

UNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

September 20, 2023

Hewitt Village Hall

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Romelle Bymers, Dale Christensen, Misty Ferk, George Gilbertson, Tim Heeg, Laura Huber, Alli Kalsow, Virginia Krause, Megan Kunderling, Josh Sabo, Mark Seefeldt, Andrew Seefeldt, Laura Strigel, Dave Urban, and Heather Wellach.

EXCUSED: Brittany Bauer and Steve Redmond.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Benson, Missy Katzenberger, Betty Peterson, Melissa Hanke, Beth Spindler, and Kitty Bymers.

GUESTS: Cheryl Thorson, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig, and Lori and Richard Haffenbredl.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Membership

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as presented.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: Dale thanked the Board for all they did to make the 2023 Fair a success. They are currently studying the possibility of a new building on the grounds to replace the fair office and possibly the Jr. Fair and Lang buildings.

EXTENSION REPORT: Laura reported that there is nothing new to report at this time and everything is good.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

*Supplies for 2024 fair – New table skirting is needed. We need to look into new scanners that work to record entries and the results at the fair.

*2024 Fair Book – ALL changes must be in by the February meeting. No changes will be made after that date.

*2024 Ribbon Order – Romelle went over the number of ribbons needed in the animal departments. They will be ordered in September from Blue Ribbon Awards in Chippewa Falls.

*Fair Evaluations – The Care to Share forms were reviewed by the Board. Suggestions for consideration by the different superintendents were made in the Mechanical Science, Youth Members, Sheep, and Swine. Information to be shared with the Fair Board on general items - fans in the Round Barn, piping and ties in the new wash rack, additional gravel in the Show Palace, show times of goats and dairy in the Show Palace, key to the sound system in the Show Palace and volume control in the other barns, and signage especially for the hockey building. Projects for the Junior Fair Board to look at – getting keys for the Jr. Fair Building for Extension, key for Josh Sabo for chicken barn, and keys and training on the sound room for Tim and Mark Cournoyer; changing entry times on Monday before the fair; hiring someone to clean-up the walks between the barns and Show Palace; a way for exhibitors to challenge ribbon placings when errors are made by judges; looking at the signs needed for Jr. Fair; and some type of educational session for first time animal exhibitors.

*Membership – Josh moved to accept the resignation from the Jr. Fair Board of Alli Kalsow with thanks for her service. Tim seconded. Motion carried. The Board also thanked Misty and Missy for their time on the Jr. Fair Board as they too are resigning. Their resignation letters will be given to the 4-H Leader's Association which they represent on the Board.

Department Reports: Market Sale – They have recently met to review the 2023 Fair and make changes for 2024.

Dairy – Nothing at this time.

Josh moved to go into closed session to discuss issues dealing with youth exhibitors and membership on the Jr. Fair Board. George seconded. Heather called to order the closed session at 9:00 pm with the following members present: Virginia Krause, Megan Kindinger, Alli Kalsow, Tim Heeg, George Gilbertson, Dale Christensen, Josh Sabo, Mark and Andrew Seefeldt, Lisa Blanchard, Heather Wellach, and Romelle Bymers. Megan moved to adjourn the closed session at 9:25 pm. Alli seconded. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Judges, Fair Evaluations, 2024 Fair Schedule
The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall. Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary