

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 1, 2022
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Taylor Gager, Erin Humm, Adam Wood, Ben Cary, Kent Humm, Darcy Martyn

Absent excused: Josh Hitsman, Alexis Hitsman

Guest: Becky Hirschman, Stacey Woggon, Jake Cary, Amanda Grigar, Kelly Bushre, Aimee Taylor, Matt & Sara Jorae

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

We had the election of Officers.

Chuck Efaw was nominated for President. Brent moved to close nominations and Darcy seconded it. Motion carried.

Jason Lombard was nominated for Vice President. Darcy moved to close nominations. Brent seconded it. Motion carried.

Brent Skinner was nominated for Secretary. Adam moved to close nominations. Kent seconded it. Motion carried.

Martha Stellow was nominated for Treasurer. Darcy moved to close nominations. Adam seconded it. Motion carried.

Our new slate of officers is

President – Chuck Efaw

Vice president – Jason Lombard

Secretary – Brent Skinner

Treasurer – Martha Stellow

Secretary's report:

Brent Skinner reviewed the minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting. Martha moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Darcy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through October 31, 2022. Jason made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Clay seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: recognized guests as listed above.

Fair Office Report:

- * Photographer will be Ellie Martyn
- * Camping letters are out and many have been returned
- * The archery department will now be a division of the fair and no longer associated with 4-H Darren Fish and Tony Miller are still helping.
- * record books are being edited and revised – Erin should have these completed by Feb 1.
- * Fair Entry is ready to go for 2023.
- * Annual Campaign Mailing will go out the week of December 5. Erin will be stuffing on Monday, Dec 5 at noon if anyone is available to help.

4-H Report: Club enrollments are almost finished. Lots of holiday classes are being hosted. 4-H will be participating in the Come Home to Alma parade if anyone would like to join. More info on 2023 state shows and events are on the facebook page and in the newsletter.

FFA report: Local Chapters are wrapping up their fruit/nut sales.

Horse developmental: NA

Large Animal Committee: NA

Small animal Committee: NA

Buildings and Grounds: Jason is working on the plans and budget for the new restroom project. He shared the plans with the assembly.

Special events committee- Dinner Dance will be held February 25, 2023 at PINS in Ithaca.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fair Review —

- ❖ Board member assigned to a barn: pre-fair and post fair clean-up
- ❖ Sign in sheet at each barn to help superintendents keep track of those attending.
- ❖ Sawdust/sewer back-up at wash racks – kids need to make sure they are cleaning up their areas.
- ❖ Clear information in each barn for after animal load out and barn clean up – board member with each super.
- ❖ Treat for flies/bugs before fair? – might be needed but not always necessary.
- ❖ Day Chair - three people on specific days
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – Chuck suggested that we seek out other volunteers for these days.
- ❖ Leaf blowers available for clean-up? – only for PRE-fair.
- ❖ It was suggested that we have a superintendent/board member meeting 2-3 weeks before fair to go over any needs and/or information that needs to be passed along.
- ❖ It was also suggested that each board member should do at least an hour at the parking area on Monday/Tuesday so they are aware of what really happens.
- ❖ Keegan and Kent are working on parking changes. They also said that Maple Leaf should have a sticker from us and it should be a limited amount.
- ❖ MAFE Convention draft schedule was passed around and Erin will email it to the board. Jan 12-14 is the conference
 - Board members who will be attending....Chuck, Keegan, Jason, Brent, Erin, Kent

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vendor Form – Darcy edited the form and suggested that we make it by invitation only. The board agreed that we should be limiting the vendors to only agriculture and that we will send out invitations. Martha made the motion to use the new form and have it by invitation only. Kent seconded. Motion carried. There was one request to edit the form by including the size of space needed. Darcy was going to make that change and then get it back to Erin to finish the final details....logo, spacing etc.
- Lindsey and her committee for the fair book have been working hard. She estimates that the committee could bring the final edits to the February board meeting. Their next meeting is Dec 13. The superintendents have all received the edits and have sent their edits back to Lindsey to include.
- Kent moved to give the board members attending MAFE the power to act. Martha seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was had about bringing back the pedal pushers. Members attending MAFE will look them up.

Darcy moved to adjourn. Jason seconded. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 2, 2023 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Skinner
GCFFY Secretary