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President's Message

I hope everyone is safe and healthy out there. Another month has come and gone with a list of projects waiting for the OK to move forward, awaiting funding and supervision. We do have Fair stakeholders stepping up to help with some, like the bathroom roof repair, Office front decking and the donation of an office storage shed.

Now that we have passed the longest day of the year, the biggest question your Board faces is the 2020 Fair. Do we go forward with a 3-day fair, an adjusted event fair or no fair at all, and how do we make the decision safe and profitable with the loss of funds thus far. If you help during Fair Week and cannot this year due to health concerns, please let someone on the Board or Fair Week Committee know just so we know.

The virtual Board/Membership meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 7:30 p.m. and will be via Zoom, a computer/Smart Phone application. Members wishing to participate by this means should contact Martin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

Hardy, our assistant treasurer at caulkhead1@gmail.com, to be added to the invite list prior to the meeting. The bylaw changes will be voted on at this meeting and they are attached to this newsletter. You must have video on to vote and have your hand be counted, but you can also call in to listen and respond.

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2020 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sep 12 -Rodeo
Sep 16-20 -Anne Arundel County Fair
Oct 3 - Antique Tractor Pull
Oct 3 & 4 - Fall Craft Show
Halloween - October 16, 17 & 18,
Happening 23-25 and 30 & 31

*The Sun may not always shine, but
the Rain will not always fall either.*

MOTIONS

At the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to cancel the June Flea Market until a later date.**

****to establish July 14, 2020 as the date to decide whether the Fair will take place this year based on the Governor's orders.**

****to have the Rental Committee move forward to gather information from the Enchanted Christmas company.**

****to establish a 6 x 7 foot area in the back of the Office to be used as a separate area to work on events and to be used by Fair Week managers.**

****to wait until 2021 to do the perc tests down in the Barn Area.**

MISS AA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Congratulations to Jennifer Eisinger who was just chosen as Miss Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau. Jennifer is a 4-H member at the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Committee had a Zoom Meeting on June 24, 2020. Will be a 3-Day Fair if we decide to have it. July 15th decision day.

ADVERTISING: Will use social media, website, Facebook, Instagram and Radio.

BEER/WINE: Looking for volunteers.

CATALOG: John Faber working on exhibitor catalog and John K. on events.

CONTESTS: All contests have been cancelled except the Cute Kid and the Ducky Game. Scarecrow will be a Make & Take.

CARNIVAL: If a go, will adjust to the new rules with less rides.

CONTRACTS: All confirmed.

ENTERTAINMENT: Debbie will start after July 15th if a go. Will use Bowl, Pavilion and Point, mostly Bowl due to space limitations. No picnic stage.

EXHIBIT HALL: Ruby due for surgery in July. Team has taken over with John Richardson leading it. Meeting on Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

VOLUNTEER FOOD: We need people to step up to help those who have already signed up, with the volunteer food.

BARNs: 3 day show with animals coming in on Thursday. Will adjust some of the shows and Open entries coming in and leaving. 4-H has to stay all three days. No Auction dinner. Masks must be worn by all exhibitors and those entering barns with one way traffic. Checks will be mailed.

GATES: Tickets and crowds a big issue and working on coming up with a solution. Masks will be a big issue and volunteers are not to enforce rules. Security will handle those situations. Discussed professional ticket takers and etickets.

4-H DEPT: Indoor—follow the arrows. Discussed membership cards vs. wrist bands.

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4-H CORNER

Beginning August 1, 2020 MD 4-H will gradually resume limited programs as outlined in the recent Maryland 4-H program updates. Based on those guidelines, the county-wide 4-H Cookout/Achievement Awards scheduled for August 7th at Kinder Farm Park has been cancelled.

A decision has not yet been made whether the Anne Arundel County Fair will be held in September. That decision will be made at their Board of Directors meeting in July. July 15th is the deadline for this decision. They are considering a 3-day fair, or maybe just a livestock auction, either virtual or in person.

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Fair Week Committee continued....

**VENDORS:** Discussed and working on vendor pricing. Commercial Bldg and Midway will have 50% vendors. Fun Zone will be reduced to 2-3. Lacy will send a letter of explanation to all vendors when decision is made on July 15th.

**PULLS:** Schedule has be adjusted as Garden Tractor Pulls on Friday; Antique and Mini Mods on Saturday, and Horse Pulls on Sunday.

**KIDS' DAY:** Cancelled

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Fair members, this year's proposed changes to the Fair's bylaws are included with this newsletter. The proposed changes were submitted in April and then read at the June Membership/Board of Directors meeting. They are now being published in the July newsletter so that all members can review them and decide how they want to vote.

Each proposed change will be voted on separately at the August Membership/Board of Directors meeting. All approved changes will go into effect in 2021.

Please take the time to read over these proposed changes. If you have any questions or need clarification of some point, contact John Faber, who is chairman of the Bylaw Change Committee, or contact the person who submitted the change.

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The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.

...Sir Winston Churchill

GOFUNDME

The Fair is trying to raise funds to purchase defibrillators to place in several areas around the Fairgrounds, as well as updated First Aid Kits. We need your support, so please try to contribute at least \$1.00 to help support this worthy cause. Here is the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/aa-co-fair-defibrillator-gofundme>

Also, the Fair will accept mail in donations. Make check payable to and mail to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc
P.O. Box 372
Crownsville MD 21032

Please note donation to Defibrillator Fund on your check and envelope.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send member updates to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at [joddia@msn.com](mailto:joddia@msn.com).

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday in July:

Logan Newland - July 2  
Andy Rickard - July 4  
Wayne Shorter - July 6  
Judy Harris - July 7  
James Timmons - July 8  
David Degreenia - July 11  
Robert Riimond - July 14  
Carson Lowman - July 15  
Mary Seaton - July 18  
Nikki Greever - July 19  
Nicole Gray - July 24  
Mary Thomas - July 26  
Walter Baase - July 27  
Peter Joseph - July 27

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in July:

Sally & Steve Simpson - July 3  
Elizabeth & James Molino - July 4  
David Dolvin & Spouse - July 10  
Jim & Sherry Timmons - July 14  
Chip & Donna Brendle - July 16  
Audrey & Lacy Chenoweth - July

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James & Wendy Miller - July 16  
Deana & Joey Tice - July 17  
Mary & Mike Bowen - July 25  
T. J. Torres & Spouse - July 28

Special Birthday Greetings to Mary Seaton who is celebrating her 95th birthday on July 18th.

Prayers and get well wishes go out to all of our members who are being treated for chronic health conditions.

## 2020 CALENDAR

- July 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA!
- July 7 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- July 8 - Junior Board  
Cancelled
- July 9 - Site/Planning Committee  
Telecon
- July 9 - Exhibit Hall Meeting  
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- July 14 - Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting
- July 29 - Fair Week Committee  
Zoom Meeting
- Aug 4 - Rental Committee
- Aug 5 - Junior Board
- Aug 6 - Site/Planning Committee
- Aug 11 - Membership/Board  
Meeting
- Aug 26 - Fair Week Committee



## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 11, 2020*

**7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting**  
ZOOM MEETING

### **Agenda Topics:**

- \*Reading of proposed bylaw changes.
- \*Summer Events
- \*Fair Week
- \*Fall Plans

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

It's the 4th of July and time for picnics and fireworks to celebrate the birthday of our country and remember those men and women, who, 244 years ago risked their "Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor," to fight for and establish this beautiful, wonderful country that people from all over the world strive to come to and to be able to live in freedom.

Right now, we are experiencing a bump in the road. We have a pandemic in our country, a health crisis. It seems that no one can agree on anything and nothing seems to be getting done. People are stressed, afraid, unhappy and grumbling about the way things are and what is going to happen in the future. but just remember, we have had times of crisis like this before, we have gotten through them before and we will again.

So Happy Birthday USA. Here's hoping you have many, many more. God bless you and your people and guide you to be beacon of light in the world. Thank you to those brave men who risked their lives in that long ago dangerous time to create such a remarkable example of freedom. Thank you to those who worked to make the improvements that we needed to be a beacon of light to the world. Thank you to my grandparents and great grandparents who decided that this was the place that they wanted to live and to raise their families. My life has been all the better because I live in this place known as the United States of America.

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### *Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair*

*To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.*

*To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.*

All,

Below are the suggested bylaw changes that have been submitted. These will be read tonight during the meeting. Please review.

I have sorted the changes by article, section, and date submitted.

As we have a few changes related to voting age, I have submitted a friendly amendment (the bottom/last change) that incorporates all changes related to article V, sections 1&2.

Feel free to forward to anyone I may have missed.

If you had submitted, or know of a change that was submitted, and is not on the list, please let John K. and I know as soon as possible.

~~Strikethrough is what is being deleted/changed~~

**BOLD is what is being added.**

**Suggested Change:**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1.....MEETINGS:**

~~Membership meetings will be held in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting in January, April, June, August, and November. These meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of those months. The November meeting shall serve as the corporate meeting and Election of Officers. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Fair Office unless otherwise stated or informed by mail/email or telephone. (Amended 8/2011).~~

**Membership meetings shall be held the third Tuesday of January, April, June, August, and November. The November meeting shall serve as the corporate meeting and Election of Officers. Membership meetings will be held at 7:30 PM at the Fair Office unless otherwise stated or informed by mail/email or telephone.**

**Rationale (reason for change):**

Board and General Membership meetings should be separate, as practiced in many corporations

**Submitted by:** James Frisco

**Date:** April 2, 2020

**Suggested Change:**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 4.....VOTING:**

Any person who has not paid their dues for the current membership year by April 20<sup>th</sup>, will not be considered a member for the purpose of voting, A majority of votes will determine election to office. **Members under the age of 16 will not be eligible to vote.**

**Rationale (reason for change):**

Increase the age to 16 so the voter can be more mature and make informed decisions. Please see additional bylaw about the addition of junior fair board member.

**Submitted by:** Joseph Degreenia

**Date:** April 13, 2020



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**Suggested Change:**

## **ARTICLE I**

MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 6.....NOMINATIONS:

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. ~~Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed the total of five (5) fair members belonging to the same non-profit organization, or more than three (3) fair members belonging to a for-profit organization.~~ **(Amended 8/19/08).**

**Rationale (reason for change):**

Impossible to enforce as written.

**Submitted by:** John Faber

**Date:** April 9, 2020  
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**Suggested Change:**

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**Rationale (reason for change):**

Anyone having access to Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. funds (bank accounts, credit cards, etc.) should be vetted to do so. Anyone elected, nominated, or assigned to any position within the fair, should be required to complete a background check.

**Submitted by:** Brittany Rawlings

**Date:** April 13, 2020  
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**Suggested Change:**

## **ARTICLE II**

DIRECTORS

SECTION 8.....VOTING:

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director is to have one (1) vote. Voting on any specific issue will be done at a meeting ~~and not through telephone communication~~ **either in person, or via video/ audio conferencing when available.**

**Rationale (reason for change):**

As technology advances, options other than face-to-face in-person meetings are becoming standard and in some cases necessary. The meeting chairperson will still be required to authenticate the identity of



members who are in attendance and voting.

Submitted by: John Faber  
Date: April 9, 2020

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Suggested Addition:

## ARTICLE II

DIRECTORS

SECTION 13..... Junior Fair Board Representative:

The junior fair board has the ability to elect a representative to serve on the fair board. This term will be one year and the representative will have full voting privileges on the fair board. The junior fair board member must meet junior fair board requirements determined from the junior fair board and can be under the age of 16.

Rationale (reason for change):

This will allow the junior fair board to play a more active role in the fair board. This person would allow younger members to have a voice on the fair board.

Submitted by: Joseph Degreenia  
Date: April 13, 2020

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Suggested Change:

## ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.....REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

Application for membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before membership becomes effective. Members will be entitled to admission to the Fair as well as full voting privileges. **Applicants for regular membership must be at least 18 years of age. Associate members may be of any age but do not have voting privileges.**

Rationale (reason for change):

Submitted by: Pat Shema  
Date: February 29, 2020

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Suggested Change:

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before membership becomes effective. Members will be entitled to admission to the Fair. **Members must be at least 18 years of age to vote.**

**Rationale (reason for change):**

Submitted by: John Faber  
Date: April 9, 2020

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**Suggested Change:**

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**Rationale (reason for change):**

Submitted by: Rich Suhrie  
Date: April 11, 2020

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\*\*\*Friendly Amendment (will need approval from Pat Shema, Rich Suhrie, and Joseph Degreenia to amend their suggest change).

**Suggested Change:**

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1.....REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:**

Application for **regular** membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before **regular** membership becomes effective. **Regular** members will be entitled to admission to the Fair as well as full voting privileges. **Applicants for regular membership must be at least 18 years of age.**

#### **SECTION 2.....ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

Application for associate membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before **associate** membership becomes effective. ~~An Associate Member does not have any voting privileges.~~ **Associate members may be of any age. Associate members do not have voting privileges.**

**Rationale (reason for change): Consolidate multiple Article V, Section 1&2 suggested changes**

Submitted by: John Faber  
Date amendment submitted: June 9, 2020