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## Maryland Agricultural Fair Board Minutes September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Diane Geary, Chairperson at 6:02 via zoom meeting.

### Attendance

Board- Linda Brown, David Cavey, Jo Ann Cashman, Diane Geary, Daniel Mast, Connie Palmer, Becky Stem

Staff- Jessica O'Sullivan

### Minutes of June 20, 2020

Motion to accept previous minutes was approved first by David Cavey and seconded by Danny Mast. Minutes approved

### Report by the Executive Secretary

The Secretary gave an update on the fairs and shows have been affected due to COVID-19 and how that affect this year. The 2020 brochure is being kept virtual and will not be printed this year. With each cancellation our design is updated and a new document is to be posted on the webpage. Some fairs and shows that have been able to offer a virtual option include St Mary's County fair, Calvert County Fair, Miss MD Ag. Charles County offered a drive through fair with activities for the kids. Some fairs and shows also had virtual auctions with pleasing results on being Montgomery County and Carroll County. This year Montgomery County even had turkeys. The MAAFS Conference was held virtually over the weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup> and there was a decent turn out via zoom. The Maryland State Fair exhibitors were very appreciative and everything went really well with social distancing and temperature checks every day to enter. The fiscal department was reached and with the decrease in funds coming in we are still predicted to have a carry over for FY21 of 64,000 we will unfortunately not know of any carry over for FY22 until FY21 closes.

### Updates

With the current COVID-19 situation several of the fairs and shows scheduled for 2020 have sadly had to reschedule or cancel all together. It was discussed and a motion was passed that there will be no penalty for a fair sending in an after-activity report after 45 days of their show/fair completion date. Fairs and shows were reminded to please send in a report even if your fair/show was canceled if you had already purchased ribbons, awards or trophies. Fairs were also reminded that funds from the fair board are only to cover premiums, trophies, ribbons and awards. Fair boards funds are not to be used for judges' fees, security cost of for the upkeep of the fairgrounds.

### Upcoming Board Meetings

The next meeting will be November 18 2020 at 6:00pm via zoom.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky Stem and seconded by Danny Mast the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica O'Sullivan Executive Secretary