

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

September 17, 2025

Village Hall - Hewitt

September meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President Megan Kundinger at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall in Hewitt, WI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Bernick, Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Bob Hartwig, Tim Heeg, Beth Spindler, Laura Huber, Katlyn Kohl, Virginia Krause, Megan Kundinger, Jessica Lindow, Josh Sabo, Mark Seefeldt, Andrew Seefeldt, Heather Wellach, and Laura Strigel.

EXCUSED: Brittany Bauer, Mallory Cepress, Dale Christensen, Betty Peterson, and Dave Urban.

ABSENT: Amanda Budtke, Tracy Benson, Steve Redmond, and Emma Kundinger,

GUEST: Richard Haffenbredl, Wendy Weber, Tammy and Terry Grassel, and Ann Lindow

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as submitted. Lori moved to approve the additional pay of \$50 each for the rabbit, poultry, and exotic animal judges. Josh seconded. Motion carried. It was asked if open and junior fair animal judges could be receiving the same pay.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: No report at this time. The Board will be meeting on September 22.

EXTENSION REPORT: Laura reported that enrollment in the 4-H program is now open until November 1. An area Extension director will be hired soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fair Evaluations: Discussion was held on how to identify animals that are shown in both Junior and Open class. Premiums cannot be paid for both shows on the same animal. Junior Fair will need to find a way to identify those animals. Suggestions were to allow them to show for ribbon only or find sponsors that will pay the additional premiums.
 - Judges in 2026 will need to come to the Fair Office to sign their paperwork and collect their payment.
 - The health paper work for the 2025 fair was complete and passed the health inspection. Romelle thanked the Board members for this. The only problem was that we need a list of the slaughter sites of all the hogs which we were able to get from Mark Cournoyer.
 - It was suggested that the Jr. Fair building and Hockey building close at 9:00 pm each night since the Expo building also close at that time. This would also include the poultry and rabbit barns. This might help eliminate some of the problems with getting Jr. Fair office help and building watch.
 - There was a miss communication on how the State Fair Judge's Choice ribbons were to be awarded. It was to be one ribbon per department per judge. It was also questioned why photography had 1st blue ribbons when they are judged Danish. This needs to be clarified

for 2026. A suggestion from one of the photography judges was to have two judges do face-to-face judging on Monday and have the third judge come on Tuesday to judge the other items using Danish.

- Where do all the brooms go? Josh volunteered to purchase several brooms, label them as Jr. Fair and store them in the storage room after the fair.
- Care to Share Forms were reviewed. Several of the suggestions were be taken to the Fair Board for review. The others will be considered as we plan for 2026.
- Betty Smith from the North County Line 4-H won the Jr. Fair Cover Contest. Josh has the winning copy.
- More signage is needed to let people know about the Hockey building.
- Changes may be needed in the sheep/meat goat show. With the increasing numbers the show is going too late. Part of the problem was the market animal photos slowing things down before the goat show.
- More garbage containers are needed by the Show Palace. Club's could be assigned to clean-up the Palace after each show has been completed. Something also needs to be done about the manure left on the walkways.
- The age requirements for showing need to be updated to match DATCP rules.
- Judge Evaluation – One of the photography judges brought their child with them which caused the judge to not be as attentive to those she was judging. It was suggested that she not be hired for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ribbon Order for 2026:** Blue Ribbon Awards in Chippewa is willing to fill our order for 2026. The only changes will be the champion ribbons for the horse project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **Market Animal:** They had a very successful sale. There are some youth in the Wi Rapids area that are not familiar with the Google Classroom used through the program. They will need addition training on this program.
- **Dairy:** Will be meeting on October 22, 2025 at Marshfield Sr. High starting at 7:00 to discuss changes for 2026.
- **Horse:** The change in the schedule worked very well. There were about 15-20 horses participating in the open show on Thursday. Continuation of this will depend on getting enough volunteer help.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Fair Care to Share Forms suggestions, Improvements for 2026, Audit Committee, Coordination of the scholarship with the Fair Board, age requirement to show, membership

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at the Hewitt Village Hall. George moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers