

Gratiot County Fair for Youth  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 3, 2022  
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Becky Hirschman, Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Taylor Gager, Josh Hitsman, Erin Humm, Lindsey Austin, Adam Wood, Ben Cary  
Absent excused by secret ballot: Darcy Martyn

Guest: Laurie Gager, Stacey Woggon, Kelly Becker, Alexis Hitsman

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the October 6, 2022 meeting. Martha moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through September 30, 2022. Larry made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Josh seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: NA

Fair Office Report:

- \* New printer needed—quotes shared – Board approved purchase of HP Printer from Amazon in the amount of \$2,495.95
- \* Julie Wentworth—lemonade trailer – **no we have an agreement with Maple Leaf.**
- \* Jon Bonga - Red Cross Trailer Rodeo in May 2023 – **board approved the usage of the fairgrounds**
- \* Jared Emory - can they use the fair office for wedding prep? If so how much? **\$1,000 deposit for the use of office**
- \* Alma High School Yearbook Ad? **NO**
- \* Calendar is on the website and office hours will be posted each week.
- \* QB Online is live and Martha has access as Treasurer

4-H Report: The awards banquet had over 100 attendants. There are a couple of events in the next few weeks including a leadership conference.

FFA report: Ben said National Convention was fun and tiring. Broiler contest went well and the FFA chapters will be selling their chickens.

Horse developmental: Meet last week finished details about horse camp and show. Their next meeting is in April.

Large Animal Committee: **The large animal committee proposed a change to the large animal show. The proposal will be reviewed and voted on at the November 6 board meeting.** Didn't meet.

Small animal Committee: No meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Clay will be working on the small animal barn. Water will be shut-off November 5, 2022.

Special events committee- Dinner Dance will be held February 25, 2023 at PINS in Ithaca. Erin and Fortney have signed a contract with Wally at PINS and they have set the menu.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fair Review — November list

- \* Fair Schedule— discussion was had and many options were proposed. Larry moved to accept the schedule as proposed by the committee. Brent seconded it and the motion was approved.
- \* Fair Office hours – preceding fair week and during fair week. – Tabled until January/February
- \* Tractor Operator Contest – more help? – Keegan said that Mr. Merchant is working on getting more help.
- \* **ORV – committee action needed – Review Committee and schedule a meeting to review the guidelines and rules and update as needed.**
- \* **Fair book rules update – committee needed** – Lindsey is the chair of this committee, Becky, Martha, Laurie Gager, Jennifer Whitford and Erin will be a part of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 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
- Event rentals – we reviewed the procedure for after events. Erin will check in after events to be sure that clean-up is done. Erin will then return the deposit if all is clean and there is no damage. Chuck proposed to change the deposit to \$500 for all rentals. Josh moved to change the deposit to \$500 for all rentals. Brent seconded. Motion carried.
- The superintendent committee recommended Aimee Taylor for the sheep superintendent. Martha made the motion to accept Aimee as the superintendent. Larry seconded. Motion carried.
- The committee also recommended Christina Apple for the Queens Court. Brent moved to accept Christina and Lindsey seconded. Motion carried.
- Budget Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Martha went over all accounts with the board. The board moved to a closed session to discuss budget sections of payroll. Discussion was had in the closed session about the board doing an evaluation for each employee before payroll is budget and passed for the fiscal year. The board will do evaluations in November. It was suggested by Erin after the closed session to be sure the evaluations were done before the October budget meetings so that the budget proposed in November would reflect any payroll changes suggested. The board also proposed exit interviews for the interns.
- Brent moved to do the evaluations and Lindsey seconded. Motion carried.
- Brent moved to accept the budget as proposed without the payroll sections. Larry seconded. Motion carried.
- **Evaluations will be done and payroll changes will be brought back to the board after the evaluations are completed.**

Brent moved to adjourn. Jason seconded. Motion carried at 8:54 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 1, 2022 following the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman  
GCFFY Secretary