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Form

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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<b>A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning</b> <u>January 1</u> , 2011, and ending <u>December 31, 2011</u>	
<b>B</b> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C Name of organization</b> <u>Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs</u> Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>PO B 786</u> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <u>Augusta ME 04332-0786</u>
<b>G Accounting Method:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____ <b>I Website:</b> ▶ <u>maine fairs.org</u>	<b>D Employer identification number</b> <u>01 0363014</u> <b>E Telephone number</b> <u>207 426.8874</u> <b>F Group Exemption Number</b> ▶ _____
<b>J Tax-exempt status</b> (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	<b>H Check</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is <b>not</b> required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).
<b>K Check</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization <b>and</b> its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return	
<b>L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts</b> If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ	

▶ \$73862.32

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances</b> (see the instructions for Part I.)
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
6	Gaming and fundraising events	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$12,750.00 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)				
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				
7b	Less: cost of goods sold				
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8				

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**Part II Balance Sheets.** (see the instructions for Part II.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	56,162.81	<b>22</b> 59,945.65
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .		<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Total assets . . . . .	56,162.81	<b>25</b> 59,945.65
<b>26</b> Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) . . . . .	56,162.81	<b>27</b> 59,945.65

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐**Expenses**

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Promotion of Agriculture + Ag. fairs.

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

<b>28</b> Annual convention/meeting of member fairs (25) to promote exchange of ideas and an educational/informational venue for the State agricultural fairs regarding the agriculture industry. (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>
<b>29</b> _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>
<b>30</b> _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____ (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>
<b>32</b> Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>32</b>

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated. (see the instructions for Part IV.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
William McFarland So. China ME	President	0	0	0
Hope Ricker Gardiner ME	1st VP.	0	0	0
Randy Hall East Dixfield, ME	2nd V.P.	0	0	0
Catharine Damren Belgrade, ME	Ex. Director 1 mo (Jan.)	\$606.00	0	0
Frederick B. Lunt Jr Clinton ME	Ex. Dir. 11 mo (Feb-Dec)	\$7352.00	0	0
Ellen Lunt Clinton ME	Treasurer	\$5000.00	0	0
Sue Baker Pittston ME	Clerk	0	0	0
Gerald Gilpatrick Limerick ME	Director	0	0	0
G. David Byras Sr. <del>Barre</del> Litchfield ME	Director	0	0	0
<del>Barre</del> Barry Norris Union ME	Director	0	0	0
Kathryn Hunter Topsham	Director	0	0	0
Rusty Weymouth Charleston ME	Director	0	0	0

**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>33</b>	✓
<b>34</b> Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>34</b>	✓
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? . . . . .	<b>35a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>35b</b>	
<b>c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	<b>35c</b>	✓
<b>36</b> Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .	<b>36</b>	✓
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ <b>37a</b> . . . . .	<b>37a</b>	
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .	<b>37b</b>	✓
<b>38a</b> Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? . . . . .	<b>38a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . .	<b>38b</b>	
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: . . . . .		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .	<b>39a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .	<b>39b</b>	
<b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ . . . . . ; section 4912 ▶ . . . . . ; section 4955 ▶ . . . . .		
<b>b</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .	<b>40b</b>	✓
<b>c</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . . . ▶ . . . . .		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ . . . . .		
<b>e</b> All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. . . . .	<b>40e</b>	✓
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ . . . . .		
<b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>Ellen L. Lunt</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>207 426-8874</u> Located at ▶ <u>25 Silver St. P.O. Box 322 Clinton ME</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>04927</u>		
<b>b</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .	<b>42b</b>	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ . . . . . See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts</b> .		
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? . . . . .	<b>42c</b>	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ . . . . .		
<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b> <u>N/A</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .	<b>44a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .	<b>44b</b>	✓
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .	<b>44c</b>	✓
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>44d</b>	
<b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	<b>45a</b>	✓
<b>45b</b> Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>45b</b>	✓



**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

01 0363014

**Part I**

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations                         | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

**Total** . . . . . ▶

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 <i>Annual Mtg/Conv.</i> (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts . . . . .	\$14,687.00		\$14,687.00
	2	Less: Charitable contributions . . . . .			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .			\$14,687.00
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes . . . . .			
	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .			
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .			
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .	\$14,267.00		\$14,267.00
	8	Entertainment . . . . .			
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .			
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			
11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 . . . . . ▶				420.00

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes . . . . .	N/A			
	3	Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	4	Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	5	Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	6	Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				( )
	8	Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 . . . . . ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11** Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:
- |                                      |            |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>a</b> The organization's facility | <b>13a</b> | % |
| <b>b</b> An outside facility         | <b>13b</b> | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records.

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

N/A



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Part I #16

Travel, Meetings + Convention Expenses for Board Members	\$12,734.77
Advertising	3,226.00
Purchase of office equipment (computer)	3,091.06
Awards given to Member fairs	989.36
Donation to 4H Foundation	1,612.35
Misc Expense for Casual Labor	95.00
	\$21,748.54