

Gratiot County Fair for Youth  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 6, 2023  
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Chuck Efaw, Jason Lombard, Brent Skinner, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Kent Humm, Clay Mills, Jack Butcher, Matt Jorae, Darcy Martyn, Adam Wood,

Absent excused: Josh Hitsman, Taylor Gager

Guest: Stacey Woggons, Larry Richards, Angie Lake, Molly Lake, Sarah Jorae, Aidan Jorae, Heather Wood, Evan Wood, Bryce Wood, Beth Gruden, Stacy Wonsey-Anderson, Kylee Anderson.

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Brent presented the secretary minutes. Martha moved to accept the minutes as presented and Jack seconded. Motion carried.

Martha presented the treasurer's report. Adam moved to accept the financials as presented. Darcy seconded and the motion carried.

Fair Office Report –

Martha and Becky Hirschman have been filling in to keep the office running smoothly in the absence of a fair coordinator.

Public Comment –

None

Committee Reports:

- 4-H Council – Stacey reported that there are several outstanding 4-H members that have competed in a Livestock Judging contest and brought home some banners, as well as some winners in livestock skill-a-thon. 4-H is doing radio ads with the 4-Her of the week and are working on a new Facebook page.
- Horse Developmental – 4-22-23 Coggins testing at Matt and Becky Hirschman's driveway.
- Large Animal Committee – Haven't met.
- Special Event Committee – Rodeo planning is coming along very well over 50% of our goal has been raised so far, and ticket prices will be \$10 pre buy and \$15 at the gate.
- Small Animal Committee – looking still for one bird judge and one rabbit judge and will try to keep overall showmanship moving so it doesn't run over into large animal overall showmanship.
- Building and Grounds – Small animal barn is almost completed may need to do something about the concrete in south end. Plans are being made for an update to the horse arena announcers' booth, and the last roof should be done soon.

Old Business --

- Winter Storage Removal—All hands-on deck April 15, 8am please.
- Appreciation Awards: begin thinking about who we would like to nominate. One business and one individual. Please email Chuck with nominations we will be voting on this May meeting.
- Advertising – 2023 advertising with 92.5 the Castle, WMLM 105.9, 1520 am, WQBX for \$2227.00 motion made by Darcy, Kent seconded, motion carried.
- Food booth: Jason is continuing to speak with other food vendors and look at options to keep the food booth open during the fair.
- Road Sign Auction: the online auction will run from April 17-23.

New Business—

- Superintendents--Swine applicant was Beth Gruden, Martha made a motion for Beth to chair the swine department, Kent seconded, motion carried. The remaining applicants for Large Livestock overall Showmanship and Livestock Judging were referred to standing committee for interviews.
- Day Chair Sign up—Tabled until next meeting.
- Intern Update— Have Mary returning and are looking for other applicants
- Awards—added Angie Lake, Beth Gruden, and Stacy Wonsey to the standing committee to look as costs for banners vs. trophies.
- Signage—talked about what needed to be updated for the 2023 fair and discussed Dr. Stacks donations to update the small animal board, and parking signs

Jason made a motion to go to closed session. Kent Seconded. Motion carried.  
Board went into closed session.

Kent made a motion to go back into open session. Darcy seconded. Motion carried.  
Darcy made a motion to adjourn and Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2023 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Skinner  
GCFFY Secretary