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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

As we move into July, I would like to thank the folks that have been in and around the Fairgrounds taking care of the many jobs that need completion. Sharon coordinated getting new stone replaced at the Back Gate. Mowing continues to be a time consuming task. Fire alarms and sprinkler systems are being maintained. Rich was able to get the county to cut the shrubbery behind the guardrail on both sides of the dam road. The Exhibit Building is also scheduled to be painted.

Rentals continue to move along with the Scouts using the Fairgrounds as I write this. I would like to call everyone's attention to the upcoming "Monster Truck" event, and the Hot Air Balloon event. These are new rentals and an opportunity to bring the family out to the Fairgrounds. Jimmy and J.J. have been doing a great job keeping up with potty needs, sometimes late at night and early in the morning. It is a very time consuming job and very much appreciated.

A very successful Rodeo was held a few weekends back. Marilyn and Michelle did a fantastic job! Attendance was terrific and the beer staff was kept extremely busy! We

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look forward to this event again next year.

Fair Week folks are very busy! Contracts are being completed and the Fair Catalog has been delivered! We have copies available at the Fairgrounds if you should need one. It will also be available online.

The county has informed us that we will soon start paying for our water usage. Until a meter is installed, the cost will be based on square footage of buildings using water. I'll need to keep an eye on this as we actually use very little water, but our buildings are quite large!

And a big "Thank You" to Joan for getting this newsletter completed monthly. Thanks again Joan.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy July 4th. While we celebrate with family and friends, take a moment to honor our first responders and those who have served in the armed forces. It is also a good time to reminisce about those who have passed on and how thankful we are to have known them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Fairgrounds!

John H. Faber

President

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MOTIONS

At the May 9, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to purchase a Lap Top Quickbooks online. Cost not to exceed \$2500.

At the June 20, 2023 meeting of the Membership, the following motions were approved:

**to have the Exhibit Building painted at a cost less than \$15,000.

**to purchase the remaining turnstiles (2) from the Fabers for \$2100.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO AT THE FAIR

Peggy Peffley, chair of the Senior Citizen's Bingo on Senior Day at the Fair, is looking for donations that she can use for prizes. If you have some extras that you can't use and would like to donate, that would be great. Items she can use for the seniors are:

Jewelry  
Perfume/Men's Cologne  
Gift Cards for Stores or  
restaurants  
Bath Items  
Plants, Garden Items

Just drop off at the Fair Office when you are down there, and mark the bag for Peggy.

## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The following report was given by Sharon Gertz at the June 20, 2023 Membership meeting:

**ADVERTISING:** Underway at this time.

**BARN AREA:** We will have pony rides this year.

**BEER/WINE:** SPCA will do tickets.

**CATALOG:** Delivered to Fairgrounds and county libraries. Online catalog will go online July 14 through Sept 8.

**CONTESTS:** Ducky Game iffy.

**SCARECROW:** Mitzi Hardy is chairing it this year.

**CARNIVAL:** \$15 special deal on Wednesday and Thursday

**CONTRACTS:** All covered including Bathrooms and Labor

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Kathy and Rich filling in the holes in the schedule.

**OFFICE:** Peggy Peffly and Tommy Boehm in charge.

**4-H DEPT:** They will be using Membership cards and will be taking in 4-H entries on Saturday and Sunday.

**RIBBONS/TROPHIES:** Ribbons are in and trophies will be ordered in August.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 26, 2023**







## 4-H CORNER

Unfortunately, the 4-H Garden workday at the Fairgrounds, had to be cancelled last week due to rain with lightning. Kinder Farm 4-H was going to work on the gardens around the upper restroom, and other clubs were helping in the Overstreet Garden. The Fair Week Committee and 4-H will get together soon, and a new date will be rescheduled soon.

Congratulations to Summer Mrotek, who was awarded first place in the senior judging category at the State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest. Summer is now eligible to participate in the national level horse judging event at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Judging Round-Up. Summer is a member of the Linthicum 4-H High Riders.

Congratulations go out to Elizabeth Karides, who was recently inducted into the Maryland 4-H All Stars. Elizabeth is a member of the Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing Club.

### SCARECROW WORKSHOP

The Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday morning of Fair Week is still looking for donations of any accessories you might have to use in making scarecrows. Hats, caps, belts, scarves, anything you think a scarecrow might wear.

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The proposed changes to the Fair's bylaws were read at the June Membership meeting and are being attached to this newsletter for your review. They will be again published in the August newsletter and voted on at the August Membership meeting.

The proposed deleted parts have been lined through. The proposed additions are in Boldface.

Please carefully read over so you can decide how to vote on these changes.

Contact Stacy Eckels or John Faber for any questions or clarifications that you might need.

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MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates about our members that you may have, to our Corresponding Secretary Sandy Suhrie at fringes51@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

Our Fair newsletters will now be available to everyone (members and non-members) on the County Fair's website, www.aacountyfair.org.

Our current paid Fair members will continue to receive the newsletter by either email or mail. Please consider receiving your newsletter via email to help keep our mailing costs down.

Please when possible, use your personal email instead of a work email as often work emails bounce back when mass emails are received.

Birthdays and Anniversaries will continue to be recognized each month, however we will no longer post the actual dates in an effort to help keep personal information safe.

Many thanks to all of our members and volunteers who are a part of the Fair!

Mitzi Hardy
Membership Chair

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in July:

Andy Rickard
Kelsey Winters
Wayne Shorter
James Timmons
David Degreenia
Nikki Greever
Randy Akers
Nicole Gray
Mary Thomas
Walter Baase
Paula Akers
Siriesler Griffin
Eric Kalin

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating this month:

Elizabeth & James Molino
David Dolvin & Spouse
Jim & Sherry Timmons
Shari Kennedy & Spouse
Chip & Donna Brendle
Audrey & Lacy Chenoweth
James & Wendy Miller
Deana & Joey Tice

Get well wishes go out to Sally Lune who is recovering from a recent surgery.

And, as always, please keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.

2023 CALENDAR

- July 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!
- July 4 - Rental Committee
7 p.m. Fair Office or Zoom
- July 5 - Junior Board
7 p.m. Fair Office
- July 8 - Wine and Slow Jams
- July 11 - Board of Directors
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- July 15/16 - Renegade Monster Truck Tour
- July 26 - Fair Week Committee
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Aug 1 - Rental Committee
- Aug 2 - Junior Board
- Aug 8 - Board of Directors
- Aug 12 - SOCA Wine Festival
- Aug 15 - 🍷 Membership Meeting
- Aug 19 - IslandFest East
- Aug 26
& 27 - Hot Air Balloon Glow and
Laser Light Show
- Aug 30 - Fair Week Committee

****Information about the outside events can
be found at the County Fair website
www.aacountyfair.org**

General Membership Meeting

**Membership Meeting
August 15, 2023
7:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

**Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes
Summer Events
Fair Week**

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR 2023 SCHEDULE

Fair Week
Fair Week Tractor Pull
Antique Tractor Pull
Flea Market
Jousting Tournament
Halloween Happening
Christmas Lights

September 13—17
September 16
October 7
October 7
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October 14 - 29
Nov 24—Dec 17

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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.

ARTICLE I- MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.....MEETINGS:

Membership meetings shall be held the third Tuesday of January, April, June, August, **October** 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. (Amended 8/11/2020).

SECTION 4.....VOTING:

Any person ~~Only members who have not~~ paid their dues for the current membership year ~~by on or before~~ January 20th, will ~~not~~ be considered a member for the purpose of voting ~~for the calendar year~~. A ~~majority~~ **plurality** of votes will determine election to office. (Amended 8/2022).

SECTION 8.....INSTALLATION:

~~The installation of Officers and Board of Directors shall be in the month of January.~~ All membership dues by the individuals elected must be paid **by January 1** prior to ~~the~~ installation of Officers and Board of Directors **at the January membership meeting**. (Amended 8/19)

Section 8a.....OATH OF OFFICE: Any Officer or Director at their installation must execute the following Oath of Affirmation: *To the office which you were duly elected: Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will faithfully promote, protect, execute and enforce the goals, bylaws, policies procedures and membership of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Incorporated for the duration of your elected term.* (Amended 8/19).

ARTICLE II- DIRECTORS

SECTION 5.....BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~~The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a "Lawn Equipment Upgrade Account". All Fair corporate Events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these used exclusively funds for the purchase of "upgraded" or "new" lawn maintenance equipment.~~ (Amended 8/15)

SECTION 5A.....DIRECTORS' MEETINGS:

Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are to be held. Time and place will be ~~determined~~ by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon written/email request of five (5) Directors. (Amended 8/18)

SECTION 12.....SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

SECTION 12A: EMERGENCY & CORPORATE REAL ESTATE FUND

The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain an "Emergency and Real Estate Account" All Fair corporate events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these funds put into the escrow account. In a "State of Emergency", monies may be duly withdrawn after a three fourths majority vote by the Board of Directors. Monies may be used for the purchase of a permanent site for the corporation and its activities. (Amended 4/10)

SECTION 12B: LAWN EQUIPMENT UPGRADE ACCOUNT

The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a "Lawn Equipment Upgrade Account". All Fair corporate Events shall be taxed 5% of their net profits and these funds used exclusively for the purchase of "upgraded" or "new "lawn maintenance equipment. (Amended 8/15)

ARTICLE III- OFFICERS

SECTION 3.....DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

The duties and powers of the Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT:

- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Membership meetings.
- They shall present at the November Membership meeting a report of the conditions of the business of the Fair association.
- The President shall appoint the Fair Week Event Manager, subject to the approval of the Board. ~~They shall appoint such subordinate managers, assistants and committees as they find necessary to manage the business of the Fair.~~ (Amended 8/18).
- They shall appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and fix the compensation of all servants, agents, employees and clerks of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc., other than duly appointed Officers, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- They shall see that the books, reports, statements, and certificates required by the statutes are properly kept, made and filed according to law.
- They shall sign and make all contracts and agreements **related to the operations of the Fairgrounds** in the name of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.
- They shall sign all notes, drafts or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for the payment of money duly drawn by the Treasurer.
- They shall enforce these Bylaws and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, and which are required by law.
- They shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster and coordinate the emergency response plan as needed. (Amended 8/21).

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 6.....HONORARY MEMBERS:

Presented by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, Recipient of the **Honorary** Membership will be entitled to lifetime privileges of a regular member, right to one (1) vote, to serve as a Director or Officer, free entrance into the Anne Arundel County Fair for two (2), and serve on committees. The **Honorary** Member (s) will be recognized at the Annual Volunteer Dinner for the calendar year. In the event there is no volunteer dinner, the presentation will be at the last General membership meeting of the calendar year. The President will present the member (s) with a certificate and membership card. No dues are to be paid,

however, the **Honorary** Member is required to renew their membership notice with the Membership Committee each year. (Amended 8/98).

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.....STANDING COMMITTEES:

The President shall with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint the following standing committees of the Corporation:

Fair Week:

- **Chaired by the appointed Fair Week Event Manager.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager will manage all aspects of the Fair Week Event.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager may create a Fair Week Committee to assist in the operations of the Fair Week Event.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager will create subcommittees and appoint chairpersons.**
- **The Fair Week Event Manager or appointed chairpersons will write and sign contracts related to the Fair Week Event held annually on the fairgrounds.**

POLICIES

21. The Rental Committee will have to check with the Fair **Week** Event **Manager** Chairperson- for new rentals/events one week prior to or after Fair sponsored events. (Amended 11/13/18).

26. Operating Fair Equipment (Tractors, Mowers, Golf Carts, etc...) ~~Only persons with a valid driver's license are allowed to drive the Fair's riding equipment and~~ No renters are allowed to use the equipment. This equipment is to be used for fair business only. (Adopted 8/19/04).

26a. Persons 18 years and over:

1. It is recommended, but not required, to have a valid driver's license
2. The person must be a Fair member or a registered volunteer of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.
3. The person **MUST** have approval from the Fair President and the equipment manager or grounds manager (Approval between managers and president can be done by phone if not all are present)
4. If while operating equipment, it should break, it is recommended to help the maintenance manager with the repair, unless the equipment manager deems it not necessary. (Amended 4/30/2013).

26b. Persons under the age of 18, **but over the age of 16:**

1. **Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) year olds are required to have a valid driver's license.**

2. Must have permission from parents or guardians to operate equipment.
3. During the open hours of operation of Fair sponsored events the person WILL NOT be allowed to operate equipment in areas that the general public has access to. (Amended 4/30/2013).

4. Must attend a Tractor and Machinery Safety Course.

26c. Renters of Fairgrounds: No renter is allowed to drive fair equipment. (Amended 4/30/2013)

27. Adoption of the new Fair logo for all Fair advertising, etc. (Adopted 7/13/04).
28. Reserve Officer Donations: Set the donation for the Reserve Officers in accordance with the Fair Week agreement and which will go into effect Fair Week 2006. (Added 6/13/06).
29. Allow BGE to use the fairgrounds as a staging area for their equipment during an area disaster. (Adopted 6/19/07).
30. To preserve the integrity of the election held at the annual membership meeting in the month of November, no fair member on the ballot, nor family members of one's on the ballot, will be allowed to tally the votes. (Adopted 10/8/19).
31. The Bylaw Committee Chair has the ability to make formatting and grammatical changes to the Bylaw and Policies document as long as the structure and meaning of the Bylaw or Policy is not affected. (Adopted 8/10/21).
32. **The Anne Arundel County Antique Tractor Club will be allowed to store equipment on the fairgrounds for longer than 30 days without said property becoming fair property. This equipment is utilized for various fair sponsored events and used to help maintain fair property.**