

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES
October 16, 2024
Junior Fair Building - Marshfield

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Bernick, Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, Mallory Cepress, Dale Christensen, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Bob Hartwig, Curt Hartwig, Laura Huber, Katlyn Kohl, Emma Kundinger, Megan Kundinger, Jessica Lindow, Betty Peterson, Josh Sabo, Mark Seefeldt, Andrew Seefeldt, Beth Spindler, Laura Strigel, Dave Urban.

EXCUSED: Brittany Bauer, Amanda Budtke, Tim Heeg, Virginia Krause, and Steve Redmond.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Benson.

GUESTS: Richard Haffenbredl, Ann Lindow, Kerry Storms, Tammy Grassel, and Wayne Schultz (left 7:25).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as submitted.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: Dale reported that there is a new coordinator, Melissa Brown, in charge of the Fairest of the Fair Program for 2025. The selection process will be held in November with the coronation to take place at the Christmas Show on November 20. The new Fairest will take over after the Jan. State Fair Convention. The Christmas show will be held in the Jr. Fair Building and tickets will be \$50 per person. This is to kick-off fund raising for building projects on the fairgrounds. There will be a dinner and concert. There will also be a basket auction. There will be changes in the barn cleaning between the animal shows for 2025. A discussion is being held on the use of straw in the barns. The fair did well for the 3rd year in a row a profit was made. The final financial records are not yet available. Wayne Schultz introduced himself as a supervisor on the Wood County Board. He stated that the Wood County Board is very supportive of the Fair. He had some questions about how reports were made to the County Board. He was advised to attend the Fair Association meeting to get answers to his questions or concerns.

EXTENSION REPORT: Laura reported that Olga Meza was recently hired and is working with the schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Care to Share Forms: Concerns expressed on the forms were reviewed and will be considered when making fair books changes for 2025.
- Ribbons: The ribbons order was turned into Blue Ribbon in Chippewa and are waiting to hear if they will be able to complete the order.
- Market Animal Showmanship Classes: After a lengthy discussion it was decided that changing an animal would be left up to the discretion of the superintendent if an animal is unsafe to show.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Improvements for 2025: Two new showcases are scheduled to be built. The shelving is finished. Fill is needed in Pat's Barn. New pegboards are needed. They could be shorter. A way to hang signs in the Hockey building is needed. Members are to bring more ideas to the November meeting.
- Membership: At this time, we are in good shape.
- Budgets for 2025: Megan moved to approve the Jr. Fair budget as presented. Josh seconded. MC Josh moved to approve the dairy budget as presented. Megan 2nd. MC Josh moved to approve the Market Sale budget as presented. Megan 2nd. MC Josh moved to present the horse budget as presented. Megan 2nd. MC
- Audit Committee: Megan and Tim were appointed to be on the audit committee.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Market Animal: The group met recently. They are considering allowing meat goats as a part of the sale. They will meet again on November 13.
- Dairy: The group will meet sometime in November or December.
- Horse: The group met in October and are planning educational meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting in November. The tack swap is scheduled for March 8, 2025.
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AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Improvements, 2025 schedule, designated signer, audit committee report, scholarship for 2025, fair book changes.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall. Lori moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary