

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4th, 2025
Thompson Home Public Library - Ithaca, Michigan

Members Present: Mackenzie Crumbaugh, Jennifer Dickman, Chuck Efaw, Keegan Humm, Matt Jorae, Jason Lombard, Larry Richards, Brent Skinner, Shanna Smith, Martha Stellow, James Weburg, Adam Wood, Raegan Falor

Absent: Brayden Bonga

Fair Office Staff: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Angela Aubin, Ruth Aubin, Jami Bebow, Joe Bowen, Kristi Davenport, Ashley Foster, Laurie Gager, Leann Grace, Beth Gruden, Adalee Gruden, Becky Hirschman, Kent Humm, Frank Welling, Cindy Whitford, Eric Whitford, Jennifer Whitford, Larry Whitford, and Greg Wolfe.

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

Election of Officers:

Adam moved to nominate Brent Skinner as President. Jason second.

Adam moved to close nominations with a unanimous vote. Martha second. Motion carried.

Shanna moved to nominate Chuck Efaw as Vice President. Martha second.

Adam moved to close nominations with a unanimous vote. Jason second. Motion carried.

Adam moved to nominate Shanna Smith as Secretary. Matt second.

Adam moved to close nominations with a unanimous vote. Matt second. Motion carried.

Larry moved to nominate Martha Stellow as Treasurer. Adam second.

Adam moved to close nominations with a unanimous vote. Matt second. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shanna presented the meeting minutes. Chuck moved to accept the minutes. Larry second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Martha presented on the financials with corrections. Chuck moved to accept the corrected treasurer's report. Jason second. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

- Chuck moved to have Roslund Prestige do a full audit and one will be done any time there is a new fair coordinator. Adam second. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Eric Whitford spoke regarding breeding stock and buyer pick-up times. He requested to have this release done prior to when sale animals leave.
- 4-H & 4-H Council –Ashley Foster spoke on upcoming events and asked for project area recommendations she can help with.

Committee Reports:

- Large Livestock – Brent gave recommendations from committee.
 - Adam moved to accept the proposed sale order of Swine, Crops, Beef, Sheep, Feeders, and Dairy. Swine, Crops and Dairy will remain locked in their sale position. Beef, Sheep and Feeders will rotate annually. Larry second. Motion carried.

- Chuck moved to have Reserve Champions receive award for Large Livestock animals in the categories of Record Book and Skills Test / Lab. Adam second. Motion carried.
- Jason moved for skills tests of Beef, Feeders, Sheep and Swine to be held on Thursday at 1:30pm. Larry second. Motion carried.
- Adam moved that record books for all species will be due by Sunday at 2:30pm. Check second. Motion carried.
- Adam moved to accept the category addition of Milking Shorthorn to the Dairy Breeds. Chuck second. Motion carried.
- Chuck moved to allow the Gratiot 4-H Dairy Club to have a table inside the cover arena to collect bids and hand out dairy products during the GCFFY Livestock Auction. Members and parents will be there to supervise and hand out cold milk. Larry second. Motion carried.
- Small Animal – Martha reported that the small animal committee is also interested in rotating their sale order. Martha moved to allow small animals to rotate the sale order. Keegan second. Motion carried.

Upcoming Ground Rentals: None

Old Business:

- GCFFY Property: No updates.
- MAFE Convention – Get with Hannah soon if interested in attending. MAFE will be Jan 8-10.
- Dinner Dance – Send ideas to Hannah for fundraising at this event.

New Business:

- 2026 Dates – Hannah discussed taking a break from the golf outing. Adam moved to do the Road Sign Auction at the Dinner Dance in March. Matt second. Motion carried.
- Committee Sign Up – Jennifer moved to rescind motion elimination Awards Committee. Adam second. Motion carried. Jennifer moved to reinstate the Awards Committee. Shanna second. Motion carried.
- Fair Book Changes – Hannah presented recommendation for Pocket Pets to come back. Adam made a motion to have this recommendation reviewed by the Small Animal Committee. Chuck second. Motion carried.
- Still Exhibits – Kristi Davenport requested the following changes.
 - Remove Original Antiques and merge Repurposed Antiques into Creative Crafts.
 - There will be 1 trophy winner for the categories listed instead of age divisions
 - Clothing/Textiles
 - Sewn Clothing
 - Sewn Textiles
 - Add additional cookie judge and line per age division due to high volume of exhibitors.
 - Creative Crafts – Break Junior Division into two groups due to high volume. Award one trophy for 8/9 year olds and one trophy for 10/11 year olds.
 - Martha moved to accept Kristi recommendations, Larry second. Motion carried.
- Board Member Agreement – Signed and Returned
- Other

- Jennifer moved to rescind the fair schedule vote that approved the 2026 fair schedule. Jamie second. Motion carried.
- Jennifer moved to reinstate the 2025 fair schedule. Adam second. Keegan moves to table the schedule discussion. Martha second. Votes cast. Martha calls Division of House. Brent breaks tie and tables the vote and discussion.
- Larry moved to rescind January Meeting cancellation and have a meeting scheduled for January 13th. Martha second. Motion carried. Hannah will post notice.

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting. Keegan second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:57pm.

Next meeting –January 13th, 2026 at 7pm – Bill and Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Smith

GCFFY Secretary