

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

July 17, 2024

Hewitt Village Hall, Hewitt WI

July 17th meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President-elect Megan Kunding at 7:03 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brittany Bauer, Tracy Benson, Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Amanda Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, Mallory Cepress, Dale Christensen, Mark Cournoyer, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Bob Hartwig, Tim Heeg, Laura Huber, Katlyn Kohl, Megan Kunding, Emma Kunding, Jessica Lindow, Betty Peterson, Steve Redmond, Josh Sabo, Andrew Seefeldt, Mark Seefeldt, Beth Spindler, Laura Strigel, and Dave Urban.

EXCUSED: Virginia Krause

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kurt Hartwig and Heather Wellach

GUESTS: Richard Haffenbredl and Sharon Schaefer

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Fair-Entry – Romelle and Flower Beds

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as presented

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as presented.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: Dale reported that all the electrical work in the campground area has been completed. The new wash rack has been updated. More electricity to Pat's Barn can't be added at this time. It will need to be monitored during the fair to see if things are working well. Changes around the manure pit area by Pat's Barn has been worked on. Because of the avian flu health issues with milking cows, all exhibitors with milking cows will need to bring their own milking claw. All dairy animals will have the health papers checked before they can be unloaded from the trailers. Letters will be sent to all dairy exhibitors about this issue.

EXTENSION REPORT: Jr. Fair exhibitors who had problems with their entries have until 10 pm on July 17th to make the corrections. The Extension office will be hiring to fill an associate professor and an Americorp position.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Judges – All but two contracts have been returned. There is still no rabbit judge hired.
- Improvements – Steve has been working on cutting out the 20 additional shelving sets. They will then need painting. The scanners have arrived. The Extension Office will check them out and tag them.
- Scholarship – There were no applicants.
- Signage - The Fair Office purchased six sandwich boards that can be used for signage.
- Superintendent's Workshop – Laura will lead the Junior Fair superintendent's workshop on Appreciation night – Wednesday, August 7th. The meal will start at 5:30 with the workshop to follow. A sign-up sheet for food items was passed around. Invitations will go out on July 18th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Honoring Gordie - Josh will order a plaque to be presented to Gordie Sternweis for his many, many years of service in the poultry department. He will be honored at the Superintendent's workshop in August.
- Work Schedule - Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 17. The day will start with the unloading of the shelving units in the Junior Fair Building at 8:00 am. After that work can begin in the other areas.
- Overnight Supervision – Tim will check on the barns on Monday night of the fair, Brittany will take Tuesday night and Tracy will take Wednesday night.
- Entry Day Food Order – Megan will check with Heather to see if she can order the food for Monday, August 19th. Lisa was agreed to pick up the order.
- Flower Beds – Lisa has contacted the mayor to judge the flower beds. New club signs need to be made for the beds. Information about who has enrolled can be obtained from Haley in the fair office. There is no criteria sheet that has been made.
- Entry Problems - There were two exhibitors who they didn't enroll in a youth group before the deadline. Lori moved to not allow them to enter because they missed the deadline for enrolling. Katlyn seconded. MC Because of family issues, one exhibitor forgot to enter his goat. All his other items were entered on time. Jodie moved to allow him to add his goat entry. Betty seconded. MC
- Fair-Entry Programs – Romelle asked how long are we going to keep records on fair-entry for past years. It was decided that we will keep 5 years of past fairs. We can also delete 2020 since there was no fair that year.
- Farm Olympics – Sharon Schaefer, who is working with the Wonders of Wisconsin, would like to set-up a Farm Olympic events during the fair. She is looking for suggestions from the group. It was suggested to have the event on Tuesday evening following the Dress-a-Cow in the Show Palace. There would be a sign-up fee and prize money offered to the winning team or teams. Any money raised from the event would go to the Junior Fair. Teams could consist of youth and possibly some adults with 4-6 on a team. She will make up a flyer that can go out to all the clubs.

Department Reports:

- Market Sale – There are about 145 exhibitors participating in the Market Sale program. Two poultry birds will be auctioned at the sale to benefit Jr. Fair projects.
- Dairy – Nothing to report
- Horse – Because of the rainy summer several of the training sessions had to be cancelled. There is still one more planned.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Improvements (scanners, shelving), Judges, Signage, Ribbons, Jr. Fair Office Coverage, Jr. Fair Tasks, Food Order for Entry Day

The next meeting will be August 7th at the Junior Fair Building on the fairgrounds following the superintendent's workshop at 7:00pm. Brittany moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary