winter Carnival's Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition and outdoor recreation area was presented on Machinery Hill.

28-31 - Anderson attended the International Ticketing Association (INTIX) annual conference in Dallas, Texas, where she was presented with the INTIX 2019 Spirit Award.

30-Feb. 2 - Hammer and Alexander attended the annual meeting of the Mid-West Fairs Association in West Palm Beach, Fla., and visited the South Florida Fair.

February

5 - Hammer, Goodrich, Alexander, Edman, Nathe, LeFebvre and Mold participated in a State Fair Foundation event at the Minnesota Pork Congress, announcing the naming of the Swine Barn in honor of pork production leader Robert A. Christensen. Alexander and Noonan attended Explore Minnesota Tourism's 2019 conference and accepted the first-ever Minnesota Icon Award.

5-8 - Sinclair, Simon, Hines, Ward and Klingner attended the National Independent Concessionaires Association & Fare Foods Trade Show, International Independent Showmen's Association Trade Show, Outdoor Amusement Business Association annual meeting and the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

9 - Noonan attended the Midway Chamber of Commerce annual gala to present the award for Small Business of the Year, sponsored by the State Fair. The North Star Roller Girls held a roller derby bout in the Warner Coliseum. The Freshwater Society met in the History & Heritage Center.

11 - Sinclair, LeVesseur, Alexander, Anderson, Rougier, Coleman, Ward and Hines met with representatives of Glownet, Inc. regarding Midway and Kidway ticketing. Alexander and Butler toured the new University of Minnesota Bell Museum and discussed traveling exhibits with museum staff.

12-15 - Anderson and Schadeck attended an Etix training session in Orlando, Fla.

14 - The State Fair hosted an information session for State Fair Foundation board members, outlining the Foundation's relationship to the Society. Simon, Dullinger, Harazin and Hines participated in media training with consultant Erin Mathe.

16-17 - 2019 Gina Morri Memorial Invitational Gymnastics Meet was held in the Warner Coliseum.

21 - Police K-9 training for multiple departments was conducted at the 4-H Building. Hammer participated in a meeting of the IAFE's nominating committee. Schoen and Woodis attended job and internship fairs for Minnesota Private Colleges and the University of Minnesota. Sinclair and Hines met with Dave Cavallaro to discuss his Food Building concession operation. Full-time staff attended a Lunch & Learn program featuring a presentation by the founder and staff of Sota Clothing. Anderson and Ostapowycz met with representatives of

Cub Foods to discuss 2019 ticket sales.

23 - The Winter Beer Dabbler was presented at the Midway lot and the Warner Coliseum.

25 - Alexander attended an International Entertainment Buyers Association board meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

26 - The State Fair Foundation conducted a special event for Grand Champion donors in the History & Heritage Center, featuring a presentation by Creative Activities Superintendent Curt Pederson. Sinclair, Simon and Diedrick met with Minnesota State Lottery representatives to discuss their sponsorship at the State Fair.

27 - Staff met with the Design Innovations team for continued discussions on North End facilities and layout. Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

28 - Hammer testified before the Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Policy Committee on a bill that increases the Society's bonding authority to \$30 million. LeVesseur, Alexander and Brady met with representatives of Bremer Bank regarding fair-time banking and marketing operations. Alexander and Butler met with staff of the Minnesota Science Museum to discuss touring exhibits.

March

1-2 - The Twin Cities Regional Science Fair for students in public, private, charter and home schools was held in the Warner Coliseum.

3 - Woodis met with officials of South Washington Schools Next Step program to discuss employment opportunities at the State Fair.

3-5 - Sinclair spoke at the IAFE Institute of Fair Management Summit in Houston, Texas, and attended the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

5 - Noonan spoke about State Fair jobs and marketing to Marcy Open School students.

6 - A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff featured a presentation by the State Fair's legendary Corn Roast concessionaire Brad Ribar.

7 - A group of State Fair staff volunteered at Second Harvest Heartland.

8 - Noonan attended a Visit Saint Paul MyVSP meeting. Schoen met with representatives of St. Paul's Right Track youth development program regarding employment opportunities at the fair.

8-10 - Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Classic was conducted in the Warner Coliseum.

9 - The Freshwater Society met in the History & Heritage Center.

12 - Alexander and Noonan met with State Fair Marketing Coalition and production partners to review 2019 broadcast and digital ads.

13 - Staff met with Design Innovations for further discussions on North End development. Edman and Schoen attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association. Alexander, Dullinger, Harazin and Noonan met with iHeart Radio staff about State Fair broadcasts.

14 - Deputy General Manager Mark Goodrich was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Hall of Fame at a luncheon attended by many members of his State Fair family. A representative of the Ochs Agency gave a presentation on employee benefits.

15 - Alexander, Simon, Butler and Schuldt met with members of Minnesota's Native American community to discuss potential partnerships.

16-17 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show & Sale was held at the Warner Coliseum.

17 - The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held in Compeer Arena.

18 - Anderson and Schadeck attended a meeting of the Ticketing Services Group of the Upper Midwest.

20 - Hammer, Hudalla and Bagnoli met with Andy Masur of MP Solutions to discuss legislation pertaining to the fairgrounds communications infrastructure.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2019

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhovi; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Brian Hudalla, Renee Alexander, Mark Goodrich, Wally LeVesseur, Pam Simon, Debbie Edman, Steve Grans, Heather Brady, Gail Anderson, Jim Rougier, Theresa Weinfurter, Jill Nathe, Patrick Schoen, Carol Doyle, Chris Noonan, Danielle Dullinger, Abby Harazin, Shannon Buchda, Emily Diedrick, Hannah Miller, Brett Ward, Nikki Hines, Erik Klingner, Virginia Mold, Samantha Gilbertson, Josie Belde Mell, Keri Huber, Jennine Duda, Leah Janus.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Minutes of the Society's board meetings, committee meetings, caucuses and general business session conducted Jan. 17-20, 2019, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Jan. 20 through March 20, 2019, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reported on the current session of the Minnesota legislature and the status of a variety of bills that may affect the State Fair and Minnesota's county fairs. The report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Grunhovi and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's financial statement for February 2019 was presented as follows by Mr. LeVesseur:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending February 28, 2019

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance - January 31, 2019		\$ 6,472,711
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,252,864	
Less: Payroll Ending February 9	(237,178)	
Payroll Ending February 22	(236,031)	
Cash Disbursements	<u>(1,416,296)</u>	
		(636,641)
Balance - February 28, 2019		\$ 5,836,070

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance - January 31, 2019	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance - February 28, 2019	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance - January 31, 2019	\$10,000,887
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	11,508
Less: Disbursements	
Balance - February 28, 2019	\$10,012,395

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Account	\$ 6,264,217	\$ 5,836,070
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note Proceeds)	-	<u>10,012,395</u>
Total cash balances	<u>\$ 6,270,768</u>	<u>\$15,855,016</u>

After discussion, the report was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Merkins thanked staff for the tour of damage to the Cattle Barn, and the board commended State Fair staff, the Saint Paul Fire Department, fair contractors, engineers and safety officials for their quick and expert response to the partial roof collapse, and for their commitment to safety.

Mr. Hammer and staff offered a detailed report on non-fair events revenue, facilities rental fees and billing procedures. Information only.

Mr. Hammer presented the following non-fair events facilities rental rates and labor rate adjustments for consideration for 2020:

2020 Non-Fair Events Facility Rental Rates

4-H Building		
1st floor	Commercial rate	\$1,600 per day
2nd floor	Commercial rate	\$675 per day
3rd floor	Commercial rate	\$675 per day
2nd & 3rd floors	Commercial rate	\$1,000 per day
4-H Building all floors	Commercial rate	\$2,200 per day
Baldwin Park	Commercial rate	\$1,000 per day
Campground	Commercial rate	\$600 per day
minimum fee or		\$30 per site
whichever is greater		
Cattle Barn	Livestock/Equine rate	\$600 per day
	Commercial rate	\$2,300 per day
Cattle Barn-Exercise ring	Livestock/Equine rate	\$300 per day
Compeer Arena	Livestock/Equine rate	\$600 per day
	Commercial rate	\$925 per day
Dairy Building	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day
DNR		
DNR Building interior	Commercial rate	\$350 per day
DNR Building & park w/ restroom	Commercial rate	\$925 per day
DNR Park	Commercial rate	\$425 per day
Education Building	Commercial rate	\$1,800 per day
Fine Arts Center	Commercial rate	\$1,350 per day
Grandstand		
1st floor	Commercial rate	\$3,400 per day
2nd floor	Commercial rate	\$2,500 per day
Infield	Commercial rate	\$1,400 per day
Grandstand Seating	Commercial rate	\$2,800 per day
History & Heritage Center	Commercial rate	\$1,000 per day
Home Improvement Building	Commercial rate	\$700 per day
Horse Barn		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$600 per day
	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day
International Bazaar	Commercial rate	\$1,550 per day
International Bazaar Stage	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day
Machinery Hill blocks 11-21	Commercial rate	\$2,000 per day
Merchandise Mart	Commercial rate	\$950 per day
Miracle of Birth Center		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$800 per day
	Commercial rate	\$1,150 per day
Livestock Parking Lots		
Livestock Lot A overnight	Livestock/Equine rate	\$250 per day
Livestock Lot B overnight	Livestock/Equine rate	\$250 per day
Livestock Lot D overnight	Livestock/Equine rate	\$250 per day
North Block 40 overnight	Livestock/Equine rate	\$750 per day
South Block 40 overnight	Livestock/Equine rate	\$500 per day
Progress Center	Commercial rate	\$1,675 per day
Outside restrooms	Commercial rate	\$175 per day
Sheep & Poultry Barn		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$500 per day
	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day

Swine Barn		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$600 per day
	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day
Warm Up Arena		
	Commercial rate	\$700 per day
Warm Up Arena with other rental		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$0 per day
Warner Coliseum		
	Livestock/Equine rate	\$1,600 per day
	Commercial rate	\$2,800 per day
West Barn	Livestock/Equine rate	\$125 per day
West End Market	Commercial rate	\$1,300 per day
West End Market Stage	Commercial rate	\$950 per day
Parking Lots		
Blocks 6 & 7	Commercial rate	\$675 per day
Blocks 8 & 9	Commercial rate	\$675 per day
Block 22	Commercial rate	\$675 per day
Block 27	Commercial rate	\$2,000 per day
Block 30	Commercial rate	\$650 per day
Block 40	Commercial rate	\$1,675 per day
Block 55	Commercial rate	\$2,300 per day
Block 56	Commercial rate	\$1,350 per day
3rd party structure use	Commercial rate	\$150 per day
Roadways less than 5k	Commercial rate	\$500 per day
Roadways 5k and more	Commercial rate	\$1,200 per day

2019 Non-Fair Events Labor Rates

On-duty Supervisor	\$35 per hour
Setup & Teardown Labor	\$25 per hour
Event Attendant	\$20 per hour
Ticket Seller	\$16 per hour
Ticket Taker	\$14 per hour
Parking Attendant	\$15 per hour
Parking Supervisor	\$20 per hour
Police Officer	\$34 per hour
Reserve Officer	\$22 per hour
Dispatch Operator	\$22 per hour
Carpenter	\$85 per hour
Electrician	\$105 per hour
Painter	\$85 per hour
Plumber	\$95 per hour

After review and discussion, the facility rental rates and labor rates were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Oleheiser and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer provided an informational update on credit card fees and their impact on revenue generated through commercial exhibits. No action taken.

Ms. Noonan, Ms. Dullinger and Ms. Hughes presented comprehensive case studies of the State Fair's social media marketing program. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Nathe provided an update on activities underway in the State Fair's competition division. Information only; no action taken.

The Society's board of managers presented State Fair Deputy General Manager Mark Goodrich with a certificate honoring Mark's recent induction into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Hall of Fame.

Ms. Simon reported on the status of commercial exhibits for the upcoming State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Hines presented a request by the Blue Plate Restaurant Company, dba the Blue Barn at 1839 W. Dan Patch, to sell wine during the 2019 State Fair. The license was granted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared the meeting in executive session at 12:02 p.m., and re-opened the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the State Fair board of managers was set for Friday, June 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES
March 22 through June 7, 2019**

March

22 - Alexander, Hughes and Duda met with a candidate to create the State Fair's 2020 commemorative art.

22-23 - Indoor Flat Track Racing presented War of the Twins II motorcycle races in the Warner Coliseum.

25 - Hammer testified before the Minnesota House of Representatives Property & Local Tax Division regarding the Society's bonding authority bill. Hudalla and Chief Paulos met with Ramsey County emergency management staff to discuss police dispatch service for 2019.

25-27 - Woodis, Mell, Mold, Scibak and Berquam attended the IAFE Zone 4 spring conference in Sioux Falls, S.D.

26 - Hammer and State Fair Chief of Police Paulos attended a hearing of the Minnesota Senate's Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee where Hammer testified in opposition to a bill that would grant cell phone companies right-of-way on the State Fairgrounds.

27 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Brady participated in an audit exit teleconference with IRS Agent Lori Stauber.

28 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Brady met with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosovich & Co., P.A. to review their audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2018. Noonan spoke to a sports and entertainment marketing class at Mounds View High School.

28-31 - The Osman Temple Shrine Circus was held in the Warner Coliseum.

31-April 9 - CBS Television Sports used the South Como lots as parking for NCAA Final Four coverage.

April

1-thru Summer - L-Z Truck Equipment used the 1880 Como backlot for vehicle storage.

2 - Weinfurter reviewed the State Fair history museum presentation with the Minnesota Historical Society at the History & Heritage Center. The first of four training sessions on hiring procedures for State Fair department superintendents was held in the Libby Conference Center. Schoen participated in the Great Futures Clubs of the Twin Cities Job Fair.

9 - Schoen participated in the Roseville Job Career & Resource Fair. Sinclair and Simon met with Paul Frank and Jaime Warndahl of Hemp Solutions of Minnesota, LLC, to discuss retail sales at the State Fair.

11 - The first of two defensive driving courses for full-time staff were presented in the Libby Conference Center. Sinclair and Hines met with Kate and Patrick Siddoti of Brim LLC to discuss their plans for a North End food and beverage concession.

13 - The University of Minnesota Student American Medical Association Dog Olympics were held in Compeer Arena. Minnesota United FC soccer parking was provided at the Grandstand lot and south Como lots.

13-14 - The Minneapolis-St. Paul Military Relic & Collector Show was held in the Progress Center. The Spring Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market presented by Prime Promotions was held at the Grandstand, Grandstand Infield and Home Improvement Building. The Gopher State Timing Association Rod & Custom Spectacular was presented in the Warner Coliseum.

16 - Machinery Hill Criterium bicycle races were held on various northern roadways.

17 - Hammer participated in a meeting closing the sale of one-half acre of State Fair property to the International Institute of Minnesota. Edman, Schoen and Woodis attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

17-18 - Police K-9 training was conducted at the 4-H Building.

18 - State Fair staff participated in a Lunch & Learn session featuring a presentation by Chris Perondi with All-Star Stunt Dogs Splash. Alexander, LeVesseur, Sinclair, Anderson, Rougier, Coleman, Ward and Hines met with Connect&Go to discuss Midway and Kidway ticket systems. Edman and Schoen attended an Americans with Disabilities Act seminar presented by Fredrickson & Byron P.A. law firm. The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association Path to Practice event for veterinary students was held in the History & Heritage Center.

20 - The Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association Spring Horse Show was held in Compeer Arena and the Horse Barn. Shuttle parking service from the south Como lot to Como Zoo began for the spring and summer.

23 - Edman and Scibak attended a Minnesota Employee Resource and Service Company event. Noonan attended a boards meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association. Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on various north fairgrounds roadways.

24 - The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce met in the History & Heritage Center.

25 - Noonan, Gilbertson and Hughes met with representatives of the Airport Foundation MSP to discuss potential fair-related exhibits at the airport.

26-28 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was presented in the Warner Coliseum, livestock complex, Natural Resources Building and Dairy Building.

27 - The Kersten Dolgner wedding was held at the Progress Center.

27-28 - Munchkin Markets Children's Consignment Spring Sale was held in the Education Building.

29 - The Minnesota State FFA Convention conducted events in Compeer Arena, the Warner Coliseum and the Merchandise Mart. Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation investment committee hosted by board member John Fabie at Abbott Downing. Hammer met with Foundation Chair Patty Smith and Foundation Executive Director Mary Chung to review business items for the Foundation board. Staff participated in a Lunch & Learn session featuring a presentation by Ashley Ryan and James Taylor of First Avenue.

30 - Machinery Hill Criterium bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill roadways.

May

1 - An all-staff meeting was held in the Libby Conference Center.

3-5 - Hammer, Sinclair, Goodrich, Hudalla, Alexander, Simon and Edman attended the IAFE Spring Management Conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., and visited the Orange County Fairgrounds. The Sahara Sands Spring Classic Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

4 - Minnesota United FC soccer parking was provided at the south Como lot.

4-5 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show & Sale was held in the Education Building.

5 - The Northland Antique Toy, Doll & Advertising Show was held in the Progress Center. The Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap Meet was held at the North End.

6-7 - Alexander participated in a meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she

was nominated for the VenuesNow 2019 Women of Influence Award. A drivers training program for a variety of law enforcement agencies was held at the south Como lot.

7 - Sinclair and Hines met with Steve Vander Vorste to discuss amusement attractions at the fair. Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on Machinery Hill. Noonan spoke to a business careers class at St. Paul College.

9 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation finance committee. Noonan participated in a panel discussion at a Leadership St. Paul program.

9-11 - The YMCA Garage Sale was held in the Merchandise Mart.

9-12 - The Friends of American Saddle Horse Spring Horse Show was held in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

10 - Noonan attended a Visit Saint Paul networking and information meeting. Hammer and Chung met with State Fair Foundation board member Linda Tank.

10-11 - Gold Country's State Fair and Sports Team Merchandise Clearance was held at Visitors Plaza.

10-12 - The Friends School Plant Sale was presented at the Grandstand and Grandstand Plaza.

11 - The Spring Model Railroad & Hobby Sale was held at the Education Building. The Pieri Wurscher wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center.

13 - Sinclair and Hines met with Dan O'Gara to discuss his State Fair concession operation.

14 - Hammer gave a presentation to retired University of Minnesota agriculture professionals in the History & Heritage Center. Noonan spoke to the Maple Grove Rotary regarding fair preparations. Machinery Hill Criterium bicycle races were held at Machinery Hill.

14-15 - More than 1,100 Twin Cities grade school students participated in Urban Ag Day events presented by the State Fair in the CHS Miracle of Birth Center, DNR Building, Dairy Building, Sheep & Poultry Barn and adjacent outdoor areas.

15 - The State Fair Employee Safety Committee met in the Libby Conference Center. University of Minnesota Center for Transportation conducted career programs for high school students in the Progress Center.

16 - Hammer, Fox, Hawkins and Society Life Member Schmidt participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board in the Libby Conference Center. LeVesseur and Chief Paulos met with Bremer Bank to discuss operations at their State Fair branch. Sinclair and Hines met with Nate and Stephanie Janousek of the Hangar Group, LLC, to discuss their State Fair food and beverage concession operation. Metropolitan Transit utilized the south Como lot as a practice site for their Bus Roadeo.

18 - The Fisher Holmstrom wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center and West End Market Stage, the Garrod Gareats wedding was held in the Progress Center and the Kotze Miller wedding was held in the DNR Building. Minnesota United FC soccer parking was provided at the south Como lot.

18-19 - Midwest Comic Book Association presented MSP Comicon in the Grandstand.

19 - The First Fifty Auto Club's 49th Annual Car Show, Swap Meet and Flea Market was held at the north parking lots. The Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held in Compeer Arena.

19-21 - Simon and Butler attended the Alltech Ideas Conference in Lexington, KY.

20 - Alexander and Noonan met with members of the State Fair Marketing Coalition to discuss print and digital advertising.

20-21 - Scibak and Woodis attended the Upper Midwest Employment

Law Conference at the St. Paul RiverCentre.

20-23 - The State Fair hosted the annual meeting of the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, including a tour of the State Fairgrounds and reception in the History & Heritage Center on May 22.

21 - The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce conducted an event in the Progress Center. Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on Machinery Hill.

22 - Casey participated in a meeting of the Capital Regions Watershed District Technical Advisory Committee. Minnesota United FC soccer parking was offered at the south Como lot.

23 - Alexander met with Sean Sherman and Dana Thompson to discuss Indigenous People events at the fair.

25 - Minnesota United FC soccer parking was provided at the south Como lot.

26 - The Soundset Music Festival was presented at the Midway lot and West End Market.

29 - Hammer participated in a meeting of the IAFE's nominating committee. Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of MnDOT's Connected & Automated Vehicles Office to discuss exhibits and vehicle demonstration at the State Fair. Alexander and Noonan met with members of the State Fair Marketing Coalition to review creative execution for the '19 ad campaign. Noonan attended a customer service seminar presented by Visit Saint Paul and the University of Minnesota.

31 - A vendor communication committee meeting was held in the Libby Conference Center and attended by Sinclair, Simon, Alexander, LeVesseur, Doyle, Franzmeier, Hines and Noonan at the Libby Conference Center. A reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

31-June 1 - Northstar Watermedia presented the Artists' Market in the Fine Arts Center.

31-June 2 - The International Gem & Jewelry Show was held at the Progress Center. The North Central Reining Extravaganza horse show was conducted in the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

June

1 - The Scibak Larscheld wedding reception was held in the History & Heritage Center. A wedding party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

2 - The General Motors Car Clubs Association held their annual car show and swap meet on Machinery Hill. A wedding reception was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill. Minnesota United FC soccer parking was provided at the south Como lot.

4 - Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on Machinery Hill.

6 - The 2019 State Fair's commemorative art by photographer R. J. Kern was unveiled in the Fine Arts Center.

6-8 - Feed My Starving Children, Union Gospel Mission and Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge conducted the Better Together MobilePack event at the Grandstand, packing 1 million meals for children worldwide.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS OF THE SALES COMMITTEE & GOVERNING BOARD

9 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2019

Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; D.J. Leary; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Jill Nathe; Sean Casey; Nate Dungan; Patrick Schoen; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Theresa Weinfurter; Carol Doyle; Emily Diedrick; Nikki Hines; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Shannon Buchda; Samantha Gilbertson; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde Mell; Beth Schuldt; Erik Klingner; Mary Chung; Danyl Vavreck; Leah Janus.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Simon reported on new exhibits in the Eco Experience, plus several first-time commercial exhibitors for the upcoming fair. Ms. Hines followed with a review of the selection process for new food items.

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from Spineless Wonders (owners and operators of the Butterfly House) to adjust their admission price from \$3 to \$3.50 for the '19 State Fair. After discussion, the adjustment was approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Diedrick provided an update on sponsorships and touring promotional exhibits for the upcoming fair, followed by a report from Mr. Ward on the busy summer schedule of non-fair events.

The meeting of the sales committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Jill Nathe; Sean Casey; Nate Dungan; Patrick Schoen; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Theresa Weinfurter; Carol Doyle; Emily Diedrick; Nikki Hines; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Shannon Buchda; Samantha Gilbertson; Virginia Mold; Josie Belde Mell; Beth Schuldt; Erik Klingner; Mary Chung; Danyl Vavreck; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli; Jim Eichten.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes of the board's meeting conducted March 21 were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period March 21 through June 6 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the sales committee was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Jim Eichten of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A., and Mr. LeVesseur reviewed MMKR's audit of Society financial activities for fiscal 2018. The audit report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the May 2019 financial statement as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending May 31, 2019

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – April 30, 2019	\$ 2,374,416
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 4,553,658
Less: Payroll Ending May 3	(273,205)
Payroll Ending May 17	(302,320)
Payroll Ending May 31	(313,796)
Cash Disbursements	<u>(3,457,504)</u>
	206,833
Balance – May 31, 2019	\$ 2,581,249

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – April 30, 2019	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance – May 31, 2019	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – April 30, 2019	\$ 10,037,510
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	11,966
Less: Disbursements	(2,000,000)
Balance – May 31, 2019	\$ 8,049,476

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Account	\$ 5,576,002	\$ 2,581,249
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	-	8,049,476
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 5,582,553</u>	<u>\$ 10,637,276</u>

After discussion, the statement was accepted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur presented a resolution authorizing the amendment of the State Fair 2009 Subordinated Indebtedness Note to extend its maturity, and authorizing certain other actions. The complete resolution is on file at the Society offices on the State Fairgrounds. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Bagnoli of McGrann, Shea, Carnival, Straughn & Lamb law firm provided an overview of activities during the 2019 session of the Minnesota Legislature, and their impact on the Society. Mr. Bagnoli's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander presented the following list of State Fair entertainment contracts.

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUES
A.S.I.A., Inc. (Concert Security)	8/22-9/2	Payable upon receipt of invoice - \$25.50/hour per person	Grandstand Production
P.E.S.O., Inc. (Concert Ushers)	8/22-9/2	Payable upon receipt of invoice - \$24.00/hour per person	Grandstand Production
Perk Global Productions Inc. (Grandstand Stage Manager)	8/22-9/2	\$22,000 flat	Grandstand Production
HBf, Inc. fso Hootie & the Blowfish	8/22	\$700,000 plus 80% over \$800,000	Grandstand Artist
Signature Entertainment, LLC fso Why Don't We	8/23	\$150,000 plus 80% over \$250,000	Grandstand Artist
Dude, Inc. fso Dierks Bentley	8/24	\$650,000 plus 80% over \$750,000	Grandstand Artist
Sarepta Inc. fso Trace Adkins	8/25	\$100,000 plus 40% over \$325,000	Grandstand Artist
Black Top Inc. fso Clint Black	8/25	\$100,000 plus 40% over \$325,000	Grandstand Artist

Terri Clark Tours, Inc. fso Terri Clark	8/25	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Oasis Entertainment Group, Inc. fso Tommy James & the Shondells	8/26	\$45,000 plus 40% over \$220,000	Grandstand Artist
Flower Power Concerts, Inc. fso Happy Together Tour 2019	8/26	\$75,000 plus 40% over \$220,000	Grandstand Artist
Ear Booker Enterprises, Inc. fso "Weird Al" Yankovic	8/27	\$125,000 plus 80% over \$260,000	Grandstand Artist
Ear Booker Enterprises, Inc. fso "Weird Al" Yankovic	8/27	\$35,000 Production Expenses	Grandstand Artist
Two Headed Monster Tours, Inc. fso Daryl Hall & John Oates	8/28	\$500,000 plus 80% over \$600,000	Grandstand Artist
Two Headed Monster Tours, Inc. fso Daryl Hall & John Oates	8/28	\$1,000 Transportation Expenses	Grandstand Artist
Three Oh One Productions, LLC fso Logic	8/29	\$475,000 plus 85% over \$575,000	Grandstand Artist
Phantom 309 Productions, Inc. fso Brandi Carlile	8/31	\$250,000 plus 80% over \$376,500 (If Artist sells more than 12,000 tickets paid, split increases to 85% retroactive to first ticket sold)	Grandstand Artist
Mavis Staples Touring, Inc. fso Mavis Staples	8/31	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
Dukey's Tours, Inc. fso Belinda Carlisle	8/22-23	\$77,500 flat	Bandshell Tonight
NoOne, Inc. fso Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone	8/24-25	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
Texassee Touring, Inc. fso Lonestar	8/26-27	\$60,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
Gobo Productions Ltd, fso One Night of Queen Performed By Gary Mullen & The Works	8/28-29	\$50,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
West Wind Artists, Inc. fso Tony! Toni! Toné!	8/30-31	\$40,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
Dessa, LLC fso Dessa	9/1-2	\$55,000 flat	Bandshell Tonight
Lyman C. MacAnally Jr. fso Mac MacAnally	8/22-23	\$17,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
Harpeth River Records, LLC fso Brandon Lay	8/24-25	\$15,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
QSB Entertainment, LLC fso The Quebe Sisters	8/24-25	\$12,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Chad Przybylski fso Chad Przybylski & His Polka Rhythms	8/24-25	\$3,060 flat	Bandshell Stage
34th Infantry Division "Red Bull" Band	8/26-27	No payment needed	Bandshell Stage
War and Treaty Corporation fso The War and Treaty	8/26-27	\$20,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Tonic Sol-fa, LLC fso Tonic Sol-fa	8/28-29	\$8,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
Colt Ford Touring, LLC fso Colt Ford	8/28-29	\$20,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Lucky Chops, LLC fso Lucky Chops	8/30-31	\$20,000 flat	Bandshell Stage

William K. Kirchen fso Bill Kirchen & Redd Volkaert	8/30-31	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Jaida Elizabeth Lauren Dreyer fso Jaida Dreyer	8/30-31	\$6,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
The Professional Group, LLC fso The B.B. King Blues Band Featuring "The Voice" Michael Lee	9/1-2	\$20,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
The Sound Exchange, LLC fso The Sound Exchange	9/1-2	\$3,750 flat	Bandshell Stage
Rolf Ozark Productions, LLC fso Matt's Family Jam	9/1-2	\$7,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Intoxicats, LLC fso Intoxicats	8/22-23	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Native Pride Productions Inc. fso Native Pride Dancers	8/24-25	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Mazouk Productions fso Papa Shalita	8/24-25	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Charles A. Thiel fso Chuck Thiel & His Jolly Ranchers	8/26-27	\$1,600 flat	Bazaar Stage
LaNee J. Victorsen-Willey fso Dirty Shorts Brass Band	8/28-29	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Rolando Bolivar Burga Maigua fso Atahualpa	8/30-31	\$2,500 flat	Bazaar Stage
VocalEssence fso VocalEssence Singers Of This Age	9/1-2	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
KAJ Productions, Ltd fso MFELLAZ	8/24-25	\$4,500 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Generation iLL fso iLLism	8/28-29	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Malamanya Music, LLC fso Malamanya	8/30-31	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Sean Emery	8/22-9/2	\$15,600 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
BC Characters, Inc. fso Break-Shop Bump'n	8/22-9/2	\$33,360 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Greg Walter Frisbee	8/22-23	\$2,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Charles Lowell Burnes III fso The Chipper Experience	8/24-25	\$4,500 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Kenneth Richard Ahern Jr. fso Kenny Ahern	8/26-27	\$2,000 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Robert L. Compton fso Babaloo Music & Fun	8/28-29	\$2,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Rob Miss Jane Productions, LLC fso Allez-OOPS!	8/30-31	\$3,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Appeal Entertainment, LLC dba Six Appeal	9/1-2	\$4,000 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Divas Entertainment, LLC fso The Dollipops	9/1-2	\$1,800 flat	Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Dan Sparkman	8/25	\$70 flat	Milk Run
Rick Recker	8/25	\$350 flat	Milk Run
Action Sports of Minnesota dba 3rd Lair Skatepark	8/22-9/2	\$45,475 flat	Misc. Attractions
Laser Encore, Inc. fso Laser Encore's Laser Hitz Show	8/22-9/2	\$19,000 flat	Misc. Attractions
Virtual Outdoors fso Dick Hansen	8/22-9/2	\$3,000 flat	Misc. Entertainment
Allied Audio Services	8/22-9/2	\$258,550.18 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoices	Misc. Entertainment
Sylvain Pienault	8/27	\$100 flat	Misc. Entertainment

DL Weatherhead Timberworks Lumberjack Show, LLC fso Timberworks Lumberjack Show	8/22-9/2	\$35,500 flat	North Woods
Chris Perondi dba Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show	8/22-9/2	\$15,000 flat	North Woods
Steven G. Bauer	8/22-9/2	\$3,000 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert D. Wilson	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Christopher J. Chadwick	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Steve L. McDonough	8/22-9/2	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
James Birk	8/22-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Jack's P.C. Consulting LLC fso C. John Deschene	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
James M. Quirk	8/22-9/2	\$540 flat	Old Iron Show
Lee Jason Sackett	8/22-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
David M. Lewerer	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Jake Suchy	8/22-9/2	\$540 flat	Old Iron Show
Shannon M. Sackett	8/22-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Joseph Stevermer	8/22-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Ken Anderson	8/22-9/2	\$1,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Patrick McDonough	8/22-9/2	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
Lorraine Quirk	8/22-9/2	\$540 flat	Old Iron Show
Leslee Suchy	8/22-9/2	\$540 flat	Old Iron Show
Nancee Wilson Peterson	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Verne Falde	8/22-9/2	\$2,200 flat	Old Iron Show
Robert A. McDonough	8/23-9/2	\$1,800 flat	Old Iron Show
Cecil L. Bechel	8/26-9/2	\$2,160 flat	Old Iron Show
Rickie D. Grufman	8/26-9/2	\$1,440 flat	Old Iron Show
Henry Reiner	8/30-9/2	\$400 flat	Old Iron Show
Sherry Reiner	8/30-9/2	\$400 flat	Old Iron Show
Devon Lark	8/30-9/2	\$200 flat	Old Iron Show
Duane H. Rolstad	8/22-25	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Paul Thomas Bainbridge	8/22-25	\$400 flat	Old Iron Show
Rodney Mondor	8/22-25	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Andy Schmidt	8/22-9/1	\$2,310 flat	Parade
Lane Powell	8/22-9/1	\$2,640 flat	Parade
Lane Powell fso Tri-State Judging Association	8/22-9/1	\$2,400 flat	Parade
Jason Stock fso Master Custom Homes	8/22-9/2	\$11,400 flat	Parade
Joseph Stevermer	8/22-9/2	\$600 flat	Parade
Lee Jason Sackett	8/22-9/2	\$600 flat	Parade
Mike Olander dba Jack Brass Band	8/31-9/2	\$4,950 flat	Parade
River City Rhythm, Inc.	8/31-9/2	\$900 flat	Parade
Paul Husby fso St. Anthony Park Community Band	8/23	\$100 flat	Parade
Twin Cities Unicycle Club	8/23	\$450 flat	Parade
St. Paul Police Band	8/24	\$250 flat	Parade
Crow River Drumline Association fso Phoenix Drumline	8/24	\$750 flat	Parade
Minnesota Pipes and Drums dba Minnesota Police Pipe Band	8/25	\$1,250 flat	Parade
Regents of the University Of Minnesota	9/1	\$2,750 flat	Parade
Stevenoonansongs, LLC fso Steve Noonan	8/22-23	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Café
John D. Barrett fso The Fairlanes	8/22-23	\$1,600 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe

Anthony Cuchetti fso Tony Cuchetti	8/24-25	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Richard A. Lewis fso Rich Lewis Band	8/24-25	\$1,500 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
James P. Berner fso Jim Berner's Music Legends	8/26-27	\$1,000 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Triad Entertainment, Inc. fso Vicky Emerson	8/26-27	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Robert E Scoggin Jr. fso Big Bob Scoggin	8/28-29	\$800 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Timothy Patrick McGraw fso Tim Patrick and his Blue Eyes Band	8/28-29	\$1,100 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Chris Hanson fso Christopher David Hanson Band	8/30-31	\$1,250 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Honky Tonk Jump, LLC fso Honky Tonky Jump	8/30-31	\$1,750 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
William Edward Isles fso Bill & Kate Isles	9/1-2	\$1,200 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Dale Alan Zuk fso The Jolly Zuks	9/1-2	\$1,600 flat	Ramberg Music Cafe
Nicholas Hodges	9/1	\$500 flat	Talent Contest
Lauren Senden	9/1	\$100 flat	Talent Contest
Erica Genereux	9/1	\$100 flat	Talent Contest
MNHS presents History On-A-Schtick	8/22-9/2	No payment required	West End Market
Sarah Morris	8/22-23	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Noah Sonie	8/22-23	\$1,500 flat	West End Market
Joyann Parker, LLC fso Joyann Parker	8/22-23	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
Minnesota State Fiddlers Association fso Minnesota State Fiddle Contest	8/24-25	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Dave Flom fso Sawyer's Dream	8/24-25	\$1,500 flat	West End Market
Patridge Productions, LLC fso Hit Ticket	8/24-25	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Truvariety Entertainment, LLC fso Fantastick Patrick	8/26-27	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
New Music Arts, LLC fso Fab 6: Beatles Tribute	8/28-29	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Patridge Productions LLC fso The Kate Escape	8/28-29	\$1,500 flat	West End Market
Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association fso MN Americana-Roots Music Contests	8/30-31	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Guava Entertainment fso Craig Clark Band	8/30-31	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
John Bush	8/30-31	\$1,500 flat	West End Market
Craig J. Ebel fso & DyVersaCo	9/1-2	\$2,000 flat	West End Market
John Wright fso Galactic Cowboy Orchestra	9/1-2	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Robert Lok fso Allez-OOPS!	9/1-2	\$2,500 flat	West End Market
Nooky Jones LLC fso Nooky Jones	8/22-23	\$5,000 flat	West End at Sunset

EEB LLC fso Early Eyes	8/24-25	\$3,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Abigail Therese Wolf fso Aby Wolf	8/26-27	\$4,000 flat	West End at Sunset
Kevin Kniebel fso Pert Near Sandstone	8/28-29	\$10,000 flat	West End at Sunset
First Avenue Productions, LLC fso First Avenue Goes To The Fair	8/30-31	\$7,500 flat	West End at Sunset

After discussion, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich gave an overview of the State Fair's agricultural and creative contests, and his report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of board-hosted functions for the '19 State Fair: Minnesota Federation of County Fairs lunch Friday, Aug. 23; State Fair Hall of Fame and Life Member lunch Sunday, Aug. 25; and Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association breakfast Thursday, Aug. 29. The functions were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Chung and Mr. Hammer reported on activities of the State Fair Foundation. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting was declared in executive session at 10:59 a.m.

President Merkins reopened the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

June 7 through Aug. 22, 2019

June

7-8 - The Stamp & Scrapbook Expo was held in the Education Building. Parking for the Minnesota High School League track and field championships at Hamline University was provided at the south Como lots.

8 - The St. Paul Summer Beer Fest was held at the International Bazaar. A city-wide community cleanup drop-off site was provided at the north parking lots.

8-9 - The Minnesota Antique Dealers Association presented the Antique and Decorative Arts Show in the Fine Arts Center. Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted two private events.

10 - A graduation party was held at O'Gara's at the Fair.

10-14 - The Minnesota 4-H Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud (YELLOW!) conference was held in the 4-H Building.

11 - Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on Machinery Hill streets.

11-16 - The Region 10 Arabian Horse Association Championship Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

13 - O'Gara's hosted a private fundraising event.

14 - A reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

14-15 - The Viking Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America held their national meet in the Progress Center and at the Campgrounds.

15 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a wedding reception.

16 - A graduation party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

19 - Edman and Schoen attended a meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

20 - Sinclair and Hines met with representatives of Haas Wilkerson Insurance to discuss Midway, Kidway and attractions insurance.

21-23 - The Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back to the '50s Weekend was held across the fairgrounds.

22 - Twin Cities Classic Car Auction was conducted in the CHS Miracle of Birth Center and Warner Coliseum.

25 - Machinery Hill Criterium bike races were held on Machinery Hill streets.

26-30 - The Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

27 - The Midsummer Mile footrace was held on various fairgrounds streets.

28 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a graduation party.

28-29 - The Twin Cities Antiquarian & Rare Book Fair was presented in the Progress Center.

29 - The Night Nation Run was held at the Grandstand and various streets. A reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

July

2 - Machinery Hill Criterium bicycle races were held on Machinery Hill streets.

6-7 - Shuttle parking for the Hmong International Freedom Festival at Como Park was provided at the south Como lots.

7 - The Color Run was held at the Grandstand and various fairgrounds streets.

9 - Sinclair participated in an IAFE Education Foundation board of trustees conference call.

10 - The Minnesota State Fair Job Fair was held in the Progress Center. Several staff members participated in an IAFE Consumer Protection cyberseminar.

10-14 - The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association Corporate Challenge horse show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

14 - Hammer visited the Ramsey County Fair in Maplewood.

17 - News media toured the North End Event Center and surrounding project area. Merkins, Oleheiser, Hawkins and Hammer participated in a State Fair Foundation nominating committee teleconference. Sinclair, Alexander, Hines, Buchda and Bower met with United Rentals representatives to discuss electric generator and power distribution for a variety of areas throughout the fairgrounds. Staff from multiple departments met with risk management and emergency medical treatment professionals.

19-21 - The Street Machine Summer Nationals was held across most of the fairgrounds.

20-21 - The Capitol Classic Horse Show was held in Compeer Arena and the Horse Barn.

25 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a retirement party.

27 - A wedding was held in the History & Heritage Center.

28 - The Shriners held an event at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

29-30 - Police officer driver training was conducted at the south Como lot.

August

1 - Training for Miracle of Birth Center staff was conducted in the History & Heritage Center. A softball league party was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

2 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a retirement party.

2-4 - Alexander, Rougier, Hudalla and Paulos attended a site visit to the Lollapalooza festival in Chicago.

5 - Alexander attended a meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association in New York.

2-5 - The North Central Reining Futurity & Derby horse show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

4 - A wedding reception was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

5 - A ceremony designating the Swine Barn as the Robert A. Christensen Pavilion was attended by representatives of Christensen Farms, members of the State Fair and Fair Foundation boards, fair and Foundation staff, family and friends.

6 - Length of Service Awards were presented to 14 staff members at a full-time staff meeting.

7 - The State Fair Foundation conducted a Grand Champion event for 260 donors at Giggles' Campfire Grill, showcasing the new North End neighborhood.

10-11 - More than 500 donors attended a State Fair Foundation event previewing this year's commemorative benches.

11 - Midway and Kidway operations staff arrived and set up began.

14 - Hawkins and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's finance committee. Sinclair and Hines met with Steve Vander Vorste to discuss operation of the Ye Old Mill for the upcoming fair.

15 - The State Fair Foundation hosted 1,250 fair fans and friends at the Taste of the Fair fundraiser at the International Bazaar.

17 - State Fair staff's Around The Fair Committee presented the annual State Fair Kickoff Staff Pancake Breakfast & Revue in the 4-H Building.

20 - The State Fair Foundation's First Glance and 2019 State Fair Fine Arts Show Preview were presented in the Fine Arts Center.

21 - Princess Kay of the Milky Way 2019 was crowned by the Midwest Dairy Association during ceremonies at the Bandshell.

22 - The 2019 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 2019

Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Debbie Edman; Mary Chung; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli; Doug Carnival.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Minutes from the board meeting on June 7, 2019, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period from June 7 through Aug. 21 were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The July financial statement was presented as follows by Mr. Hammer:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending July 31, 2019

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2019	\$1,829,126
Add: Cash Deposits	\$6,129,797
Less: Payroll Ending July 12	(370,206)
Payroll Ending July 26	(355,739)
Cash Disbursements	(4,427,197)
	976,655
Balance – July 31, 2019	\$2,805,781

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2019	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance – July 31, 2019	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – June 30, 2019	\$6,558,783
Add: Note Proceeds	
Interest	7,020
Less: Disbursements	(2,500,000)
Balance – July 31, 2019	\$4,065,803

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2018	2019
Operating Account	\$5,375,122	\$2,805,781
Petty Cash	23,523	24,563
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	-	4,065,803
Total Cash Balances	\$5,399,096	\$6,896,598

After review, the summary was approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following list of entertainment contracts were presented for review:

CONTRACTOR	DATES	TERMS	VENUES
Premier Global Production Company, Inc. (Lighting)	8/22-9/2	\$42,080 flat	Grandstand Production
Premier Global Production Company, Inc. (Stage)	8/22-9/2	\$127,378 flat	Grandstand Production
Freestyle Productions, Inc.	8/22-9/2	\$88,506 flat	Grandstand Production
Eat Your Heart Out Catering (Grandstand Catering)	8/22-9/2	\$20,000 flat plus final payment due upon receipt of invoice	Grandstand Production
RES Specialty Fireworks	8/22-9/2	\$36,354 flat	Grandstand Production
Clair Brothers Audio, Inc. (GS Sound)	8/22-9/2	\$78,135 flat	Grandstand Production
Brian Bourn (Grandstand Follow Spots)	8/22-9/2	\$3,500 flat	Grandstand Production
Taylor Grey	8/23	No fee	Grandstand Artist
Chicken Good Touring Inc. fso G. Love & Special Sauce	8/28	\$25,000 flat	Grandstand Artist
LBR Touring, Inc. fso Lionel Richie	8/30	\$500,000 plus 80% \$625,000	Grandstand Artist
Goddess Touring, Inc. fso Lauren Jauregui	8/30	\$35,000	Grandstand Artist
Goddess Touring, Inc. fso Lauren Jauregui	8/30	\$2,500 (Lodging expense)	Grandstand Artist
Rivermont Touring, Inc. fso Savannah Conley	8/31	\$1,500 flat	Grandstand Artist
TTT Inc., fso ZZ Top	9/2	\$250,000 plus 85% over \$465,000	Grandstand Artist
TTT Inc., fso ZZ Top	9/2	\$15,000 flat (Production expenses)	Grandstand Artist
Cheap Trick Touring Inc. fso Cheap Trick	9/2	\$100,000 flat	Grandstand Artist

Joseph R. Carrier fso Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band	8/22-23	\$10,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Lance Link fso Dawson Hollow	8/22-23	\$5,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
AC Jones Music Ltd	8/26-27	\$6,000 flat	Bandshell Stage
Squeezebox LLC fso Mollie B & Squeezebox	8/28-29	\$5,400 flat	Bandshell Stage
Peterson Brothers Music LLC fso The Peterson Brothers	9/1-2	\$7,500 flat	Bandshell Stage
Cheremosh Ukranian Dance Ensemble	8/22-23	\$2,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Steven Clarke fso Blue Book	8/26-27	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Louis V. Costilla fso Grupo Mio	8/28-29	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Patrick Adams	8/30-31	\$3,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Tom Mason fso Tom Mason and The Blue Buccaneers	9/1-2	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar Stage
Jean A. Eckman fso Westside Band	8/22-23	\$3,500 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Kat Perkins Music Inc.	8/26-27	\$6,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Mark Larsen fso Free Fallin - A Tribute to Tom Petty	9/1-2	\$4,000 flat	Bazaar After Dark
Ghost Dancer, LLC fso The Sioux Chef	9/1	\$10,000 flat	Misc. Ent. Entertainment
Jon A. Getting	8/22-25	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Sam Waldoch	8/22-25	\$360 flat	Old Iron Show
Roger Geist	8/22-29	\$800 flat	Old Iron Show
Glen William Westphal	8/22-9/2	\$1,080 flat	Old Iron Show
Steven G. Bauer	8/22-9/2	\$3,000 flat	Old Iron Show
Anne Elizabeth Sawyer fso Upstanding Stilts	8/22-9/2	\$3,900 flat	Parade
Women's Drum Center	8/24-25 9/1-2	\$1,200 flat	Parade
Minneapolis First Pathfinders Club	8/25 & 9/1	\$800 flat	Parade
Minnesota "Over-60" Band	8/29	\$400 flat	Parade
Barebones Productions	9/1-2	\$600 flat	Parade
Minnesota State Fiddlers Association fso Minnesota State Fiddle Contest	8/24-25	\$5,000 flat	West End Market
Renas Kitchen Music fso Six Mile Grove	8/26-27	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
US Air Force Band Starlifter	8/26-27	No payment required	West End Market
Adam Moe fso Pushing Chain Band	8/28-8/29	\$3,000 flat	West End Market
Jaedyn Wadd fso Jaedyn James & The Hunger	9/1-2	\$3,000 flat	Arts A'Fair
COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company	8/22-24	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Whitney McClusky fso Duniya Drum & Dance	8/22-24	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Elba Castillo fso Mexica Yolotl	8/22-24	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Whitney McClusky fso Drum & Dance Duniya	8/25-27	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Twin Cities Trapeze Center	8/25-27	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Black Storytellers Alliance	8/25-27	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair

Ballet Work, Inc. fso James Sewell Ballet	8/25-27	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts fso Interact Theater	8/28-30	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Neal Skoy fso Captain Willy DeWitt - Comedy Stunt Show	8/28-30	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Scott Reynolds fso Mixed Precipitation	8/28-30	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Open Eye Figure Theatre	8/28-30	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Twin Cities Trapeze Center	8/31-9/2	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Zorongo Flamenco, Inc. fso Zorongo Flamenco Dance	8/31-9/2	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Green T. Productions	8/31-9/2	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair
Open Eye Figure Theatre	8/31-9/2	\$1,400 flat	Arts A'Fair

After review, the contracts were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

An agreement with Steve Vander Vorste to operate Ye Old Mill for the 2019 State Fair at a management fee of 40 percent of gross revenue net of sales tax was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0); the motion included a ticket price adjustment to \$4 for the '19 State Fair.

Mr. Bagnoli reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota Legislature, and issues that may affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer was authorized to make miscellaneous ticket refunds and payment of minor claims as he deems appropriate on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of State Fair Scholarship winners:

Emily Benrud, Goodhue; Jay Dicke, Goodhue; Lauralee Eaton, Pine Island; Kelsey Erf, Oakdale; Ryan Hansen, Freeborn; Alexandra Hanson Roe, Grey Eagle; Anica Herrera, Cologne; Levi Kermes, Hayward; Hannah Kruse, Ellsworth; Emily Leonard, Norwood-Young America; Paige Madison, Rushmore; Joseph Moran, Forest Lake; Gigi Otten, Hayward; Lukas Pierson, Butterfield; Sydney Poquette, Wanamingo; Megan Schultz, Fountain; Nicholas Seitzer, St. Peter; Gunnar Starks, Pine Island; Cara Tiegum, Madelia; Justin Thomforde, Goodhue. The scholarships were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

A proclamation honoring the John Deere Company with the State Fair Legacy Award was approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). The proclamation celebrates John Deere's 120 years as a mainstay commercial exhibitor at the State Fair and is issued jointly by the State Agricultural Society and the State Fair Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 Officers Quarters, State Fairgrounds

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Debbie Edman.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Aug. 23, 2019, were reviewed

and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer offered a report on action taken at the Aug. 25 meeting of the Honorary Life Member committee. The recommendation to nominate State Fair board President Paul Merkins for honorary life membership in the Society was accepted on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0); President Merkin's name will be placed in nomination at the Society's annual meeting in January 2020. The motion also included the committee's recommendation to induct long-time State Fair attorney Kent Harbison into the State Fair Hall of Fame, and forward the recommendation to the Honors Committee for consideration.

Mr. Hammer provided an update on activities of the 2019 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

It was moved by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried that members of the board and certain staff members designated by Mr. Hammer be authorized to attend the International Association of Fairs & Expositions 2019 international convention in San Antonio, Tex. (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The dates of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair were set for Thursday, Aug. 27 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The next meeting of the Society's board of managers was set for Thursday, Nov. 14.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, was approved as a paid holiday for State Fair full-time staff on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The board congratulated the staff for their outstanding effort in producing the amazing 2019 Minnesota State Fair.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
AND SALES & PLANNING COMMITTEES
9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019
Libby Conference Center, State Fairgrounds**

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhord; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Heather Brady; Jill Nathe; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde Mell; Sean Casey; Cory Franzmeier; Gail Anderson; Julian Schadeck; Michelle Butler; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Theresa Weinfurtnner; Nate Dungan; Carol Doyle; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Marilyn Mangan; Virginia Mold; Jennifer Bower; Shannon Buchda; Beth Schuldt; Danyl Vavreck; Leah Janus.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Mr. Sinclair, Ms. Hines and Mr. Ward reviewed the 2019 State Fair's sales division income of \$17.2 million from food and beverage concessions, commercial exhibits, Midway, Kidway, ticketed attractions, sponsorships and touring promotional exhibits. The report will be reviewed by committee members and considered for approval at the January 2020, meeting of the sales committee.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Sinclair presented the following front footage rates for consideration for the 2020 State Fair, in four license categories:

Concession, non-food \$130 per front foot

Commercial exhibits \$115 per front foot
Institutional exhibits \$110 per front foot
Agriculture & industrial exhibits \$75 per front foot

After discussion, the front footage rates were adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Following a discussion of State Fair rules regarding transfer of personal property interests, the request of Fred Pittroff (Giant Ride, Inc.) to add the name of Stacey Barona to his license to operate the Giant Slide was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried, (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The sales committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; D.J. Leary; Danny Grunhord; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Jim Sinclair; Wally LeVesseur; Pam Simon; Heather Brady; Jill Nathe; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde Mell; Cory Franzmeier; Gail Anderson; Julian Schadeck; Michelle Butler; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Theresa Weinfurtnner; Nate Dungan; Carol Doyle; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Marilyn Mangan; Virginia Mold; Jennifer Bower; Shannon Buchda; Beth Schuldt; Danyl Vavreck; Leah Janus.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Mr. Hudalla and Mr. Casey provided an overview of State Fair facilities, with particular focus on construction of the new North End Event Center complex and reconstruction of the Cattle Barn. Mr. Casey also reviewed construction projects undertaken by owners of concession and exhibit structures on the fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla presented a proposed budget of standard maintenance projects for 2020 totaling \$2.5 million, and capital work totaling \$100,000. After review and discussion, the projects were approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0); the projects will be included in the comprehensive 2020 capital and maintenance budgets to be considered at the Society's January meetings.

The planning committee meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D.J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhord; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Mark Goodrich; Wally LeVesseur; Pam Simon; Heather Brady; Sean Casey; Jill Nathe; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Josie Belde Mell; Cory Franzmeier; Gail Anderson; Julian Schadeck; Michelle Butler; Chris Noonan; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Theresa Weinfurtnner; Nate Dungan; Carol Doyle; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Marilyn Mangan; Virginia Mold; Jennifer Bower; Shannon Buchda; Beth Schuldt; Danyl Vavreck; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Sept. 1, 2019, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Aug. 23 through Nov. 14, 2019, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Oleheiser, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Action taken earlier by the sales and planning committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the October financial statement as follows:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
Month Ending October 31, 2019**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2019		\$ 4,404,444
Add: Cash Deposits	\$13,176,689	
Less: Payroll Ending October 4	(316,454)	
Payroll Ending October 18	(311,580)	
Cash Disbursements	<u>(6,822,734)</u>	
	5,725,921	
Balance – October 31, 2019		\$10,130,365

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2019		\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance – October 31, 2019		\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – September 30, 2019		\$ 4,076,002
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		4,020
Less: Disbursements		(4,076,002)
Balance – October 31, 2019		\$ 4,020

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Account	\$10,674,154	\$10,130,365
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	-	4,020
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$10,680,705</u>	<u>\$10,140,936</u>

After discussion, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Grunhoyd, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Bagnoli reported on current issues in state government and previewed the 2020 legislative session including issues that may affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur reviewed fair-period payroll for 79 State Fair departments totaling \$2.5 million. Following discussion, the payroll report was approved on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Goodrich reviewed the '19 State Fair's agriculture, horticulture, creative arts and education contests; more than 16,000 people participated, entering nearly 38,000 animals, farm and dairy products, creative and fine art works and education projects. During Mr. Goodrich's remarks, he was congratulated by the board for recently being awarded an Honorary American FFA Degree.

Ms. Alexander gave a presentation on the State Fair's marketing, Grandstand and free stage entertainment, promotions and guest services, along with information on the State Fair's expansive education programs in agriculture, science, art and early learning. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Ward gave a summary of the State Fair's busy schedule of more

than 200 non-fair events during 2019. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Chung, Mr. Hammer and President Merkins reported on activities of the State Fair Foundation during 2019, including grants of \$1 million in support of the State Fair's facilities, environment and educational programs. Information only; no action taken.

A license for the sale of beer was granted for the Winter Beer Dabbler event Feb. 22, 2020, on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer gave an overview of the planning process for the 2020 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Edman provided an update on arrangements for the 2020 joint conventions of the Society, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and Midwest Showmen's Association Jan. 16-19 at the Doubletree Bloomington Hotel. Information only; no action taken.

Following nomination by the State Fair Honorary Life Member Advisory Committee, and approval by the State Fair Honors Committee, long-time State Fair attorney Kent Harbison was elected to the State Fair Hall of Fame on a motion by Mr. Wichmann, seconded by acclamation and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Merkins offered his thanks and congratulations to staff for the record-setting State Fair of 2019, and to State Fair staff and members of the board for their support during his 11 years of service to the Society's board of managers.

President Merkins declared the meeting in executive session at 12:13 p.m. The meeting was reopened and adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES**

Aug. 22 through Nov. 14, 2019

August

22 - The 2019 Great Minnesota Get-Together opened at 6 a.m. Later that morning, members of the Society's board along with architects, builders and donors conducted a ribbon-cutting to open the brand-new North End neighborhood. Society President Paul Merkins then presided over the official State Fair opening ceremony at the Bandshell.

23 - The Society hosted the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs board for lunch at the Officers Quarters. Hammer led a fairgrounds tour for Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and other Buckeye officials; Minnesota Governor Tim Walz joined the group for part of the tour.

26 - State Fair 50 Year Awards, recognizing a half-century of participation in the Great Minnesota Get-Together, were presented to eight individuals during ceremonies at the Hugh & Margaret Schilling Amphitheater at West End Market. The State Fair hosted a meeting of the Roseville Rotary Club at Heffron Park.

27 - Military Appreciation Day featured discounted admission for service members plus a variety of special activities including a ceremony at the State Fair Veterans Garden, programs at the Bandshell and Dan Patch Park and other activities throughout the fairgrounds. The State Fair Foundation conducted a board meeting at Heffron Park; during the meeting, the Fair and Foundation's State Fair Legacy Award was presented to the John Deere Corporation recognizing 120 years of participation at the State Fair.

29 - Judy Popp-Anderson of Albert Lea (Freeborn County) and Lowell Johnson of Brainerd (Crow Wing County) were named Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens during Senior Day ceremonies at the Bandshell.

September

1 - At a special ceremony honoring State Fair staff, 20 employees were recognized for their outstanding service, and five of this group were

presented with State Fair MVP Awards: Kevin Donovan, admissions; Maria Hayden, marketing; Tianna May, public safety; Lori Shoberg, admissions; and Tom Tousignant, public safety sub station.

2 - The 2019 Great Minnesota Get-Together closed with a record six Grandstand performance sellouts, six daily attendance records and a new overall attendance record of 2,126,731, with visitors from all 50 U.S. states plus 30 nations around the world. Visitors included Ohio Governor Mike DeWine; Ohio State Fair Manager Virgil Strickler, Columbus; Dade County Fair CEO Eddie Cora, Miami, Fla.; Outdoor Amusement Business Association President Greg Chiecko, West Springfield, Mass.; Iowa State Fair CEO Gary Slater and staff, Des Moines; Clay County Fair CEO Jeremy Parsons, Spencer, Iowa; Florida State Fair CEO Cheryl Flood, COO Mike Rogalsky and board member John Dicks, Jr., Tampa; Julie Beck from Rodeo Austin, Texas; South Carolina State Fair IT Director Kyle Gustafson, Columbia; North Carolina State Fair Assistant Manager James Romer, Raleigh; International Association of Fairs & Expositions official Rebekah Lee, Springfield, Mo.; and 15 International Press Institute journalists from around the world.

6 - State Fair staff attended an appreciation lunch at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

7 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a class reunion. Mancini's hosted an employee appreciation party. The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for a Minnesota United FC soccer match.

11 - Edman and Schoen attended a meeting at the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

12-19 - Metro Transit conducted their Bus Rodeo on the south Como parking lots.

13 - A wedding reception was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

13-16 - The Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

14 - The TC Model Railroad Club held their annual model railroad show and hobby sale in the Education Building. The Grandstand lots were used as shuttle parking for the University of Minnesota Gophers home football game. Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a class reunion.

15 - The Viking Chapter Antique Motorcycle Club held its fall swap meet at the north lots. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Twin Cities Community Walk used a south Como lot for shuttle service. Another south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for a Minnesota United FC soccer game.

18 - Vice President Fox and Alexander participated in the State Fair Foundation's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the Progress Center. The Wednesday Night Cross bike race was held in the Grandstand Infield. Schoen attended a training session on employee benefits presented by the State Employees Group Insurance program.

19 - Sinclair met with Dave Rustad of Midwest ATM to review their operation during the 2019 State Fair.

19-23 - The Western Saddle Club Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

20 - Noonan attended a board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

21 - Wedding receptions were held at the History & Heritage Center and at Schilling Amphitheater in West End Market, and at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

21-22 - Munchkin Market's Fall Children Consignment Sale was held at the Education Building. The Twin Cities Mission Furniture & 20th Century Design Sale was held in the Progress Center. The State 4-H Dog Show was held at the 4-H Building, Campgrounds and adjacent areas on Machinery Hill.

24 - The Wednesday Night Cross bike race was held in the Grandstand infield.

25 - Hammer gave the keynote address to the American Planning Association Conference at Breezy Point, Minn. Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association. The Metro Area Children's Water Festival was presented at Baldwin Park, the Progress Center, Home Improvement Building, 4-H Building, Heffron Park and adjacent areas on Machinery Hill. The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for a Minnesota United FC soccer match.

26 - Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted private party.

27 - Former State Fair Sign Shop Maestro Jordan Harper's groom's dinner was held in the History & Heritage Center.

27-28 - The State Fair and Sports Team Merchandise Clearance Sale was held at the Visitors Plaza.

27-29 - The International Gem & Jewelry Show was held in the Dairy Building. The Fall Festival Arabian Horse Show was presented at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

28 - A reunion was held at Giggles' Campfire Grill. The south Como lots were used for bus parking for the U of M's Roy Griak Invitational cross country race.

28-29 - The Fall Antique Spectacular Show & Flea Market was held at the Grandstand and infield. The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show & Sale was held in the Education Building. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Military Relic & Collectors Fall Show was held in the Progress Center.

29 - The Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Antique Auto Show was held at the north parking lots. The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for a Minnesota United FC soccer match.

29-Oct. 1 - Brady, Rougier, Quam, Klingner and Ward attended the Ungerboeck Software Seminar in St. Louis, Mo.

October

1-6 - The Minnesota Harvest Horse Show was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

3 - Merkins, Oleheiser, Hawkins and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation nominating committee. The Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association Snow Expo was conducted in the Dairy Building. O'Gara's at the Fair hosted a reunion.

4-5 - Twin Cities Oktoberfest was held in the Progress Center.

4-6 - Half Price Books Clearance Sale was held at the Grandstand.

5 - Midwest Comic Book Association's Fall Comicon was held in the Education Building. Shuttle parking for the University of Minnesota Gopher football home game was provided at the Grandstand lots. Giggles' Campfire Grill hosted a private party.

7 - Full-time staff attended a Lunch & Learn program featuring the State Fair's first aid and medical emergency providers from Regions Hospital.

7-9 - The Triglass Production Photoshoot took place in the Merchandise Mart.

7-16 - Butler and Schuldt worked with U of M agriculture extension students to present Ag In Action field trips in the Dairy Building.

8 - Hawkins and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's Finance & Investment Committee. Sinclair participated in an IAFE Education Foundation Board of Trustees conference call. The Mortenson Company outing was held in the Progress Center. The Freshwater Society met in the History & Heritage Center.

9 - Hammer and State Fair Foundation board member Lit Field met with Barry Gisser, CFO of the Science Museum of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota's 28th Annual Fall Invitational FFA recruiting event was held in the Miracle of Birth Center and Compeer Arena.

10 - Staff gathered in the FFA Chapter House to celebrate the

retirement of 20-year State Fair veteran livestock facilities rock star Greg Ahlbom.

12 - Grandstand lots were used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gopher football home game. The Kelly Rafferty wedding was held at the DNR complex. Rain Taxi's Twin Cities Book Festival was presented in the Fine Arts Center and Progress Center. The American Brain Tumor Association's Run & Walk at Como Park used the south Como lot for shuttle parking.

13 - The Twin Cities Roadsters Swap Meet was held at the north parking lots.

14 - Noonan gave a presentation on State Fair marketing at Apple Valley's Eastview High School. Alexander, Dungan and Buchda attended a presentation by Sean Sherman on indigenous food at the Minnesota History Center. Little Farm Hands Field Trip Day was held in the Dairy Building.

16 - The Midway Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at the History & Heritage Center.

17-20 - The Minnesota Beef Expo, presented by the State Fair, was held at the Warner Coliseum and livestock complex.

18 - Sinclair, Alexander, Simon, Ward, Hines, Doyle and Hughes participated in a post-fair review with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Noonan attended a board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

19 - The South Como lot was used as park and ride for St. Thomas vs. St. John's football game at the University of St. Thomas.

20 - The south Como lot was used as shuttle parking for a Minnesota United FC soccer match.

21 - Sinclair met with the Iowa State Fair's Gary Slater and Mike Nye to discuss midway operations.

22 - Noonan presented a State Fair overview to the New Brighton Rotary.

24 - Merkins, Hawkins and Hammer participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board in the Libby Conference Center. Edman, Mell, Woodis and Scibak attended a Minnesota Employee Resource & Service Company event in Bloomington.

26 - Grandstand lots were used as shuttle parking for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

26-27 - The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Show & Sale was held in the Warner Coliseum.

26-30 - Alexander and Dungan attended the International Entertainment Buyers Association Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn., where Alexander was named Chairwoman of IEBA for 2020.

27 - Riders & Ribbons Horse Show was held in Compeer Arena.

30 - Noonan attended a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

31 - A retirement celebration honoring the 23-year State Fair career of Awesome Fleet Services Manager Steve Roland was held at Operations headquarters.

November

1 - Mark Goodrich was recognized with the Honorary American FFA Degree for outstanding contributions to FFA and agriculture education at the 92nd National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Ind.

2 - The Jingle Bell Run footrace was conducted at West End Market and various roadways around the fairgrounds.

5 - Hudalla, Sinclair, Casey and Hines met with TKDA architect and engineering staff to discuss planning options for blocks 39 and 40.

Noonan gave a State Fair overview presentation to the Arden Hills-Shoreview Rotary.

7 - The State Fair Foundation hosted an event in the History & Heritage Center for Grand Champion donors featuring a presentation by events staff Franzmeier, Quam and Klingner. Hammer participated in a meeting of the Foundation's audit committee. Sinclair and Simon met with University of St. Thomas representatives to discuss their State Fair exhibit. Edman attended an employment law seminar presented Fredrikson & Byron law firm.

9 - Shuttle parking was provided at the Grandstand lots for a University of Minnesota Gophers home football game.

9-10 - Hmong American New Year celebration was held in the Warner Coliseum.



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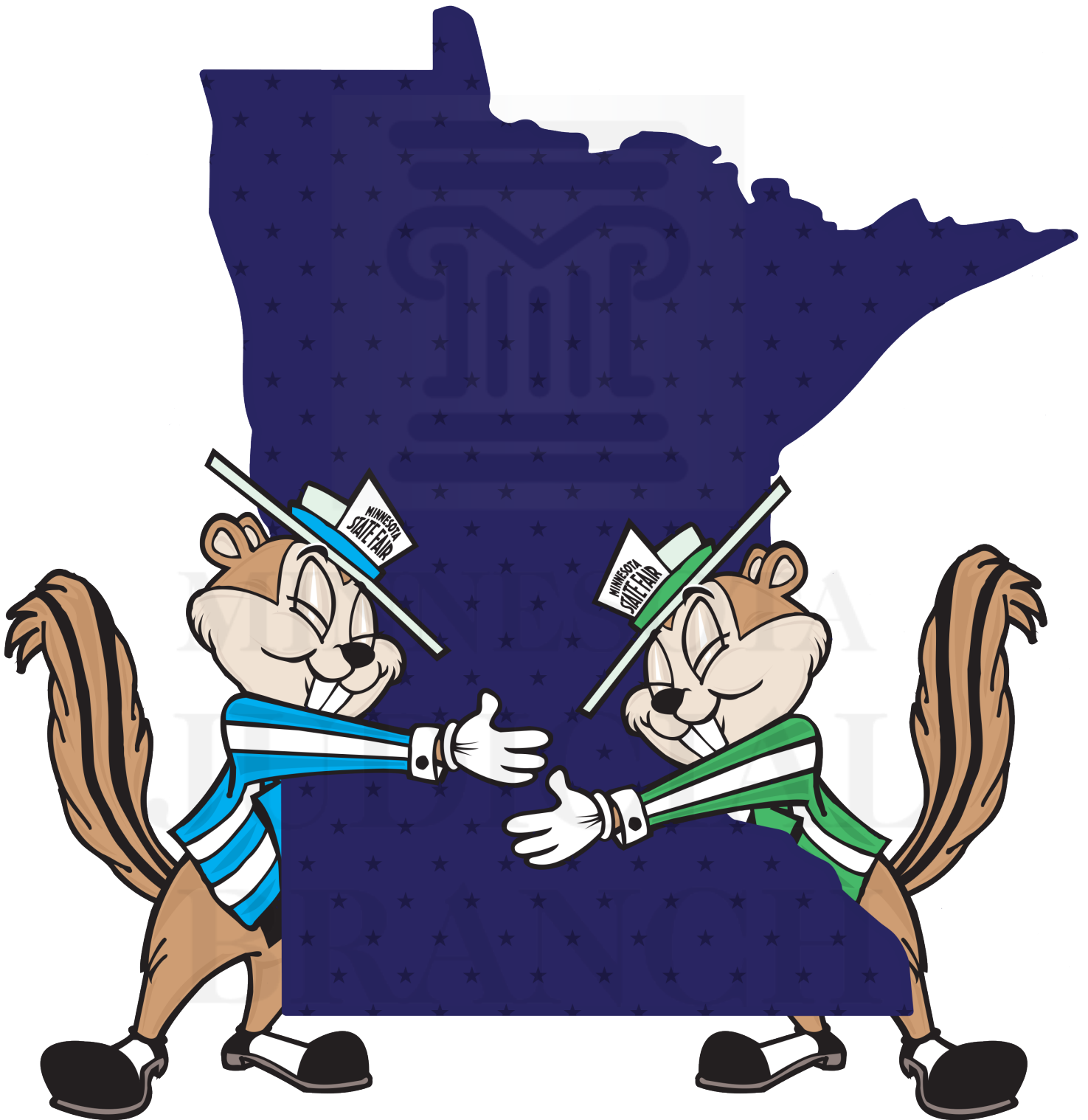
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This family enjoyed the first-ever drive-thru food parade on the fairgrounds last fall. They were able to get their fair food fix in a year without the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****January 16-17-18-19, 2020****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington**

The 161st annual meeting of the Society, held in conjunction with the annual conventions of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Midwest Showmen's Association, opened Thursday, Jan. 16, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE**5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020**

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, chairman; Joe Fox; D. J. Leary; Dan Grunhøvd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Carol Doyle; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Marilyn Mangan; Nikki Hines; Kim Scibak; Melissa Varriano; Mary Chung.

Chairman Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Mr. Sinclair reviewed the report of 2019 State Fair sales revenue, originally distributed at the Nov. 14, 2019, meeting of the board. The report was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented a request from K & M Recreation, Inc. (Robert J. Kohnen) to add the name of Debbie Kohnen to the license for operation of the Haunted House attraction. The request was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grunhøvd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0). In related discussion, Haunted House admission fee of \$5 for the 2020 State Fair was approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented the following Midway and Kidway ticket prices for the 2020 State Fair:

Single tickets - \$1; 28-ticket sheets - \$25; 60-ticket sheets - \$50; advance sale 20-ticket sheets - \$15.

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhøvd, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The following fees for percentage attractions at the 2020 State Fair were presented by Ms. Hines:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2019%	2020%
Big Adventures, Inc.	Turbo Bungy	25%	25%
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	15%	20%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	Rock Climbing Wall	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist	Artist CDs/DVDs	10%	10%
Merchandise Sales	Other Merchandise	20%	20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	Sling Shot	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	Krazy Maze	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Midway Rides and Shows	41%	41%
	Kidway Rides and Shows	43%	43%
	Games of Skill	23%	23%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	Skyscraper	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%

After discussion, the attraction percentages were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0). The approved percentage fees represent the fees payable to the State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied as follows; state sales tax (7.375%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the Minnesota State Fair and concessionaires is made on the net-of-tax balance.

Ms. Hines presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2019 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	Turbo Bungy	\$5
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	\$5
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	Rock Climbing Wall	\$5
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	Sling Shot	\$30 per rider Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$5
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	\$7 for driver \$4 for passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	Krazy Maze	\$5
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	Skyscraper	\$30 single Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3.50
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$4

After discussion, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Hines presented the following concessionaires recommended for beer and wine licenses at the '20 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ball Park Cafe, Inc. (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages & Cider
Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc., dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp, David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Tres-C, Inc. dba Café Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chicago Dogs, Inc. (Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul and Diana Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages

Werner's Frontier, Inc. (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
RC's Barbecue – American Restaurant Inc. (Randy Jernberg and Charlie Torgerson)	Block 28	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Creperie (Marc and Tracy Vezies)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC (Timothy Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of Saint Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch, Bldg. 286S Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Glenn Baron)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages
FireFly Group, Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Mintahoe, Inc. – MN Farm Wine Assoc. (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minnesota-Produced Wine
Midway Men's Club (Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
MJ Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
O'Gara's at The Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Cuisine Concepts dba Tejas (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Lancer Mgmt. - Minn. Craft Brewers Guild (Glenn Baron)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Bldg. Malt Beverages
GSH Food Services, Inc. dba The Hideaway (Brian and Jennie Enloe)	Block 28	1760 Dan Patch Ave., Grandstand Malt Beverages and Minn. Wine
The Hangar Group, LLC dba The Hangar (Nate and Stephanie Janousek)	Block 12	1673 Murphy Ave. Malt Beverages

After discussion, the concessionaires were approved for beer and wine licenses on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Sinclair presented the following commercial vendors recommended for multiple-site licenses at the '20 State Fair:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Laundry Products/ Heat Packs/Towels	2
Bobick Concessions	Corn Dogs, Footlong Hot Dogs & Soft Drinks	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ JD's Salsa	2
Crutchee's, Inc.	Cheese On-A-Stick & Lemonade	2

Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Apples, & Soft Drinks	2
F&W Concessions, Inc.	London Broil Sandwiches/ Pitchfork Sausages	2
Fire Brick Concessions, Inc.	Steak & Chicken Kabobs & Soft Drinks	2
First 2 Market LLC	Gripstic Bag Sealers/Refrigeration Air Purifiers	2
George Funk	Leather Goods/Coffee	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese On-A-Stick	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Soft Drinks/Cloud Rolls	2
Groscuth Equipment, Inc.	Superdog Corn Dogs & Soft Drinks	2
Holly's Hobby	Christmas Ornaments & Handcrafts	2
Larry Abdo	Big Fat Bacon/Gopher State Ice Co. (wholesale)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores	2
Midwest Dairy Assoc. of Minn.	Ice Cream, All You Can Drink Milk & Dairy Foods	2
Minn. Honey Producers Assoc.	Honey Foods, Books & Candles	2
Netterfield's Popcorn & Lemonade	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/ Food Court	2
Orange Treet LLC – Dairy Bar	Orange Treet Drink & Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Stafford Enterprises	Mats, Mops, Dusters/ Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Wine Bottle Openers/ Miracle Whisks	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries	2
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Bottling Inc.	Coca-Cola Soft Drinks	3
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Larry Immerman	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Poncho Dog Hot Dogs On-A-Stick	3
Lynn Davis	Rainbow Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples	3
Maxine Davis	Ice Cream & Caramel Apples/ Baked Potatoes	3
The Icee Company	Icee Frozen Beverages/ Packaged Candy	3
Crocker Enterprises, Inc.	Root Beer Barrels – Soft Drinks	4
Lancer Hospitality – Coliseum	Food, Beverages	4
Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Sno Cones/ Brats/Cheese Curds	4
Syndicate Sales Corp.	Food Processors/Cutlery/ Brooms/Mops/Dusters	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
MSF Foundation	Information/MSF Posters/Prints	7
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Following discussion, the multiple-site vendors were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Varriano reported on the State Fair's sponsorship program. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Quam and Mr. Klingner offered a report on the busy schedule of more than 200 year-round events at the State Fairgrounds. Information only; no action taken.

A non-fair event license for alcohol sales was approved for Chop Liver Craft Beer Festivals, Inc. (St. Paul Beer Fest June 13) on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared an executive session meeting of the board of managers at 5:38 p.m.; the executive session adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

Present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Jim Sinclair; Wally LeVesseur; Pam Simon; Debbie Edman; Patrick Schoen; Jill Nathe; Heather Brady; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Melissa Varriano; Mary Chung; Danyl Vavreck; Shana Zaiser; Joe Bagnoli; Jeremy Parsons.

President Merkins called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

The State Fair's government relations attorney Joe Bagnoli reported on the upcoming session of the Minnesota Legislature and issues that may affect the State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur presented historical background on attendance, the Society's sources of revenue and expense, annual cash flow, trends in gate ticket sales, food and beverage sales, long-term debt, fiscal year-end balances, net operating gains and depreciation followed by a detailed review of the Society's financial activities during fiscal 2019. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the proposed operating budget and projected year-end cash position for 2020, followed by discussion on the budget's relationship to capital and maintenance projects. Information only; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

Members present: Paul Merkins, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by President Merkins and declared in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by President Merkins at 4:55 p.m.

DISTRICT CAUCUSES OF THE SOCIETY

11:15 a.m. Saturday, January 18, 2020

Delegates from the first, third, sixth and eighth districts met in caucus to certify nominees for election to the State Fair board of managers during the Society's general business session Sunday, Jan. 19. Selected were Gordy Toenges of Alden (first district), Gail Johnson of Anoka (third district), Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids (sixth district) and Ray Erspamer of Hibbing (eighth district).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

Present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; D. J. Leary; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Ron Oleheiser; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Paul Merkins, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio; Cory Franzmeier, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Jim Sinclair; Wally LeVesseur; Pam Simon; Theresa Weinfurter; Steve Grans.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Mr. Hammer reported on the construction timeline of all current State Fair facilities dating from 1907 through the present, followed by a presentation on the most recent two decades of capital and maintenance work. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed \$20 million in capital and maintenance projects undertaken in fiscal 2019. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. Hudalla presented capital and maintenance project recommendations for 2020 totaling \$9.7 million. A summary of the project list follows, and includes projects previously approved at the Nov. 14, 2019, meeting of the board:

2020 MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Structure Improvements	\$ 3,475,000
B. Land Improvements	
BI. Fencing & Fixtures	-
BII. Land	250,000
BIII. Sewer System	-
BIV. Streets & Sidewalks	585,000
BV. Water Distribution System	-
BVI. Gas Distribution System	-
BVII. Land Purchases	-
TOTAL Land Improvements	\$ 835,000
C. Personal Property	\$ 90,000
D. Electric Plant:	\$ 100,000
TOTAL Improvements	\$ 4,500,000
E. Structure Maintenance	\$ 3,053,500
F. Land Maintenance	
FI. Fencing & Fixtures	207,500
FII. Land	245,000
FIII. Sewer System	101,000
FIV. Streets & Sidewalks	187,000
FVI. Water Distribution System	229,000
FVII. Gas Distribution System	2,500
TOTAL Land Maintenance	\$ 972,000
G. Personal Property Maintenance	\$ 350,500
H. Vehicle Maintenance:	\$ 173,000
I. Electric Plant Maintenance:	\$ 629,000
TOTAL Maintenance	\$ 5,178,000
Sub total Improvements & Maintenance	\$ 9,678,000
Cattle Barn – Accounts receivable	\$(1,100,000)
TOTAL Improvements & Maintenance	\$ 8,578,000

After discussion, Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Hawkins seconded and motion carried that the 2020 improvements and maintenance budget be approved by the committee as presented and recommended to the full board for approval (Aye-8; Nay-0). Included in the motion was staff authority to adjust, shift, add or cancel specific line items as appropriate to accommodate changes that occur throughout the budget year.

The planning committee adjourned at 1:56 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Merkins declared an executive session meeting of the board of managers at 2 p.m., and adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE SOCIETY

8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020

Delegates, staff and friends of the Minnesota State Fair met for breakfast and convened in general session at 8:30 a.m. President Merkins opened the meeting and asked State Fair CEO Jerry Hammer for his report. Mr. Hammer's report was accepted by the membership.

Long-time State Fair attorney Kent Harbison was inducted into the State Fair Hall of Fame and presented with his award by Mr. Fox and Mr. Hammer.

President Merkins called for a report of the credentials committee by Kathy Travis of Ramsey County. The committee report was presented as follows and adopted as read:

"Credential forms submitted to the State Agricultural Society have been inspected by the full committee. All credentials have been found to be in order with the following exceptions: There was one statewide association that did not have the correct information. Members of the Credential Committee do attest to the actions noted above on the 18th day of January 2020."

President Merkins called for a report of the resolutions committee. Committee member Kathy Travis of Ramsey County presented the following resolutions for consideration by the Society:

Whereas the Minnesota State Agricultural Society's presentation of the 2019 Minnesota State Fair was a success by every measure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members,

1. extends its gratitude to the more than 2 million guests who visited and participated in the 2019 Great Minnesota Get-Together and the additional 1 million people who came to events at the State Fairgrounds throughout the year, making 2019 the year we welcomed more people to the State Fairgrounds than any year in our history;
2. declares that the ongoing success of the fair is achieved through the combined efforts of many dedicated people, including staff, board of managers, volunteers, exhibitors, members of 4-H and FFA, concessionaires, entertainers, sponsors, media, contractors, advertisers, youth, and neighbors and community organizations in the areas surrounding the fairgrounds;
3. gratefully acknowledges the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's board, staff, donors and volunteers, who generously support the preservation and improvement of State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs; and
4. recognizes that it derives great benefit from its partnerships with and memberships in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, International Entertainment Buyers Association, Midwest Showmen's Association and other organizations that are essential to furthering and improving the fair industry locally, nationally and internationally.

Whereas the Minnesota State Fair strives to adapt and improve in an ever-changing environment and to vigorously pursue programs of the highest quality so that it is worthy of its reputation as one of the premier expositions in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members,

reaffirms its commitment to educate and engage people by presenting a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment and the innovative exchange of knowledge and ideas; provide outstanding customer service in a safe, clean, well-maintained environment that is accessible to all; and offer exceptional value while remaining financially independent through sound and fiscally responsible management.

Whereas the Great Minnesota Get-Together continues to be successful because thousands of individuals join together to present an unparalleled State Fair each summer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members, recognizes with our deepest sympathies the passing this last year of: Vince Agnifili, owner of the Oasis Aqua Massage commercial concession, at the State Fair since 2006; Dick Ames, friend and supporter of the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association Purple Ribbon 4-H Auction, the Arabian and Percheron horse industries and numerous other causes; David Bourn, proprietor of Hollywood Premiere Searchlight Advertising Co., who serviced and operated spotlights at the Coliseum and Grandstand for decades; Nick Cenaiko, owner of Cenaiko Expo Inc., product demonstration concessionaire; Ray Diekrager, long-time Minnesota State Fair Foundation volunteer from 2005 to 2019 and legacy benefactor; Robert "Bobby Dale" Engquist, master of ceremonies and stage manager of the Minnesota State Fair Bandshell from 1979 to 2004 and voice of the fair's free entertainment stages from 2005 to 2018; Margaret Hines, 16-year employee in the finance department; Laurie Kropp, partner with husband, Jim, in Kropp Enterprises Inc. cheese curd concession; Janet Kummala, full-time employee in the ticket office from 2002 to 2013; Tommy LaMotta of Diversified Amusements Inc., Midway game concessionaire; Allan Lotsberg, Gate 5 admissions employee for seven years; Daniel Lundeen, known as "Santa Dan," longtime supporter of the amateur talent contest; Brianna Franke Menssen, eight-year employee in Grandstand admissions; Lori Presser Murphy, owner of Ultimate Confections, candy concessionaire; John Paulmann, representative of the second district on the State Fair board of managers from 1997 to 2008; Edward J. Porcelli, owner/operator of Spaghetti Eddie's food and beverage concession; David Rosga, Gate 5 admissions employee since 2014; Duane Smith, farm crops superintendent from 1975 to 2001 and an Honorary Life Member of the Society and 50 Year Award winner; and Thomas Stevermer, who worked for more than 50 years in the admissions department.

Whereas, in 1885 the Society created the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and since then has operated and cared for these spectacular facilities; and **Whereas**, the Minnesota State Fairgrounds is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful and well-managed fairgrounds in the world; and **Whereas**, an outside commercial interest, solely for its own benefit, has attempted to interfere in the Society's management of the fairgrounds by, among other things, altering state law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Society urges continued public and government support to preserve intact the Society's authority to manage the fairgrounds, which the Society has done brilliantly for 136 years to the great benefit of all Minnesotans.

Whereas, the Minnesota State Fair has proven to be an internationally renowned, culturally rich exposition of education and exhibition and a time-honored tradition deeply rooted in the attendance and participation of youth and families; and **Whereas** a successful State Fair has Super Bowl-sized economic impact every year, and the state's tourism and hospitality industries are important to Minnesota; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, whose membership includes stakeholders from throughout the state, urges continued support for current state law requiring Minnesota's schools to open after Labor Day.

Whereas, this 161st annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society was an important gathering of members for meetings, networking and education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Society extends its gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of this annual meeting.

The resolutions were adopted as read.

President Merkins conducted the election of Society president for a term of one year. Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids was elected and assumed the chair.

President Oleheiser turned the chair over to State Fair board past president and Honorary Society Life Member Sharon Wessel of Hamel who nominated Paul Merkins for honorary life membership; Mr. Merkins was elected by acclamation and was presented with the Society Life Member Award and Past President Plaque.

President Oleheiser then proceeded to conduct elections as follows: D. J. Leary of Minneapolis was reelected to a two-year term as fifth district vice president; Gordy Toenges of Alden was re-elected to a three-year term as first district representative; Gail Johnson of Anoka was re-elected to a three-year term as third district representative; Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids was re-elected to a three-year term as sixth district representative; and Ray Erspamer of Hibbing was elected to serve the remaining two years of President Oleheiser's unexpired three-year term as eighth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Oleheiser declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020

Present: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; D. J. Leary, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Brady; Jill Nathe; Patrick Schoen; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Jim Rougier; Marie LeFebvre; Michelle Butler; Theresa Weinfurter; Nate Dungan; Lara Hughes; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Gail Anderson; Julian Schadeck; Cory Franzmeier; Sean Casey; Shannon Buchda; Carol Doyle; Marilyn Mangan; Melissa Varriano; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Abbi Berquam; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; Leah Janus; Liam Higgins.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

Ms. Edman administered oaths of office to newly elected board members as follows:

Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids, president (one-year term); D. J. Leary of Minneapolis, fifth district vice president (two-year term); Gordy Toenges of Alden, first district representative (three-year term); Gail Johnson of Anoka, third district representative (three-year term); Joe Scapanski of Sauk Rapids, sixth district representative (three-year term); and Ray Erspamer of Hibbing, eighth district representative (two years of unexpired three-year term).

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried, Jerry Hammer of St. Paul was re-appointed to a one-year term as executive vice president of the Society (Aye-9; Nay-0). Ms. Edman administered the oath of office to Mr. Hammer.

Minutes of the board meeting conducted Nov. 14, 2019, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhove and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 14, 2019, through Jan. 16, 2020, were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur presented the financial statement for Dec. 31, 2019, as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending December 31, 2019

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2019		\$ 7,044,364
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,302,215	
Less: Payroll Ending Dec. 13	(256,244)	
Payroll Ending Dec. 27	(155,520)	
Cash Disbursements	(1,756,950)	
		(866,499)
Balance - Dec. 31, 2019		\$6,177,865

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2019	\$ 451	
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance - Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 451	

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2019	\$ (10)	
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		
Less: Disbursements	\$ 10	
Balance - Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 0	

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Account	\$7,226,887	\$ 6,177,865
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account	<u>9,989,387</u>	<u>0</u>
(Note Proceeds)		
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$17,222,825</u>	<u>\$ 6,184,416</u>

After review, the statement was approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. LeVesseur:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signatory authority: Operating account – Jerry Hammer and Wally LeVesseur with "Hammer/LeVesseur" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll accounts; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Jerry Hammer or Wally LeVesseur. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2020 were presented by President Oleheiser:

Finance - Grunhove, chairman; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; LeVesseur, ex officio.

Foundation Nominating - Oleheiser, chairman; Fox; Hawkins; Hammer.

Governmental Affairs - Johnson, chairman; Fox; Grunhove; Hawkins; Leary; Scapanski; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors - Fox, chairman; Alexander; Goodrich; Hudalla; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Life Member Advisory - Merkins, chairman; Baker; Lake; Foss; Grass; Keenan; Krueger; Lake; Paulson; Prokosch; Reinhardt; Schmidt; Simons; Wenzel; Wessel; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Edman, ex officio.

Operations - Hawkins, chairman; Fox; Grunhovd; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Franzmeier, ex officio.

Planning - Toenges, chairman; Erspamer; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Scapanski; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; Casey, ex officio; Franzmeier, ex officio.

Public Affairs - Wichmann, chairman; Fox; Johnson; Leary; Scapanski; Toenges; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio.

Rules - Leary, chairman; Erspamer; Grunhovd; Johnson; Scapanski; Toenges; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Goodrich, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio; Nathe, ex officio.

Sales - Scapanski, chairman; Erspamer; Fox; Grunhovd; Hawkins; Johnson; Leary; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2020:

Administration - Leary

Employment Office - Toenges

Competition

Bee Culture - Fox

(superintendent open)

Beef Cattle - Grunhovd

(Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)

Christmas Trees - Fox

(Kim Ustruck, superintendent)

Creative Activities - Johnson

(Curt Pederson, superintendent)

Dairy Cattle - Johnson

(Deb Kraus, superintendent)

Dairy & Boer Goats - Fox

(Mark Boorsma & Gretchen Sankovit, superintendents)

Dairy Products - Wichmann

(Lisa Radamacher, superintendent)

Dog Trials - Erspamer

(JoAnna Yund, superintendent)

K-12 Competition - Fox

(Florence Newton, superintendent)

Farm Crops - Fox

(Ron Kelsey, superintendent)

Fine Arts - Toenges

(Jim Clark, superintendent)

Flowers - Fox

(Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)

4-H - Johnson

(Brad Rugg, superintendent)

Fruits - Fox

(Louis Quast, superintendent)

FFA - Grunhovd

(T.J. Brown, superintendent)

Horses - Toenges

(Pam Keeler, Steve Tibbetts, Don Bauleke, superintendents)

Llamas - Erspamer

(Jen Rouillard, superintendent)

Milking Parlor - Wichmann

(Doris Mold, superintendent)

Miracle of Birth - Fox

(Jim Ertl, superintendent)

Poultry - Scapanski

(Paul Bengtson, superintendent)

Seniors - Grunhovd

(Marge Krueger, superintendent)

Sheep - Leary

(Jo Bernard, superintendent)

Swine - Hawkins

(Jerry Hawton, superintendent)

Vegetables - Fox

(Phil Klint, superintendent)

Entertainment - Toenges

Grandstand Production - Leary

(Gary Perkins, superintendent)

Heritage Exhibits - Erspamer

(Jan Bankey, superintendent)

Finance - Hawkins

Gate Ticket Sales - Wichmann

(JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)

Midway Ticket Sales - Erspamer

(Damara Jefferson & Anne Nyumah, superintendents)

Marketing - Scapanski

Operations - Leary

Admissions - Hawkins

(Dave Woodis, superintendent)

Park & Ride - Hawkins

(Sarah Peterka, superintendent)

Parking - Wichmann

(Jim Benz, superintendent)

Public Safety - Grunhovd

(Paul Paulos, superintendent)

Sanitation - Johnson

Sales - Scapanski

Attraction Ticket Takers - Scapanski

(Anthony Elwood & Matt Bakkom, superintendents)

The appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in recess at 10:48 a.m. for committee meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the '20 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon the presentation of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Wichmann called the meeting to order.

Ms. Alexander presented advertising, marketing and publications budgets for 2020. After discussion, the budgets were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

RULES & PREMIUM LIST COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Leary called the meeting to order.

Authority was granted to Mr. Hammer's delegate to make adjustments in rules, release dates and premium allocations for competitive departments in accordance with guidelines established by the Society's 2020 operating budget on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scapanski and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Grunhovd called the meeting to order.

The 2020 operating budget, which was reviewed in detail by the board Jan. 17, and the 2020 improvements and maintenance budgets, which were approved Jan. 18 by the board's planning committee, were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser reconvened the meeting of the board at 10:55 a.m.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

After discussion, the following admission fee schedule for the 2020 State Fair was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Adults (13-64).....	\$15
Seniors (65+).....	\$13
Children (5-12).....	\$13
Kids (4 & under).....	Free
Seniors & Kids Days promotions.....	\$10
Thrifty Thursday Adults.....	\$13
Thrifty Thursday Children & Seniors.....	\$10
Military Appreciation Day*.....	\$10
Read & Ride Day Adults**.....	\$13
Read & Ride Day Kids**.....	\$10
Auto parking.....	\$15
Motorcycle parking.....	\$9
All-ages pre-fair discount.....	\$12

* Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses. All must present valid documentation of military service.

** Discount applies to persons who present a valid library card at the gate.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of current agreements with building trades contractors Toltz, King, Duvall & Anderson architects and engineers, Collins Electric, Inc. electricians, Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.; and Spriggs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; the contractor agreements were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Leary and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to the following job classifications and pay ranges on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0):

Operating Classification

Title: Specialist

\$680 to \$1,240 weekly (\$35,360 to \$64,480 yearly)

Intermediate & Professional Classification

Title: Supervisor

\$860 to \$1,310 weekly (\$44,720 to \$68,120 yearly)

Middle Management Classification *

Title: Manager

\$1,300 to \$1,830 weekly (\$67,600 to \$95,160)

Executive Classification *

Titles: Director, Deputy General Manager

\$1,490 to \$2,780 weekly (\$77,480 to \$144,560 yearly)

* Exempt from overtime

The Society's legal representation by Fredrickson & Byron, P.A., and Joe Bagnoli, Esq., was approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's audit firm of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski and Radosevich & Co., P.A. was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Ms. Alexander provided an outlook on entertainment bookings for the '20 State Fair. Information only; no action required.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES**

Jan. 20 through April 2, 2020

January

24-26 - The Legacy Luau Gymnastics Meet was held at the Warner Coliseum.

24-Feb. 2 - The Saint Paul Winter Carnival's Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Championship was presented at the Kidway lot. Noonan gave a presentation on marketing careers to Roseville Middle School students.

27 - Sinclair and Hines met with Stephanie Shimp and David Burley of the Blue Barn, and Brian Tempas of Cuningham Group Architects to review their proposal for an addition to their concession structure at West End Market.

28 - A Lunch & Learn session featuring Allianz Field General Manager Justin Borrell was held at the Libby Conference Center.

29 - Saint Paul Fire Department training exercises were conducted at the Warner Coliseum.

30 - Event staff met with Mintahoe Catering & Events to discuss potential catering operations at the North End Event Center.

31 - Noonan gave a presentation on marketing careers to Sanford Middle School classes.

February

1 - A North Star Roller Derby bout was held at the Warner Coliseum.

2 - Schoen, Scibak and Woodis met with staff of Jennings Community School in St. Paul to discuss employment and fundraising opportunities for students.

4-8 - Sinclair, Simon, Ward and Hines attended the National Independent Concessionaires Association's Business Expo and Fare Foods Show, the International Independent Showmen's Association Trade Show and the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

5 - Simon, Quam, Klingner and Ward met with staff of the Roseville Visitors Association to discuss upcoming events.

7 - Sinclair and Hines attended the Outdoor Amusement Business Association Annual Meeting in Tampa, Fla., where Sinclair was elected to the OABA board.

10 - Sinclair and Simon met with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss their interest in an automated vehicle exhibit at the upcoming State Fair.

12 - A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff was presented at Flaherty's in Arden Hills. Schoen, Scibak and Woodis gave a presentation to administrative staff of Minneapolis Public Schools on employment and fundraising opportunities.

14 - Staff participated in a conference call with Etix representatives regarding Midway and Kidway ticket systems, and attended a presentation on esports.

15-16 - The Gina Morri Invitational Gymnastics meet was held at the Warner Coliseum.

18 - Sinclair and Hines met with Skip Johnson and Mick Mader of the River Raft Ride to discuss the attraction.

19 - Oleheiser, Hawkins, Hammer and Chung participated in a Minnesota State Fair Foundation planning session.

21 - Noonan attended a board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

22 - The Winter Beer Dabbler was held at the Midway lot and Warner Coliseum.

24 - Alexander, chairperson of the International Entertainment Buyers Association, conducted an IEBA board meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

25 - Schoen and Woodis participated in the Roseville Area Job, Career & Resource Fair. Hudalla met with management of the Capital Regions Watershed District to discuss the State Fair's stormwater management plan.

26 - Noonan attended a Visit Roseville board meeting.

27 - Schoen and Woodis participated in the Minnesota Private Colleges Job and Internship Fair.

28 - Schoen and Woodis participated in the University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair. Sinclair, Hudalla, Casey, Steffenhagen, Hines and Hagen met with representatives of State Fair engineers TKDA and the State Fire Marshal to discuss life safety improvements for the Ye Old Mill. Noonan gave a presentation on careers in marketing to students at the Farnsworth Aerospace Upper Campus.

28-29 - Twin Cities Regional Science Fair was held at the Warner Coliseum.

29 - The opportunity to create an entry for Feb. 29 occurs only once every four years, so here it is.

March

3 - Woodis attended a Minnesota Employee Resource and Service Company event.

4 - Sinclair, Goodrich, Nathe, LeFebvre and Hines met to discuss exhibit placement in the Agriculture Horticulture Building.

5 - Mike Heffron, lifelong State Fair employee and general manager from 1977 to 1997, State Fair Hall of Famer and greatly respected icon of the fair industry, died at his home in Roseville. A Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff was presented by the producers of Hmong Minnesota Day at the fair.

5-7 - Schadeck attended the IAFE Impact & Impressions Specialty Seminar in Columbus, Ohio, and facilitated two workshops on ticket technology.

7-9 - Hudalla, Rougier, Meyer and Chief Paulos attended the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo in Houston, Texas.

8 & 9 - Many current and former staff, board members and other State Fair friends and associates attended visitation and memorial services for former State Fair Manager Mike Heffron in St. Paul.

10 - Minnesota Farmers Union representatives offered a presentation at a Lunch & Learn session for full-time staff.

11 - Staff honored long-time Box Office Manager Gail Anderson with a retirement celebration, recognizing nearly 30 years of service as one of the best and most influential ticket managers in North America. Schoen participated in a job fair for Minneapolis Public Schools.

13 - Hammer and State Fair bond counsel Peter Cooper discussed State Fair financial matters.

16 - Dullinger, Grans and Noonan met via conference call with Metro Transit representatives regarding production of the Express Bus and Park & Ride brochure.

20 - Noonan attended a conference call board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

23 - Hammer participated in a conference call with the CEOs of State Fairs in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin.

25 - Hammer and LeVesseur conducted a teleconference with State Fair bond counsel Peter Cooper and financial advisors Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft of Public Financial Management.

26 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Brady participated in a teleconference with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A. to review their audit of State Fair financial activities for fiscal 2019.

29 - Edman met with staff of the DoubleTree Bloomington Hotel to wrap up the Society's 2020 annual meeting, held in January.

30 - Hammer participated in a conference call with the CEOs of State Fairs in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin.

April

1 - Hammer and LeVesseur consulted with State Fair bond counsel Peter Cooper and PFM financial advisors Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft regarding financial matters.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2020

Teleconference

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhovid; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair, Brian Hudalla, Renee Alexander, Mark Goodrich, Wally LeVesseur, Pam Simon, Debbie Edman, Jill Nathe, Sean Casey, Mary Chung, Leah Janus.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes of the Society's board meetings, committee meetings, caucuses and general business session conducted Jan. 16-19, 2020, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0; one abstain-Erspamer).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Jan. 19 through April 2, 2020, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Erspamer and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The Society's financial statement for February 2020 was presented as follows by Mr. LeVesseur:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY Month Ending February 28, 2020

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – January 31, 2020		\$ 4,269,710
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,246,598	
Less: Payroll Ending February 7	(244,341)	
Payroll Ending February 21	(245,822)	
Cash Disbursements	<u>(1,209,383)</u>	
		(452,948)

Balance - February 29, 2020 \$ 3,816,762

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – January 31, 2020 \$ 451
Add: Interest Earned
Securities Purchased
Less: Securities Redeemed
Balance - February 29, 2020 \$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – January 31, 2020 \$ -
Add: Note Proceeds
Interest -
Less: Disbursements
Balance - February 29, 2020 \$ -

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Account	\$ 5,836,070	\$ 3,816,762
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note Proceeds)	<u>10,012,395</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$15,855,016	\$ 3,823,313

After discussion, the report was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Simon and Mr. Sinclair reported on activities within the sales and attractions division, and planning for the 2020 State Fair. Information only; no action taken.

A report on State Fair agricultural and creative contests, along with educational programs, was presented by Ms. Nathe and Mr. Goodrich. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Alexander provided an update on the State Fair's extensive entertainment program, and reported on marketing activities. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla and Mr. Franzmeier provided an update on State Fair operations, capital and maintenance projects, and facilities work. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Edman reported on activities within the administration division. Information only; no action taken.

A report on the State Fair Foundation's fundraising activities and programs was presented by Mary Chung. Information only; no action taken.

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in executive session at 11:51 a.m.

The meeting reopened at 12:26 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0), and adjourned by President Oleheiser at 12:29 p.m.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES**

April 3 through May 22, 2020

April

6 - Hammer participated in a teleconference with State Fair managers from Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin.

7 - Noonan attended an Etix webinar on system communication tools.

9 - Noonan attended an Explore Minnesota seminar conducted by the Minnesota Department of Tourism on the virus' effect on statewide tourism.

13 - Hammer participated in a teleconference with State Fair managers from Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin. Noonan attended an MSP Publications webinar on crisis marketing. Noonan recorded a virtual presentation on State Fair marketing for Best Prep schools.

14 - Hammer and Chung participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Foundation's investment committee.

15 - Butler and Schuldt participated in a Minnesota Women's Agricultural Leadership webinar. Dullinger participated in a teleconference with the IAFE Advertising, PR & Promotions Committee.

16 - Hammer, Alexander and Chung participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Foundation's marketing committee. Hammer and Sinclair participated in a conference call with past chairs of the IAFE. Alexander moderated a podcast on force majeure in entertainment contracts for the International Entertainment Buyers Association.

17 - Alexander moderated an International Entertainment Buyers Association podcast on venues reopening in the pandemic. Noonan attended a virtual board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

20 - Alexander, Dungan, Buchda, Weinfurter and Hughes participated in Live Events Town Hall virtual conversation on live entertainment during a pandemic, presented by Backstage Productions and Pollstar. Alexander and Franzmeier participated in a University of Minnesota-led project on sustainability.

21 - Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce webinar regarding the virus' impact on the 2020 election.

23 - Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee. Schadeck participated in a Ticketing Task Force online meeting to discuss planning for the pandemic with staff of the Ohio State Fair, Indiana State Fair, Iowa State Fair, Colorado State Fair and Wisconsin State Fair. Butler participated in an online discussion on the pandemic hosted by the IAFE.

28 - Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation's executive committee. Butler, Noonan and Dullinger participated in an IAFE discussion on hosting virtual fairs. Noonan attended a webinar with Minnesota DEED Commissioner Steve Grove on the pandemic's effect on small businesses hosted by the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Dullinger participated in a Visit St. Paul teleconference on social media communications.

29 - Sinclair participated in a teleconference meeting of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association board. Noonan attended a virtual board meeting of Visit Roseville.

30 - Sinclair, Goodrich and LeFebvre met via teleconference with Tami Bremseth of 4-H Youth Development to discuss an agreement with 4-H.

May

1 - Hammer participated in a webinar panel discussion titled "Road to Recovery: Outdoor Public & Event Spaces" hosted by the Minnesota Destination Medical Center initiative.

3-5 - Dullinger, Gilbertson, Mold, Schadeck, Schoen and Woodis participated in the IAFE Institute of Fair Management Virtual Summit.

4 - Hammer had a teleconference with Minnesota Federation of County Fairs secretary Tiffany Gustin. Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce communications committee meeting.

5 - Alexander, Buchda, Lewis and seasonal staff selected participants for the 2020 Arts A'Fair program.

6 - Hammer met via teleconference with Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. Dullinger participated in a teleconference with the IAFE Advertising, PR & Promotions Committee. Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce webinar on small businesses in the pandemic.

7 - Hawkins, Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation Finance & Investment Committee.

8 - Alexander participated on a panel of live entertainment industry professionals regarding the pandemic's effect on business. Noonan attended a virtual meeting for Visit St. Paul.

11 - Hammer had a teleconference with Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

for a status report on the State Fair. Butler participated in a virtual panel discussion with Minnesota Ag Literacy. Alexander, Schadeck and Ostapowycz met with Etix partner Lyte Inc. to discuss post-primary ticketing services.

13 - Hammer had a teleconference with U.S. Senator Tina Smith for a fair update. Edman and Schoen participated in a teleconference with the St. Paul Human Resources Association.

14 - Oleheiser, Hawkins, Hammer, Alexander and Chung participated in a teleconference board meeting of the State Fair Foundation.

15 - Noonan attended a virtual board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

18 - Hammer participated in a teleconference with state fair CEOs from Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Missouri. Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce webinar with U.S. Representative Betty McCollum on federal response to the pandemic.

19 - Hammer, Sinclair, Hudalla, Goodrich and Alexander met via teleconference with Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm and Minnesota Governor's Assistant Chief of Staff Patrick Tanis.

20 - Noonan attended a virtual Visit Roseville "Roseville in Bloom" committee meeting.

22 - State Fair full-time staff participated in a staff meeting teleconference.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2020

Teleconference

Members participating: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also participating: Jim Sinclair; Brian Hudalla, Renee Alexander, Mark Goodrich, Wally LeVesseur, Pam Simon, Debbie Edman, Jill Nathe, Sean Casey, Mary Chung, Leah Janus, Joe Bagnoli.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and declared the meeting in executive session.

President Oleheiser opened the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Hammer reviewed how the pandemic has affected fair preparations, how the ability of tens of thousands of State Fair partners to present a fair had been eroded and how it would be impossible to safely produce a fair in 2020. Following the review, the 2020 State Fair was canceled on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Oleheiser declared the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

May 23 through June 11, 2020

May

26 - Alexander had a teleconference with Giant Sing Along producers to discuss a virtual presentation. Butler participated in an IAFE virtual discussion on fairs during the pandemic.

27 - Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce webinar on social media, led by Danielle Dullinger.

28 - Hammer and Simon participated in a teleconference with fairs and agricultural shows in the U.S., England and Australia that have canceled their 2020 events; the conference was hosted by the IAFE. Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce economic development series webinar on strengthening the community after the pandemic.

June

2 - Hammer participated in a teleconference with the CEOs of state

fairs in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin. Alexander, Simon and Noonan met with iHeart Radio staff to discuss potential summer programming. Dullinger participated in a teleconference with the IAFE Advertising, PR & Promotions Committee.

2-12 - The Roseville Visitors Association conducted "Roseville In Bloom" flower statue painting in the Merchandise Mart.

4 - Sinclair participated in a teleconference meeting of the IAFE Education Foundation board, during which he was elected board chair. Alexander, Duda and Hughes had a teleconference with Kevin Cannon, commemorative artist for 2020, to discuss next steps for this year's art. Butler and Hoven participated in a virtual panel discussion with Minnesota Ag Communicators Group.

10 - Edman and Schoen attended a teleconference meeting of the St. Paul Human Resources Association. Butler participated in an IAFE webinar on animal health.

11 - State Fair full-time staff participated in a staff meeting teleconference.

11-12 - Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce virtual retreat.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2020

Teleconference

Members participating: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also participating: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Mark Goodrich; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Pam Simon; Jill Nathe; Cory Franzmeier; Sean Casey; Theresa Weinfurter; Michelle Butler; Blaire Hoven; Patrick Schoen; Chris Noonan; Tim Dybevik; Danielle Dullinger; Julian Schadeck; Nikki Hines; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; Ryan Coleman; Brett Ward; Emily Quam; Erik Klingner; Steve Grans; Melissa Varriano; Virginia Mold; Teri Blair; John Lewis; Paul Paulos; Leah Janus; Joe Bagnoli; Jim Eichten, MMKR; Jackie Huegel, MMKR.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes of the Society board meeting conducted April 3 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities from April 3 through June 11 and the Society's May 22 board meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Erspamer and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Bagnoli reviewed the 2020 session of the Minnesota legislature including issues with potential impact on the Society. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Eichten and Ms. Huegel of Malloy Montague Karnowski Radosevich & Co., P.A., reported on their audit of Society's 2019 fiscal activities. Following discussion, the audit was approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The financial statement for May 2020 was presented by Mr. LeVesseur and Mr. Hammer as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Month Ending May 31, 2020

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – April 30, 2020	\$ 4,259,173
Add: Cash Deposits	\$ 1,546,586
Less: Payroll Ending May 1	(246,600)
Payroll Ending May 15	(246,351)
Payroll Ending May 29	(241,339)

Cash Disbursements	<u>(1,156,101)</u>	
		(353,805)
Balance – May 31, 2020		\$ 3,915,368
BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:		
Balance – April 30, 2020		\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance – May 31, 2020		\$ 451
CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:		
Balance – April 30, 2020		\$ -
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		-
Less: Disbursements		
Balance – May 31, 2020		\$ -
CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Account	\$ 2,581,249	\$ 3,915,368
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	<u>8,049,476</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 10,637,276</u>	<u>\$ 3,921,919</u>

Following discussion, the statement was accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur presented a resolution authorizing the amendment of the State Fair 2009 Subordinated Indebtedness Note to extend its maturity, and authorizing certain other actions. The complete resolution is on file at the Society offices on the State Fairgrounds. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Grunhove and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Ms. Chung and Mr. Hammer reviewed State Fair Foundation activities. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and senior staff reported on developments during the ensuing weeks since cancellation of the 2020 State Fair, followed by a detailed review of staff priorities moving forward. Information only; no action taken.

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in executive session at 11:54 a.m.; the meeting was reopened at 12:31 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Erspamer and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES June 12 through Aug. 27, 2020

June

11-12 - Noonan attended an online board meeting and retreat of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

18 - Sinclair, Simon, Quam and Klingner participated in a teleconference with representatives of the state departments of Health and Employment & Economic Development to discuss guidelines for conducting horse shows and other events during the pandemic.

24 - Alexander participated in a teleconference meeting of the International Entertainment Buyers Association Educational Outreach Board.

25 - Sinclair participated in a conference call of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association Government Relations Committee.

July

6 - Hammer, Sinclair, Goodrich, Simon, Quam, Klingner and Bower participated in a conference call with Commissioner of Agriculture Thom Peterson and Steve Tibbetts regarding possible presentation of the Western Saddle Clubs horse show.

9 - Alexander presented via Zoom to the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association.

13 - Sinclair participated in an IAFE Education Foundation Board of Trustees meeting.

15 - Hammer and LeVesseur participated in a teleconference with finance advisors, bond counsel and Bremer Bank representatives.

22 - A celebration of life memorial for Bob Rudie was held at the History & Heritage Center.

28 - State Fair staff participated in an online Lunch & Learn presentation with Hart Johnson of TivoliToo. Sinclair, Hudalla, Casey, Franzmeier, Hagen and Ward met with Dave Rustad of Midwest ATMs to discuss cash machines at the State Fair Food Parade.

29 - Noonan participated in a Visit Roseville board meeting.

30-Aug. 16 - Dinosaur Adventure drive-through event was conducted Thursdays through Sundays at the Grandstand infield.

31 - Staff gathered to social-distantly celebrate the retirement from full-time employment of long-time and much-acclaimed Deputy General Manager Mark Goodrich. Tickets for the first-ever State Fair Food Parade went on sale, broke Etix and sold out in less than three hours.

August

4 - Hammer, Edman and Janus participated in a teleconference with representatives of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and Midwest Showmen's Association to discuss annual joint conventions scheduled for January 2021.

5 - Hammer and LeVesseur held a teleconference with Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft of PFM and Liam Higgins of Bremer Bank. Nathe was a panelist for an IAFE webinar where she discussed the State Fair's 2020 fine arts exhibition.

6 - Hammer participated in a panel discussion for membership of Meet Minneapolis. Oleheiser, Hawkins, Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation nominating committee.

11 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Joe Bagnoli discussed communications with the Minnesota governor's office.

12 - State Fair full-time staff met in the Coliseum where Length of Service Awards were presented to Dennis Calkins, Debbie Edman, Shannon Buchda, Renee Alexander, Steve Barnett, Michelle Barris, Kevin Levine, Robin Goldstein and Dani Vavreck. Hammer and LeVesseur conducted a teleconference with PFM representatives Heather Casperson and Chuck Upcraft, bond counsel Peter Cooper and Liam Higgins of Bremer Bank. Hammer, Sinclair, Nathe and Chung participated in an online event for State Fair Foundation donors.

13 - Hawkins and Hammer participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Foundation finance committee.

19 - Staff participated in an emergency procedures training session for the State Fair Food Parade. Hammer, Edman and Casey participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Honorary Life Member committee. Hammer and LeVesseur, the State Fair's bond counsellor and team of financial advisors met via teleconference with Bremer Bank representatives.

20 - Winners of the 2020 State Fair Youth Scholarships were announced: Jessica Beckendorf, Renville; Emily Bollum, Austin; Luke Borst, Rochester; Brenna Connelly, Byron; Olivia Flack, Lake Crystal; Renae Harvey, Lake City; Emily Jopp, Richmond; Bridget Kaari,

Stillwater; Adrienne Lipinski, Eden Valley; Emma Loveless, Owatonna; Catherine Nelson, Ada; Sophia Nienaber, Scandia; Anna Prchal, Montgomery; Isaac Rott, Elgin; Owen Scheffler, Zumbrota; Zoey Schentzel, Farmington; Bailee Schiefelbein, Kimball; Kendra Waldenberger, Spring Grove; Madelyn Wehe, Faribault; Daniel Williamson, Spicer. Hammer and Chung participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Foundation development committee. Sinclair participated in an Outdoor Amusement Business Association Re-Opening Task Force conference call.

20-24, 27-30, Sept. 3-7 - The first-ever (and hopefully only) State Fair Food Parade drive-through event was held throughout the State Fairgrounds, featuring 16 favorite food vendors, entertainment and special activities.

21 - Noonan participated in an online board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

24 - Hammer and LeVesseur met with financial advisor Heather Casperson of PFM. Sinclair participated in an IAFE Education Foundation Board of Trustees meeting.

27-Sept. 7 - The Fine Arts Exhibition of Minnesota was presented to a limited audience at the Fine Arts Center.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020

State Fair Bandshell

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Leah Janus; Peter Cooper; Heather Casperson; Liam Higgins.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Society board meeting conducted June 12 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities from June 11 through Aug. 27 were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. LeVesseur and Mr. Hammer presented the July 2020 financial statement as follows:

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2020

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2020	\$2,991,380
Add: Cash Deposits	\$592,132
Less: Payroll Ending July 10	(261,686)
Payroll Ending July 24	(297,718)
Cash Disbursements	(539,517)
	(506,789)
Balance – July 31, 2020	\$2,484,591

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – June 30, 2020	\$ 451
Add: Interest Earned	
Securities Purchased	
Less: Securities Redeemed	
Balance – July 31, 2020	\$ 451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – June 30, 2020	\$ -
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Add: Note Proceeds

Interest	-
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Less: Disbursements

Balance – July 31, 2020	\$ -
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CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	2019	2020
Operating Account	\$2,805,781	\$2,484,591
Petty Cash	24,563	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	<u>4,065,803</u>	-
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$6,896,598</u>	<u>\$2,491,142</u>

Following discussion, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Grunhovd and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Bond Counsel Peter Cooper, Heather Casperson of Public Financial Management, Liam Higgins of Bremer Bank along with Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur provided background on Society finances. Included was discussion on refinancing and restructuring current Society debt service and establishing additional funding to finance Society operations through the pandemic. Information only; no action taken.

The Society's joint annual convention with the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and Midwest Showmen's Association scheduled for January 2021 was discussed. Given the current state of the pandemic and the impossibility of conducting a large gathering that follows state and federal health and safety guidelines, the Society recommends no in-person convention in January of 2021. Mr. Hawkins moved, Mr. Scapanski seconded and motion carried to join with the Federation and Showmen and jointly inform the meeting site hotel that their facilities will not be utilized in January 2021 (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer presented the following list of 2020 State Fair Youth Scholarship winners: Jessica Beckendorf, Renville; Emily Bollum, Austin; Luke Borst, Rochester; Brenna Connelly, Byron; Olivia Flack, Lake Crystal; Renae Harvey, Lake City; Emily Jopp, Richmond; Bridget Kaari, Stillwater; Adrienne Lipinski, Eden Valley; Emma Loveless, Owatonna; Catherine Nelson, Ada; Sophia Nienaber, Scandia; Anna Prchal, Montgomery; Isaac Rott, Elgin; Owen Scheffler, Zumbrota; Zoey Schentzel, Farmington; Bailee Schiefelbein, Kimball; Kendra Waldenberger, Spring Grove; Madelyn Wehe, Faribault; and Daniel Williamson, Spicer. Information only; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Erspamer, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2020

Teleconference

Members participating: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhovd; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also participating: Peter Cooper; Heather Casperson; Chuck Upcraft; Wally LeVesseur; Jim Sinclair; Jill Nathe; Pam Simon; Leah Janus.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

Bond counsel Peter Cooper reviewed details of two resolutions - Authorizing Resolution 20-02 outlining the Society's authority to take certain actions, and Sixth Supplemental Resolution 20-03 which restructures the Society's debt service schedule. After discussion, each resolution was adopted unanimously. Complete resolutions are on file at Society offices on the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES****Sept. 4 through Oct. 23, 2020****September**

4-7 - The State Fair Food Parade continued through Labor Day.

10 - Edman and Schoen attended a virtual employee benefits training session. Noonan recorded a presentation for use in the University of Minnesota Certificate in Festival Management program.

11 - Hammer and Edman participated in a conference call with Minnesota Federation of County Fairs executive director Tiffany Gustin to discuss the 2021 joint annual conventions of the Society, Federation and Midwest Showmen's Association.

15 - Hammer, Sinclair, LeVesseur and Nathe met with IAFE Executive Director Marla Calico to discuss the current state of fairs and festivals. Schadeck and Ostapowycz attended an Etix virtual conference.

17 - Hammer presented a program on State Fair operations during the pandemic to members of MN Events Coalition.

18 - Noonan participated in a board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

23 - Hammer and Edman participated in a teleconference with Tiffany Gustin and Steve Storck of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs to discuss the 2021 joint annual conventions of the Society, Federation and Midwest Showmen's Association. Noonan participated in a Midway Chamber of Commerce board executive committee meeting. State Fair staff held a post-Summer Food Parade and pre-Fall Food Parade lunch.

25 - Hammer participated in a teleconference with managers from state fairs in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin. Transition of State Fair finance functions to an Enterprise Resource Planning module was completed.

28-30 - State Fair staff participated in training sessions for the new finance module, conducted by K&R Consulting.

30 - Hughes and Noonan participated in a Visit Roseville board meeting; Noonan's term on the board has ended, and Hughes succeeds her as State Fair representative.

October

1 - The State Fair Fall Food Parade opened, running Thursdays through Sundays through Oct. 11. Hammer and Chung participated in a teleconference meeting of the State Fair Foundation Corporate Governance Committee. Schadeck participated in an online meeting with ticket managers from Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Colorado to discuss ticket procedures and planning.

5 - Noonan attended a virtual volunteer recognition program conducted by Best Prep – a Minnesota-based non-profit that provides education services.

7 - Scibak participated in the American Heart Association's basic life support program.

12 - Hammer and Edman discussed options for the Society's '21 annual meeting with State Fair attorney Leah Janus. Alexander served as a panelist for the International Entertainment Buyers Association's virtual conference. Employee benefits program provided seasonal flu vaccinations for State Fair staff at the Libby Conference Center.

14 - Hammer and LeVesseur discussed financing with bond counsel Peter Cooper, financial advisor Heather Casperson and Bremer Bank officials. Noonan participated in a Midway Chamber of Commerce board executive committee meeting.

15 - Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation finance and investment committees.

16 - Noonan participated in a board meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

21 - Sinclair participated in an Outdoor Amusement Business

Association board meeting conference call. Scibak attended an American Heart Association virtual CPR updates course.

22 - Oleheiser, Fox and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation nominating committee.

23 - Hammer, Alexander, Edman, Weinfurter, Scibak, Freestyle Productions Dale Kivimaki and Minnesota Federation of County Fairs Executive Director Tiffany Gustin met to discuss the 2021 annual meetings of the Society and Federation.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD****11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, 2020****Teleconference**

Members participating: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer, Danny Grunhord; Jeff Hawkins; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer.

Also participating: Wally LeVesseur, Jim Sinclair, Mary Chung, Renee Alexander, Pam Simon, Debbie Edman; Peter Cooper; Heather Casperson.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

State Fair Bond Counsel Peter Cooper reviewed Authorizing Resolution No. 20-04 and the Seventh Supplemental Resolution No. 20-05 regarding State Fair finance protocols and procedures (complete resolutions are on file at Society offices on the State Fairgrounds).

After discussion, Authorizing Resolution No. 20-04 was adopted on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Following further discussion, Seventh Supplemental Resolution No. 20-05 was adopted on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Next meeting of the State Fair board of managers was set for Friday Nov. 13.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES****Oct. 23 to Nov. 13, 2020****October**

27 - Edman and Schoen attended a virtual seminar on employment law, presented by Fredrikson & Byron law firm. Sinclair, LeVesseur, Rougier, Coleman, Schadeck, Hines and Ward met via teleconference with Etix regarding a cashless ticket system for the Midway and Kidway.

28 - Hammer, LeVesseur and Alexander participated in a teleconference with Bond Counsel Peter Cooper, Financial Advisor Heather Casperson and Bremer Bank executives to finalize finance agreements. Sinclair chaired a teleconference meeting of the IAFE Education Foundation Board of Trustees. Hughes participated in a board meeting of the Roseville Visitors Association.

29 - Oleheiser, Fox, Hawkins, Hammer and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation board. Woodis held a teleconference with McDowell Agency regarding a new employee background check system. Edman and Schoen attended a virtual employment law seminar presented by Fredrikson & Byron law firm.

30 - U.S. presidential candidate Joe Biden's election committee conducted a campaign event at the Transit Hub lot. Dullinger gave a virtual presentation to the University of Minnesota's Backpack Communications on State Fair marketing.

November

4 - Sinclair, Simon, Quam and Klingner participated in a conference call with representatives of Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health

to discuss State Fairgrounds sites for drive-thru covid testing and vaccination. Sinclair participated in an OABA member forum regarding the attractions industry in 2021.

5 - Hammer (almost) and Chung participated in a meeting of the State Fair Foundation Audit Committee. Sinclair, Hines and Casey met with Bob Kirschner to discuss expansion of the Leinie Lodge temporary concession structure at the Bandshell.

9 - Noonan participated in a Midway Chamber of Commerce board executive committee meeting.

13 - Edman attended a Fredrikson & Byron employment law webinar. Noonan attended a virtual Visit Saint Paul membership meeting.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND SALES
& PLANNING COMMITTEES
10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2020
Teleconference**

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members participating: Joe Scapanski, chairman; Joe Fox; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Ron Oleheiser, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Also participating: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Jill Nathe; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Sean Casey; Heather Brady; Theresa Weinfurter; Michelle Butler; Carol Doyle; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Steve Grans; Cory Franzmeier; Mike Hagen; Ryan Coleman; Robin Goldstein; Tim Dybevik; Michelle Barris; Lara Hughes; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Shannon Buchda; Melissa Variano; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Marie LeFebvre; Blair Hoven; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Keith Burg; Teri Blair; Mark Goiffon; Mary Chung; Jennine Duda; John Lewis; Dani Vavreck; Paul Paulos; Leah Janus.

Chairman Scapanski called the meeting of the Sales Committee to order at 10:03 a.m.

Mr. Sinclair offered a report on sales division activities during the year and provided an outlook for the coming year. Information only; no action taken.

The Sales Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members participating: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Ron Oleheiser, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio; Cory Franzmeier, ex officio.

Also participating: Renee Alexander; Jill Nathe; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Heather Brady; Theresa Weinfurter; Michelle Butler; Carol Doyle; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Steve Grans; Mike Hagen; Ryan Coleman; Robin Goldstein; Tim Dybevik; Michelle Barris; Lara Hughes; Chris Noonan; Danielle Dullinger; Abby Harazin; Shannon Buchda; Melissa Variano; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Marie LeFebvre; Blair Hoven; Virginia Mold; Samantha Gilbertson; Keith Burg; Teri Blair; Mark Goiffon; Mary Chung; Jennine Duda; John Lewis; Dani Vavreck; Paul Paulos; Leah Janus.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Hudalla and Mr. Casey reviewed the status of State Fairgrounds facilities and provided an update on maintenance and improvements projects. Information only; no action taken.

The planning committee adjourned at 10:37 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Members participating: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhove; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Gordy Toenges; Wally Wichmann; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also participating: (See Sales Committee, above.)

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Minutes of interim activities and board meetings conducted Aug. 27, Sept. 4 and Oct. 23 were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The October 2020 financial statement was presented by Mr. LeVesseur as follows:

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY
MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2020**

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2020		\$1,687,932
Add: Cash Deposits	\$1,303,219	
Less: Payroll Ending October 2, 2020	(251,239)	
Payroll Ending October 16, 2020	(300,204)	
Payroll Ending October 31, 2020	(281,224)	
Cash Disbursements	(623,747)	
		(153,195)
Balance – October 31, 2020		\$1,534,737

BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:

Balance – September 30, 2020	\$	451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance – October 31, 2020	\$	451

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:

Balance – September 30, 2020	\$	-
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest	\$	-
Less: Disbursements		
Balance – October 31, 2020	\$	-

CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Account	\$10,130,365	\$1,534,737
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account (Note proceeds)	4,020	-
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$10,140,936</u>	<u>\$1,541,288</u>

After discussion, the statement was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The State Fair's summer and fall Food Parades were reviewed by Mr. Hammer, Ms. Varriano and Ms. Hines. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hammer and Mr. LeVesseur gave a comparative report of State Fair staff payrolls for 2019 and 2020. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Nathe provided an overview of agricultural education and competitive department activities. Information only; no action taken.

The State Fair's abbreviated schedule of non-fair events was reviewed by Ms. Simon, Ms. Quam and Mr. Klingner. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Chung reported on activities of the State Fair Foundation. Information only; no action taken.

Ms. Edman and Mr. Hammer provided an update on the upcoming annual meeting of the Society, set for Jan. 12-15, 2021.

Mr. Hammer reported on action taken by the State Fair Honors Committee, recommending long-time Deputy General Manager Mark Goodrich for induction into the State Fair Hall of Fame. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Gordy Toenges, seconded by Jeff Hawkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer also reported that retiring State Fair Vice President D. J. Leary will be nominated by the Life Member Advisory Committee for Honorary Life Membership in the Society at January's annual meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 24, was approved as a paid holiday for full-time staff on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in executive session at 12:26 p.m. The meeting was reopened at 12:45 p.m., and adjourned at 12:46 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF INTERIM ACTIVITIES

Nov. 14 2020 through Jan. 14, 2021

November

16 - Dullinger, Noonan and Varriano met with Bridging MN to discuss a Minnesota State Fair Community Gives Together event. Noonan participated in a careers panel discussion with Minneapolis Southwest High School students.

17 - Hammer, Alexander, Edman, Weinfurter, Scibak and Minnesota Federation of County Fairs exec Tiffany Gustin met with Dale Kivimaki and Dan Froelich to review plans for the 2021 joint annual meetings of the Federation and Society. Hammer and Sinclair recorded a presentation for fair management students at California Polytechnic State University. Sinclair participated in an Outdoor Amusement Business Association online forum regarding events in 2021.

18 - Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting.

18-Jan. 3 - The GLOW Holiday Festival, featuring more than 1 million lights, music and video, was presented by GLOW Holiday Festival LLC and utilized most of the fairgrounds.

19 - Board and staff participated virtually in the IAFE Zone 4 annual business meeting. Sinclair, Simon, Franzmeier, Klingner and Quam met with GLOW Holiday Festival promoter Rand Levy, representatives of the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development and the State Attorney General's Office to discuss festival safety requirements. Edman and Schoen participated in an online employment law seminar presented by Fredrikson & Byron. Hammer and Chung participated in an online meeting of the State Fair Foundation's development committee.

20 - Oleheiser, Fox and Hammer conducted a teleconference to discuss the Society's 2021 annual meeting. Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce board meeting.

21 - Ramsey County Public Health conducted drive-through covid testing in Compeer Arena.

24 - The State Fair held a one-day flash sale of discount admission tickets, and sold more than 52,000 tickets.

30 - Sinclair attended the virtual annual meeting of the Showmen's League of America.

30-Dec. 2 - Sinclair participated virtually in the IAFE annual convention in his capacity as chairman of the IAFE Education Foundation.

December

1 - Hammer, Alexander, Weinfurter, Edman, Scibak and Tiffany Gustin

of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs met with Dale Kivimaki and staff of Freestyle Productions to plan the Society's '21 annual meeting.

2 - Sinclair participated in an online meeting of the OABA board. Hammer met with Minnesota Congressman Tom Emmer's staff member Bobby Benson to discuss the impact of the coronavirus on the fair industry.

3 - LeVesseur and Brady held a conference call with Jim Eichten and Jackie Huegel of MMKR to discuss the Society's upcoming 2020 financial audit. Sinclair, Simon, LeFebvre and Weinfurter met by teleconference to review submissions for fair-time exhibit building decorating services.

5 - Ramsey County Public Health conducted drive-through covid testing in Compeer Arena. Noonan gave a marketing careers presentation to Upward Bound students.

8 - Sinclair attended the IAFE annual business meeting teleconference. Alexander attended an IAFE virtual business meeting.

9 - Noonan attended a Midway Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee meeting.

10 - Hammer gave a presentation to members of the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce. Sinclair, LeVesseur, sales staff, Brady and Rougier participated in a conference call with Ungerboeck Software.

12 - Ramsey County Public Health conducted drive-through covid testing in Compeer Arena. State Fair staff hosted the State Fair's Community Gives Together partnership with Bridging MN charity to collect kitchen ware donations at the south Como parking lot.

15 - Members of the State Fair board, staff, family and friends attended online funeral services for Ann Fox, wife of State Fair Vice President Joe Fox. Hammer, Alexander, Edman, Weinfurter, Scibak and Minnesota Federation of County Fairs exec Tiffany Gustin met with Dale Kivimaki and Dan Froelich for continuing discussions on the 2021 joint annual meetings of the Federation and Society. Hammer and Sinclair participated in a meeting of IAFE's past chairmen.

16 - Members of the State Fair board and staff attended an online event for Grand Champion donors to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Staff participated in a virtual holiday gathering, hosted by Santa Timmy D. Noonan moderated a panel discussion on sponsorship for the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Hughes attended Visit Roseville board meeting as the newly appointed member.

18 - Sinclair, LeVesseur, Hines, Ward, Schadeck and Rougier met virtually with Etix representatives regarding their electronic ticketing system.

19 - Ramsey County Public Health conducted drive-through covid testing in Compeer Arena.

21 - Hammer attended a virtual "Good Riddance to 2020" event with managers of state fairs in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin.

29 - Hammer, Alexander, Weinfurter, Edman and Scibak met with Dale Kivimaki and staff of Freestyle Productions to discuss production of the Society's '21 annual meeting.

January

4 - Hammer and Chung participated in an online meeting of the State Fair Foundation's audit committee.

5 - Hammer, Alexander, Weinfurter, Edman and Scibak met with Dale Kivimaki and staff of Freestyle Productions to discuss production of the Society's '21 annual meeting.

6 - Sinclair participated in an online OABA Member Forum regarding contact-free payment and credit card technology.

7 - Hammer, Oleheiser, Fox, Hawkins and Chung participated in an online meeting of the State Fair Foundation's nominating committee. Hammer, Hawkins and Chung participated in an online meeting of the

State Fair Foundation's finance and investment committees.

8 - Staff attended a socially distant retirement gathering for long-time facilities staff member Jim Shafer.

13 - Noonan attended a meeting of the Midway Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee.

14 - Sinclair chaired a conference call meeting of the IAFE Education Foundation Board of Trustees.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

January 11-14, 2021

Teleconference

To protect the health and safety of its members during the pandemic, the Society's 2021 annual meeting was held via teleconference.

MEETING OF THE CREDENTIALS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES

6 p.m. Monday, January 11

Representatives of the Society's nine regional districts met to review credential applications of Society delegates from Minnesota's 87 county fairs and various statewide agricultural and educational associations. Action taken by the Credentials Committee is recorded in the minutes of the Society's Annual Meeting general business session conducted Jan. 14.

The same district representatives met as the Resolutions Committee and approved resolutions as recorded in the minutes of the Society's Jan. 14 general business session.

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMITTEE & GOVERNING BOARD

4 p.m. Wednesday, January 13

MEETING OF THE SALES COMMITTEE

Members participating: Joe Scapanski, chairman; Joe Fox; Gordy Toenges; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Wally Wichmann; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhove; Ron Oleheiser, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Jim Sinclair, ex officio; Pam Simon, ex officio.

Members present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Jill Nathe; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Cory Franzmeier; Heather Brady; Sean Casey; Mike Hagen; Theresa Weinfurter; Patrick Schoen; Kim Scibak; Michelle Butler; Nate Dungan; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Chris Noonan; Abby Harazin; Julian Schadeck; Keri Huber; Sheila Gilbertson; Blaire Hoven; Virginia Mold; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; John Lewis.

Chairman Scapanski called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Ms. Hines presented the following percentage fees for attractions at the 2021 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2021%	2019%
Big Adventures, Inc.	Turbo Bungy	25%	25%
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	20%	20%
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	30%	30%
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	25%	25%
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	30%	30%
Grandstand Artist	Artist CDs/DVDs	10%	10%
Merchandise Sales	Other Merchandise	20%	20%
Hot Shot Thrill Rides	<u>Sling Shot</u>	25%	25%
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	30%	30%

KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	25%	25%
Krazy Maze LLC	Krazy Maze	25%	25%
Mighty Midway and Kidway	Kidway Rides and Shows Midway Rides and Shows Games of Skill	43% 41% 23%	43% 41% 23%
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	30%	30%
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	25%	25%
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	20%	20%
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	40%	40%
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	25%	25%

Attractions underlined are located in Adventure Park

The percentage fees above represent the fee(s) payable to the Minnesota State Fair on receipts from ticket sales associated with operation of the preceding attractions. Percentages are applied as follows; state sales tax (7.375%) is deducted from gross receipts and reconciliation between the Minnesota Fair and concessionaires is made on the net of tax balance.

Following discussion, the percentage fees were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Ms. Hines presented the following ticket prices for the attractions:

CONCESSIONAIRE	ATTRACTION	2021 TICKET PRICE(S)
Big Adventures, Inc.	<u>Turbo Bungy</u>	\$5
Biggest Wheel LLC	Ferris Wheel	\$5
D.M.C., Inc.	Skyride	\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Fun Adventures, Inc.	<u>Rock Climbing Wall</u>	\$5
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide	\$2.50
Hot Shot Thrill Rides, Inc.	<u>Sling Shot</u>	\$30 per rider \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
K & M Recreation, Inc.	Haunted House	\$5
KMB Performance, Inc.	Go Karts	\$7 for driver \$4 for passenger
Krazy Maze LLC	Krazy Maze	\$5
Mighty Midway/Kidway	Rides & Games of Skill	\$1.00 single \$25.00 for 28 tickets (\$.893 per ticket) \$50.00 for 60 tickets (\$.834 per ticket)
	Advance Purchase	\$15.00 for 20 tickets (\$.750 per ticket)
Skyfair, Inc.	SkyGlider	\$4.50 one-way \$7 round trip
Skyscraper Two, Ltd.	<u>Skyscraper</u>	\$30 per rider Early Bird \$25 per rider from opening to 1 p.m.
Spineless Wonders	Butterfly House	\$3.50
Tinsley Amusements, Inc.	Carousel	\$2.50
Ventnor Place, Inc.	Space Tower	\$4

Underlined attractions are located at Adventure Park and operate on a central ticket system.

After review, the ticket prices were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Erspamer and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The following concessions were presented by Ms. Hines for beer and wine licenses at the 2021 State Fair:

CONCESSIONAIRE	BLOCK	LOCATION
Andrus Concessions, Inc. (Robert and Joseph Andrus)	Block 42	1774 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
Ball Park Cafe, Inc. dba Ball Park Cafe (Daniel and David Theisen)	Block 35	1312 Underwood St., Crossroads Bldg. Malt Beverages & Cider
Blue Plate Restaurant Company Inc., dba The Blue Barn (Stephanie Shimp, David Burley)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages
Tres-C, Inc. dba Café Caribe (Joel and Mary Chesin)	Block 42	1770 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Chi-Dogs, Inc. dba Chicago Dogs (Anne Chesin)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Coasters, Inc. (Paul Hohenwald)	Block 42	1804 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Dino's Gyros Festivals, Inc. dba Dino's Gyros (Constantin, Vona and Jason Adamidas)	Block 36	1701 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverage
Werner's Frontier, Inc. dba Frontier Bar (Richard C. Werner)	Block 42	1790 Carnes Ave., Arcade Bldg. Malt Beverages
American Restaurant, Inc. dba RC's Barbecue (Randy Jernberg and Charlie Torgerson)	Block 28	1801 Dan Patch Ave., Bldg. 289A Malt Beverages
French Creperie (Marc Vezies and Tracy Anderson)	Block 36	1711 Carnes Ave. Minn. Wine
Giggles' Campfire Grill LLC dba Giggles' Campfire Grille (Timothy J. Weiss)	Block 19	1520 Cooper St. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
H.M.H. of Saint Paul, Inc. dba Shanghaied Henri's (Henry and Ellen Hanten)	Block 47	1658 Judson Ave., International Bazaar Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Hildebrand Concessions, Inc. (Jan Hildebrand)	Block 28	1755 Dan Patch Grandstand Seating Area Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
CMK Investments dba Leinie Lodge (Robert J. Kirschner)	Block 34	1302 Cooper St., Bandshell Malt Beverages
Lancer Management Services, Inc. (Tony Arvidson)	Block 50	1784 Judson Ave., Coliseum Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
FireFly Group, Inc. dba LuLu's Public House (Charlie Burrows and Mike Brennan)	Block 27	1839 W. Dan Patch Ave. West End Market Malt Beverages
Mancini's al Fresco LLC dba Mancini's al Fresco (Pat and Jane Mancini)	Block 36	1715 Carnes Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Mintahoe, Inc. dba Minnesota Wine Country (James McMerty)	Block 44	1271 Underwood St. Minn. Wine
Midway Men's Club (Francis Michael Wright)	Block 30	1354 Underwood St. Malt Beverages
M.J. Financial Group, Inc. dba Ragin Cajun (Ronald Jacob)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden

O'Gara Bar & Grill dba O'Gara's at the Fair (Daniel and Kris O'Gara)	Block 34	1626 Dan Patch Ave. Malt Beverages & Minn. Wine
Three Amigos LLC dba Tejas Express (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 35	1670 Dan Patch Ave., The Garden Malt Beverages
Lancer Mgmt. Services (Wayne Kostroski and Mark Haugen)	Block 45	1263 Cooper St., Ag-Hort Bldg. Malt Beverages
GSH Food Services, Inc. dba The Hideaway (Brian and Jennie Enloe)	Block 28	1760 Dan Patch Ave., Grandstand Veranda
The Hangar Group LLC dba The Hangar (Nate and Stephanie Janousek)	Block 12	1673 Murphy Ave. Bldg. 121 Malt Beverages

Following discussion, the vendors were approved as presented on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-7: Nay-O).

The following commercial vendors were presented by Mr. Sinclair, and recommended for multiple-site licenses:

CONCESSION-EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	SITES
Batten Industries	Nellie's Laundry Products/ Heat Packs/Towels/Humidifiers/ Power Cords	2
Bobick Concessions	Corn Dogs, Footlong Hot Dogs & Soft Drinks	2
Cenaiko Enterprises, Inc.	Chamois, Shami Mops/ JD's Salsa/Bloody Mary Mix	2
Crutchee's, Inc.	Cheese On-A-Stick & Lemonade	2
Delrick Enterprises	Popcorn, Caramel Apples, Soft Drinks, Caramel Corn, Candy, Root Beer Floats	2
F&W Concessions, Inc.	London Broil Sandwiches/ Pitchfork Sausages & Soft Drinks	2
Fire Brick Concessions, Inc.	Steak & Chicken Kabobs & Soft Drinks	2
First 2 Market LLC	Gripstic Bag Sealers/Refrigeration Air Purifiers	2
George Funk	Leather Goods/Coffee, Tea, Green Tea Slushes	2
George's Fun Foods	Popcorn, Caramel Apples, Soft Drinks, Cotton Candy, Lemonade Shakeups, Chocolate Covered Bananas, Ice Cream	2
Giant Ride, Inc.	Giant Slide/Cheese On-A-Stick, Lemonade	2
Gregory J. Tetrault	Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Soft Drinks/Cloud Rolls	2
Groscurth Equipment, Inc.	Superdog Corn Dogs & Soft Drinks	2
Holly's Hobby Ltd.	Christmas Ornaments & Handcrafts	2
Larry Abdo	Big Fat Bacon/Gopher State Ice Co. (Ice-wholesale permit only)	2
Mark Andrew	French Fries/S'Mores, Milk, Soft Drinks	2
Midwest Dairy Assoc. of Minn.	Ice Cream, All You Can Drink Milk & Dairy Goods	2

Netterfield's Popcorn & Lemonade, Inc.	Popcorn, Caramel Corn/Food Court, Hamburgers, Sausages, Turkey Legs, Nachos, Chicken Wings, Hot dogs, Corn dogs	2
Orange Treet LLC	Orange Treet Drink & Smoothies/Dairy Bar	2
Stafford Enterprises	Mats, Mops, Dusters/Therapy Products	2
Starr International	Wine Bottle Openers/Miracle Whisks	2
Wozniak Concessions, Inc.	Fresh Cut French Fries, Soft Drinks	2
Kathy Yahr	Cotton Candy	3
Larry Immerman	Cotton Candy	3
Leah H. O'Neil	Poncho Dog Hot Dogs On-A-Stick, Soft Drinks	3
Lynn Davis	Rainbow Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Caramel Apples, Bomb Pops	3
Maxine Davis	Ice Cream & Caramel Apples/Baked Potatoes, Soft Drinks	3
The Icee Company	Icee Frozen Beverages/Packaged Candy	3
Crocker Enterprises, Inc.	Root Beer Barrels – Soft Drinks	4
Lancer Hospitality – Coliseum	Food, Beverages	4
Schroder Concessions, Inc.	Popcorn, Sno Cones/Brats/Cheese Curds	4
Syndicate Sales Corp.	Food Processors/Cutlery/Brooms/Mops/Dusters/Knives/Food Saver bowl covers	4
Wee Dazzle	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	4
Dandy Souvenirs	Novelties, Souvenirs & Toys	8

Following review, the vendors were approved as recommended for multiple sites on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Erspamer and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

Ms. Quam and Mr. Klingner reviewed 2020's limited schedule of non-fair events and previewed upcoming events. Information only; no action taken.

A non-fair event alcohol sales license was approved for Chop Liver Craft Beer Festivals, Inc. to produce St. Paul Summer Beer Fest June 12 on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The sales committee meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Gordy Toenges, chairman; Joe Fox; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhovd; Ron Oleheiser, ex officio; Jerry Hammer, ex officio; Brian Hudalla, ex officio; Sean Casey, ex officio; Cory Franzmeier, ex officio.

Also present: Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Jill Nathe; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Cory Franzmeier; Heather Brady; Sean Casey; Mike Hagen; Theresa Weinfurter; Patrick Schoen; Kim Scibak; Michelle Butler; Nate Dungan; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Chris Noonan; Abby Harazin; Julian Schadeck; Keri

Huber; Sheila Gilbertson; Blaire Hoven; Virginia Mold; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; John Lewis.

Chairman Toenges called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

Mr. Hammer reviewed the Society's investment of \$170 million in fairgrounds' facilities during the previous two decades, leaving the fair in good position to limit capital and maintenance projects for the time being.

Mr. Hudalla reported on improvements and maintenance projects undertaken in 2020 – most of which were suspended in March due to the pandemic. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla presented a minimal schedule of basic maintenance projects for 2021 totaling \$1.5 million. The maintenance projects were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

The planning committee meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-7; Nay-0).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Members present: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Gordy Toenges; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Ray Erspamer; Danny Grunhovd; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Wally LeVesseur; Jill Nathe; Debbie Edman; Pam Simon; Cory Franzmeier; Heather Brady; Sean Casey; Mike Hagen; Theresa Weinfurter; Patrick Schoen; Kim Scibak; Michelle Butler; Nate Dungan; Steve Grans; Brett Ward; Nikki Hines; Lara Hughes; Danielle Dullinger; Chris Noonan; Abby Harazin; Julian Schadeck; Keri Huber; Sheila Gilbertson; Blaire Hoven; Virginia Mold; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; John Lewis; Joe Bagnoli.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Mr. Hammer presented the recommended Society operating budget for 2021 built around three broad scenarios. The uncertainty fueled by the pandemic requires that State Fair planning proceeds on multiple tracks with maximum flexibility to improvise. Information only; no action taken.

State Fair government relations representative Joe Bagnoli reported on the current session of the Minnesota legislature and issues that may have an impact on the State Fair.

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in executive session at 5:40 p.m. The executive session was adjourned and the meeting reopened at 6:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-8; Nay-0).

DISTRICT CAUCUSES OF THE SOCIETY

Seventh District Caucus

6:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 13

Teleconference

Delegates from the Society's seventh district met in caucus and certified incumbent Wally Wichmann of Balaton for reelection to a three-year term as district representative.

Ninth District Caucus

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 13

Teleconference

Delegates from the Society's ninth district met in caucus and certified incumbent Danny Grunhovd of Gary for reelection to a three-year term as district representative.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING****6 p.m. Thursday, January 14****Teleconference**

The Society's annual meeting was produced at Freestyle Productions, Inc. studios in Crystal; President Oleheiser, Vice President Fox, Executive Vice President Hammer, Alexander, Edman, Rougier, Weinfurter and Scibak were on-site.

President Oleheiser called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Following introductions of Society board members, President Oleheiser called on Mr. Hammer for his annual report. President Oleheiser moved the report be accepted, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried.

Mark Goodrich, the State Fair's long-time deputy general manager in charge of agriculture and competition, was inducted into the State Fair Hall of Fame.

President Oleheiser called for a report of the credentials committee by committee chair Dennis Larson of Ramsey County for the committee's report, as follows:

"Credential forms submitted to the State Agricultural Society have been inspected by the full committee. All credentials have been found to be in order with the following exceptions: There were five statewide that did not file with the secretary of state as required by Dec 20, 2021. Members of the Credential Committee do attest to the actions noted above on the 11th day of January 2021."

The credentials committee report was accepted as presented.

President Oleheiser called for a report of the resolutions committee, presented by committee chair Dennis Larson as follows:

Whereas there are very few times when a global crisis calls upon us to rise and meet unprecedented challenges we haven't encountered for generations, 2020 became one of just six such momentous years in the history of our great Minnesota State Fair; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members,

1. Reaffirms that the Great Minnesota Get-Together is just that – an awe-inspiring celebration that brings our state's many communities together at a single, extraordinary location to participate in a grand showcase of the very best of Minnesota;
2. Recognizes that the cancellation of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, while complex and difficult, was necessary to protect the health and safety of millions, and essential to the recovery and healing of the world;
3. Despite the deep disappointment of a year with no State Fair, we acknowledge with profound gratitude the thousands whose support and very best efforts the fair needs to move forward, including the vast network of agriculturists, 4-H and FFA participants, vendors, artists, entertainers, competitors, exhibitors, amusement operators, sponsors, news media, contractors, advertisers, volunteers, the boards and staff of the Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota State Fair Foundation, neighbors and community organizations, and millions of fair guests; and
4. Understands that longtime partnerships with countless allied industries have never been more important, including memberships with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, National Independent Concessionaires Association, International Entertainment Buyers Association, Midwest Showmen's Association, and other organizations that are essential to furthering and improving the fair industry locally, nationally and internationally.

Whereas a year without a Minnesota State Fair and virtually no operating revenue has been challenging, as it has for countless others enduring this crisis, the fair's future remains hopeful and bright; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society,

1. Remains committed to managing a financially sound operation that prioritizes the care and maintenance of its beautiful fairgrounds and facilities and the presentation of a culturally rich, high-quality exhibition worthy of its reputation as one of the premier expositions in the world;
2. Supports the unbounded creativity and ingenuity required to adapt State Fair operations and programs in an ever-evolving environment, and to acknowledge all who worked toward and supported the success of two Food Parades, fairgrounds events, unique sales opportunities and other programs that have brought essential revenue to the organization; and

Whereas the Great Minnesota Get-Together is a cherished and unparalleled event due to the exceptional efforts of thousands of individuals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on behalf of its members, expresses our deep sadness at the passing this last year of: Dick Anderson, former Park & Ride superintendent and 50 Year Award recipient; Steve Anderson, an officer with the State Fair Police Department for seven years; Alan Bradley, an officer with the State Fair Police Department for five years; Donald Craighead, husband of Minnesota State Fair Foundation board chair Sandy Craighead and Foundation benefactor; Rosella Fefercorn, 4-H Achievement Award winner, lifelong fan of the Minnesota State Fair and benefactor of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation's endowment and bench programs; Ann Fox, wife of Minnesota State Agricultural Society board member Joe Fox; Mike Heffron, respected, knowledgeable and influential fair leader who began his career at the Minnesota State Fair in 1954 and served as general manager from 1977 to 1997, and was president of the Midwest Fairs Association, International Association of Fairs & Expositions, and Minnesota State Fair and IAFE Hall of Fame member; Arthur "Al" Hohenwald, longtime proprietor of State Fair concessions; Kimberly Kane, wife of Mike Kane, former member of the State Fair police department; Richard Klein, fair-time watch commander with the State Fair Police Department for many years; Rick Kolodziej, gate ticket sales employee; Lewis Miller Jr., president and CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions from 1980 to 2000; Lester Moore, Grandstand head rigger and staging engineer; Jim Olson, former Grandstand food concession operator and son of State Fair legend Cliff Olson; William Paddock, former State Fair sales department employee; Ethel F. Peters, who, with her husband, Jim, owned and operated the Peters Hot Dogs concessions; Greg Petrie, parking department employee; Joseph C. Premont Sr., owner of Paramount Attractions, longtime game arcade operator; Hugh Schilling, founder and chairman of the board of Horton Holding Inc., and Minnesota State Fair Foundation benefactor of the Hugh and Margaret Schilling Amphitheater at West End Market and the Horton Pavilions at Heffron Park; William Schomberg, recipient of a 50 Year Award in 2003 for swine exhibition at the State Fair; David Sprengeler, Brown Swiss cattle breeder and fourth-generation State Fair exhibitor; John A. "Jack" True, former Machinery Hill superintendent employed by the State Fair; Fredrick L. Vescio, owner of Vescio's, longtime food and beverage concession at the State Fair; and Dominic A. Vivona Sr., with Amusements of America, who provided rides at Mighty Midway.

Whereas, the Minnesota State Fair is an internationally renowned exposition and a time-honored tradition deeply rooted in the attendance and participation of millions of Minnesotans and beyond, with an estimated economic impact of nearly \$300 million in the Twin Cities alone plus priceless educational and social value, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, this 162nd annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society was unlike any other in its history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Society extends its gratitude to all those who participated in this virtual gathering and contributed to its success. We look forward to a promising and hope-filled 2021.

The resolutions were adopted as presented.

President Oleheiser turned the chair over to Vice President Fox to conduct the election for a one-year term as President of the Society. President Oleheiser was reelected and reassumed the chair.

Retiring State Fair board fifth district Vice President D. J. Leary was elected to Honorary Life Membership in the Society.

In other elections, Joe Fox of Maplewood was reelected to a two-year term as fourth district vice president, Sara Donaldson of Minneapolis was elected to serve the one-year unexpired term as fifth district vice president, Wally Wichmann of Balaton was reelected to a three-year term as seventh district representative and Danny Grunhove of Gary was reelected to a three-year term as ninth district representative.

With no further business to be brought before the Society, President Oleheiser declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

10 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2021

Teleconference

Present: Ron Oleheiser, president; Joe Fox, vice president; Sara Donaldson, vice president; Gordy Toenges; Jeff Hawkins; Gail Johnson; Joe Scapanski; Wally Wichmann; Ray Erspamer; Dan Grunhove; Jerry Hammer, secretary.

Also present: Jim Sinclair; Renee Alexander; Brian Hudalla; Jill Nathe; Wally LeVesseur; Debbie Edman; Pam Simon; Cory Franzmeier; Michelle Butler; Robin Goldstein; Mike Hagen; Sean Casey; Steve Grans; Theresa Weinfurter; Nate Dungan; Carol Doyle; Melissa Varriano; Danielle Dullinger; Lara Hughes; Grace Woodis; Kim Scibak; Shannon Buchda; Michelle Barris; Keri Huber; Tony Juettnier; Mary Chung; Dani Vavreck; Shana Zaiser.

Oaths of office were administered by Ms. Edman as follows:

Ron Oleheiser of Grand Rapids, president (one-year term); Joe Fox of Maplewood, fourth district vice president (two-year term); Sara Donaldson of Minneapolis, fifth district vice president (unexpired year of two-year term); Wally Wichmann of Balaton, seventh district representative (three-year term); Danny Grunhove of Gary, ninth district representative (three-year term).

Jerry Hammer of Como Park was reappointed to a one-year term as Executive Vice President of the Society on a motion by Joe Fox, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0). Oath of office was administered by Ms. Edman.

Minutes of the State Fair board and committee meetings conducted Nov. 13, 2020, were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhove, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Minutes of interim activities covering the period Nov. 13, 2020, through Jan. 14, 2021, were approved on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The financial statement for Dec. 31, 2020, was presented by Mr. LeVesseur as follows:

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CASH TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Month Ending December 31, 2020

OPERATING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance - Nov. 30, 2020	\$	913,381
Add: Cash Deposits	\$	771,634
Less: Payroll Ending Dec. 11	(265,554)	
Payroll Ending Dec. 27	(268,098)	

Cash Disbursements	(588,579)	
		(350,597)
Balance - Dec. 31, 2020		\$562,784
BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY:		
Balance - Nov. 30, 2020	\$	451
Add: Interest Earned		
Securities Purchased		
Less: Securities Redeemed		
Balance - Dec. 31, 2020	\$	451
CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:		
Balance - Nov. 30, 2020	\$	-
Add: Note Proceeds		
Interest		-
Less: Disbursements		
Balance - Dec. 31, 2020	\$	-
CASH BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING:		
	2019	2020
Operating Account	\$6,177,865	\$ 562,784
Petty Cash	6,100	6,100
Building Fund	451	451
Construction Account	-	-
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 6,184,416</u>	<u>\$ 569,335</u>

The following recommendations for the Society's designated depository, signature authorization and security funds transfer were presented by Mr. LeVesseur:

Bremer Bank as the depository for the Society's operating account, payroll account and premium fund account with the following signatory authority: Operating account - Jerry Hammer and Wally LeVesseur with "Hammer/LeVesseur" signature imprint authorized for operating account; Regular and fair-period payroll account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for payroll accounts; Premium account - Jerry Hammer with "Hammer" signature imprint authorized for premium account; Security fund transfer resolution - Jerry Hammer or Wally LeVesseur. After discussion, the preceding was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grunhove and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The following standing committee appointments for 2021 were presented by President Oleheiser:

Finance - Grunhove, chairman; Donaldson; Hawkins; Johnson; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; LeVesseur, ex officio.

Foundation Nominating - Oleheiser, chairman; Grunhove; Hawkins; Hammer.

Governmental Affairs - Johnson, chairman; Donaldson; Fox; Grunhove; Hawkins; Scapanski; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio.

Honors - Fox, chairman; Alexander; Hudalla; Nathe; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio.

Life Member Advisory - Merkins, chairman; Baker; Lake; Foss; Grass; Keenan; Krueger; Lake; Leary; Paulson; Prokosch; Reinhardt; Schmidt; Simons; Wenzel; Wessel; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Edman, ex officio.

Operations - Hawkins, chairman; Fox; Grunhove; Scapanski; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Franzmeier, ex officio.

Planning - Toenges, chairman; Donaldson; Erspamer; Fox; Grunhove; Hawkins; Johnson; Scapanski; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Hudalla, ex officio; Casey, ex officio; Franzmeier, ex officio.

Public Affairs - Wichmann, chairman; Donaldson; Fox; Johnson; Scapanski; Toenges; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Alexander, ex officio.

Rules - Scapanski, chairman; Donaldson; Erspamer; Grunhovi; Johnson; Toenges; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Nathe, ex officio; LeFebvre, ex officio.

Sales - Scapanski, chairman; Donaldson; Erspamer; Fox; Grunhovi; Hawkins; Johnson; Toenges; Wichmann; Oleheiser, ex officio; Hammer, ex officio; Sinclair, ex officio; Simon, ex officio.

The committee appointments were approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Donaldson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser presented the following board liaison and department superintendent appointments for 2021:

Administration - Donaldson

Employment Office - Toenges

Competition

Bee Culture - Fox

(Alex King, superintendent)

Beef Cattle - Grunhovi

(Chuck Schwartau, superintendent)

Christmas Trees - Fox

(Kim Ustruck, superintendent)

Creative Activities - Johnson

(Curt Pederson, superintendent)

Dairy Cattle - Johnson

(Deb Kraus, superintendent)

Dairy & Boer Goats - Fox

(Mark Boorsma & Gretchen Sankovitz, superintendents)

Dairy Products - Wichmann

(Lisa Ramacher, superintendent)

Dog Trials - Erspamer

(JoAnna Yund, superintendent)

K-12 Competition - Fox

(Florence Newton, superintendent)

Farm Crops - Fox

(Ron Kelsey, superintendent)

Fine Arts - Toenges

(Jim Clark, superintendent)

Flowers - Fox

(Phyllis Andrews, superintendent)

4-H - Johnson

(Amber Greeley, superintendent)

Fruits - Fox

(Louis Quast, superintendent)

FFA - Grunhovi

(T.J. Brown, superintendent)

Horses - Toenges

(Pam Keeler, Steve Tibbetts, Don Bauleke, superintendents)

Llamas - Erspamer

(Jen Rouillard, superintendent)

Milking Parlor - Wichmann

(Doris Mold, superintendent)

Miracle of Birth - Fox

(Jim Ertl, superintendent)

Poultry - Scapanski

(Paul Bengtson, superintendent)

Seniors - Grunhovi

(Marge Krueger, superintendent)

Sheep - Donaldson

(Jo Bernard, superintendent)

Swine - Hawkins

(Jerry Hawton, superintendent)

Vegetables - Fox

(Phil Klint, superintendent)

Entertainment - Toenges

Grandstand Production - Donaldson

(Gary Perkins, superintendent)

Heritage Exhibits - Erspamer

(Jan Bankey, superintendent)

Finance - Hawkins

Gate Ticket Sales - Wichmann

(JoAnne Ferry, superintendent)

Midway Ticket Sales - Erspamer

(Damara Jefferson & Anne Nyumah, superintendents)

Marketing - Scapanski

Operations - Leary

Admissions - Hawkins

(Dave Woodis, superintendent)

Park & Ride - Hawkins

(Sarah Peterka, superintendent)

Parking - Wichmann

(Jim Benz, superintendent)

Public Safety - Grunhovi

(Paul Paulos, superintendent)

Sanitation - Johnson

Sales - Scapanski

Attraction Ticket Takers - Scapanski

(Anthony Elwood & Matt Bakkom, superintendents)

The appointments were approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser declared the meeting in recess at 10:16 a.m. for committee meetings.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hammer presented the following gate admission policy for the 2021 State Fair for consideration:

"Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be contingent solely upon the presentation of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers."

The gate admission policy was adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Grunhovi, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The operations committee meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Toenges, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Wichmann called the meeting to order.

Ms. Alexander presented advertising, marketing and publications campaigns covering various scenarios depending on status of the virus. Her report was approved on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Grunhovi called the meeting to order.

The 2021 operating budgets, taking into account various virus-driven scenarios and reviewed in detail by the board Jan. 13, and the 2021 improvements and maintenance budgets which were approved Jan. 13 by the board's planning committee, were approved on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was granted authority to implement flexible pricing schedules and seating configurations for Grandstand events, taking into account the costs of production, potential revenue from other sources and weather insurance premiums on a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Donaldson and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

The finance committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Wichmann and carried (Aye-5; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser reconvened the meeting of the board at 10:24 a.m.

Action taken earlier by the sales, planning, operations, public affairs, rules & premium list and finance committees was approved on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer reported that the uncertainty surrounding the 2021 State Fair's operation made it impractical to set a gate fee schedule at this relatively early date, and that gate fees should be set at a later date when the picture clears. Information only; no action taken.

Mr. Hudalla reviewed the status of current agreements with building trades contractors Toltz, King, Duvall & Anderson architects and engineers, Collins Electric, Inc. electricians, Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.; and Spriggs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; the contractor agreements were approved on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

Mr. Hammer was authorized to set staff salaries according to job classifications and pay ranges set by the board Jan. 20, 2019, on a motion by Mr. Scapanski, seconded by Ms. Donaldson and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

The Society's legal representation by Fredrickson Byron P.A., and Joe Bagnoli, Esq. was approved on a motion by Mr. Erspamer, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).

President Oleheiser offered his special thanks and the thanks of the all of the board to State Fair staff for their ingenuity and resourcefulness in producing the '21 annual meeting virtually, and for their efforts to keep the fair's operation intact through the pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Grunhovd, seconded by Mr. Toenges and carried (Aye-9; Nay-0).



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Private security, metal detectors part of the Minnesota State Fair safety plan

An agreement between the fair and Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will provide 24-hour security and up to 200 officers patrolling the fairgrounds each day.

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will lead Minnesota State F...

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ST PAUL, Minn. — The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will lead the security efforts at the Minnesota State Fair one month ahead of the gates opening.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the [Joint Powers Agreement](#) Tuesday morning after more than two months of discussion between Sheriff Bob Fletcher, the state fair,

and other county leaders, prompted by the elimination of the state fair's police force to the retirement of the department's chief.

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"We are in the best position as the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to provide the highest level of safety that can be provided," said Fletcher in Tuesday's meeting.

The agreement provides 24-hour security for every day of the fair. The Board agreed that they'll ensure there will be "up to 200" officers per day to patrol the fairgrounds, although not all of those would come from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

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Officials say the budget for this year's fair is \$4.3 million, which is up from \$2.4 million in 2019, but Fletcher says there will be a lot of changes.

"The addition of the State Patrol at the gates, metal detectors at the gates, private security at the gates, ambassadors on the ground, they've enhanced their camera system 10-fold," Fletcher said. "It's going to be much better for us in terms of surveillance and a larger contingent of law enforcement officers."

For most of the expected two million State Fair visitors, the metal detectors and extra security at the gates will be the most noticeable change, and as a result, will likely take longer to get through the gates. The ambassadors Sheriff Fletcher mentioned will watch for potential gang activity on the Midway at night and attempt to intercede before violence or fights can begin.

The Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will compensate the agency with \$80 per hour per employee during the fair (and \$100 per hour per employee on Labor Day), which Sheriff Fletcher said is based on rates for similar contracted events. That money is paid partly to the officers and partly to the county.

"We have an obligation to provide for the safety of the people coming to our county, as well as the people living here," said Fletcher.

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County commissioners expressed some reluctance to take on the potential liability for the county if something goes wrong, but State Fair General Manager Jerry Hammer says this is how most large fairs and festivals around the country handle law enforcement.

"When you combine all of this, it really provides the most comprehensive and solid public safety program that we can," said Hammer.

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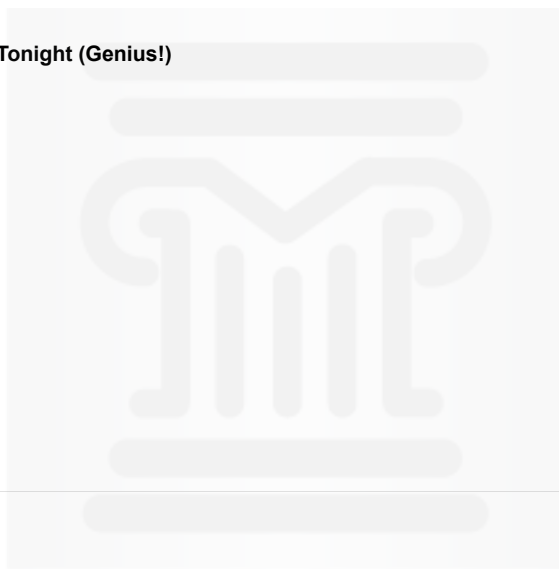
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Minnesota State Fair will add metal detectors at entrance gates

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A crowd packs onto the street on the opening day of the Minnesota State Fair on Aug 22, 2019. Christine T. Nguyen | MPR News 2019

The Minnesota State Fair will add metal detectors to the fairground entrances starting this year.

The fair's governing board met in Bloomington on Sunday to approve its annual budget and fair plan. That will include screening with metal detectors at all 11 gates that let people into the fair, according to general manager Jerry Hammer.

"We're not the first fair to do it," he said. "There have been a number of fairs, including Wisconsin, that have been doing metal detectors for two or three years now. And there are more fairs, more large fairs, adding it every year. The State Fair of Texas has been doing it for decades."

Hammer said the process will look similar to operations at US Bank Stadium and Xcel Energy Center.

"All pro sports everywhere have metal detectors. You go to Disney World or anyplace else (and) it's the same kind of security system," he said. "So we're working on details right now. But it's been done and done very well in a lot of other venues and other places, so we'll adapt what works best elsewhere to our own situation."

The fair instituted bag checks at the gates in 2016, and Hammer said fair officials have been weighing additional security measures for several years.

No incidents involving weapons have been reported recently inside the fairgrounds, although three people were shot in an altercation just outside the main gate shortly after the fair closed for 2019 in September.

The 2020 fair runs from Aug. 27 through Sept. 7.

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State Fair policing issue could be settled Tuesday; Ramsey County board to consider contracts

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The question of who will provide policing during the Minnesota State Fair might be answered Tuesday, when Ramsey County commissioners will decide whether to make the county sheriff's office the lead agency to coordinate the security effort and provide the majority of law enforcement officers.

County staff has crafted joint powers agreements between the county and the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, which governs the Fair, that outline matters such as insurance and liability, staffing and reimbursement.

Commissioners, [who asked for the proposed agreements last month](#), are scheduled to vote on two contracts at their Tuesday meeting; one covers the 12-day Fair, which runs Aug. 26 to Sept. 6 in Falcon Heights, and the other for non-Fair dates through 2021.

It is unknown whether the sheriff's office would continue to provide services at the Fairgrounds beyond this year, according to the county.

More than 2 million people attended the 2019 State Fair.

Overall risk and liability has been a big concern for county commissioners and staff. According to the proposed contracts, the Agricultural Society would "provide for the full coverage, defense and indemnification of the County and its employees, officials, representatives and agents" from any potential claims and lawsuits.



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On Monday, Sheriff Bob Fletcher said the county attorney's office "worked intensely" to have the Fair defend and indemnify the county should any issues arise. He said the Fair also intends to purchase \$10 million in insurance.

"Here's the thing: The Fair hasn't suffered any significant judgments in 25 years, and the sheriff's office hasn't had a settlement larger than \$750,000 for ages," Fletcher said. "So a \$10 million insurance policy is more than enough to cover any liabilities."

Fletcher said he is hopeful that the county board would approve the Fair agreement at its Tuesday's meeting, adding, "However, if they need more time, we still have another week before a final decision needs to be made."

Security at the Fairgrounds became an issue when the Fair this past spring decided to [disband its decades-long police department](#) and instead turn to an outside agency to provide security. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety recommended that the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office provide law enforcement services as the lead law enforcement agency.

After the sheriff's office and Fair staff researched options and determined the feasibility of patrolling the Fairgrounds, Fletcher last month [recommended that the county move forward with developing a formal agreement](#) at an estimated cost of \$1.89 million charged to the Fair. That cost is expected to decline slightly, Fletcher said Monday, because the Minnesota State Patrol intends to commit 30 state troopers under a separate contract with the Agricultural Society.

Under the county's proposed contract, the sheriff's office, would ensure there are "enough law enforcement officers, up to 200 per day" during the Fair. Fletcher said Monday that the sheriff's office would provide 50 deputies each day, to go along with the 30 state troopers, another 20 deputies from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and 100 licensed officers from departments throughout the state.

As far as reimbursement, the Agricultural Society would pay Ramsey County \$80 per hour per employee, except on county-recognized holidays, such as Labor Day, where pay would be \$100, according to the proposed contracts.

"That fee of \$80 is our standard fee that we charge for law enforcement services and was set by the county board last December," Fletcher said.

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State Fair policing issue could be settled Tuesday; Ramsey County board to consider contracts – Twin Cities

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Dormitory Rules and Regulations

Dormitory space is made available by the State Fair management for the convenience of FFA members exhibiting livestock. Observation of the following rules will make the stay of everyone at the State Fair as space permits, more enjoyable and pleasant.

- 1) Dormitories are made available by the State Fair **ONLY** for FFA members exhibiting livestock and their advisors (or their adult representatives). This adult **MAY NOT** be another exhibitor.
- 2) Advisors must submit dormitory requests on or before the week of opening day to be assured of bunk space. Check the FFA website for announcements of space available. Late registration will require exhibitors to find lodging off the grounds.
- 3) Separate dormitory accommodations and chaperones will be provided for female exhibitors.
- 4) All exhibitors will be assigned bunks in the dorm and they are expected to be in them prior to curfew each night unless permission is granted by the State Advisor. Only the instructor (or their designated representatives) will receive these assignments and all in one block. Chapters wishing to bunk together must submit a dormitory reservation form(s) signed by **ALL** advisors.
- 5) Selected advisors with small delegations may apply to the State Advisor for permission to house their students in a camper in the lot adjacent to the barn(s). Special permits must be purchased in advance of the start of the show.
- 6) The teacher (or designated representative or campers) **MUST** stay in the dormitory during the show.
- 7) Food or drinks are **NOT PERMITTED** in the dormitory.
- 8) Lights will be turned out at 11:45 p.m.
- 9) Smoking, vaping, the use of alcohol or other chemical substances, including smokeless tobacco, is **NOT PERMITTED** by FFA exhibitors.
- 10) Admittance to the dormitory is by grounds pass only.
- 11) Exhibitors will not throw objects out of the dormitory windows or hang articles of clothing or display any item outside the window.
- 12) Chapters using a herdsman are to include the name(s) in the Dormitory requests.
- 13) Dormitories will be **closed DAILY** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for cleaning.

If it is found that members from a chapter cannot observe the general rules of good conduct, it will be necessary to refuse entries to the individuals for the following year. We feel that the observance of the above rules will make the stay of each FFA member at the State Fair more profitable and enjoyable. If you should have questions concerning housing in the dormitories, check with the State FFA Advisor Joel M. Larsen or his representative.

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FFA Dormitory Pre-registration

Dormitory Desired (choose one)

Cattle Barn #1, #2

☐

Swine East

☐

Swine West

☐

Email to: Tim Uhlenkamp or Stephanie Brandt

tim.uhlenkamp@sibleyeast.org

or

stephanie.brandt@sibleyeast.org

Please check the appropriate box for gender.

Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis.

1)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
2)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
3)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
4)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
5)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
6)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
7)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
8)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
9)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
10)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
11)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
12)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
13)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
14)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
15)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
16)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female
17)	_____	☐ Male	☐ Female

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School

Teacher of Agriculture

If the teacher is NOT going to be present in the dormitory each night, please include signature of the adult responsible during your absence.

I _____ have agreed to accept responsibility
(name)

for supervising the student exhibitors from the _____

(Chapter Name)

Please assign them bunks with members from _____

Signed:

(Individual(s) accepted responsibility)

All exhibitors will be required to turn in their Rules of Conduct at the time they receive their bunk assignments. (Signed by Advisor, Parent/Guardian of Exhibitors)

FFA Chapter _____

- Duplicate Locally -

*These "Rules of Conduct" are for the Minnesota State Fair***Rules of Conduct Governing FFA Members, Minnesota State Fair**

Each Exhibitor is required to submit this form at the time of registration (to receive t-shirt)

The exhibitor will:

1. Dress appropriately and neatly at all times.
2. Abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages or other chemical substances.
3. Abstain from smoking (including vaping) and the use of smokeless tobacco.
4. Abstain from gambling.
5. Agree not to engage in disruptive athletic activities or horseplay in public places.
6. Be in assigned dormitory before 11 p.m. unless excused by the Dormitory Superintendent.
7. Recognize the rights and comfort of others with respect to noise, language, and general conduct.
8. Accept the authority of the supervisors and group leaders, and keep them advised of my whereabouts at all times.
9. **Maintain** assigned pens/stalls and entries in a manner consistent with standards for this show.
10. Observe dormitory hours: Closed 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon/1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for cleaning.
11. **Curfew is 11 p.m.**
12. **Dorm doors will be monitored from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00a a.m. prevent unauthorized access.**
13. Anyone staying in the dorms must check in at FFA office for dorm assignment.

I have read the rules and understand them, and I will abide by them.

I will accept the authority of the supervisors and advisors in charge of the State Fair FFA Show.

I understand that any infraction of any of the above rules will be sufficient cause for my participation in subsequent shows to be denied and for me to be sent home at my parent's/guardian's expense.

FFA Member (Print Name)_____
FFA Member (Signature)_____
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number(s)_____
Advisor/Designated Chaperone (print name)
(signature)_____
Advisor/Designated Chaperone_____
Advisor/Designated Chaperone cell phone number**EXHIBIT Q**