

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14th, 2022
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Becky Hirschman, Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner (zoom), Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm (zoom), Taylor Gager, Josh Hitsman, Erin Humm, Alissa Whitmore, Mary Sopocy, Darcy Martyn, Lindsey Austin (zoom), Adam Wood

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

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the June 2nd, 2022 meeting. Martha moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through May 31, 2022. Larry made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

Erin brought these items.

- We have office hours set up for the month of July and throughout the week of fair set.
- Kids Day:
 - Mary and Alissa spoke about the 15 vendors that have signed up for Kids Day. We will be having emergency vehicles, K9 dog, face painting, smoke house and many other vendors. The interns ordered and designed T-shirts for Kids Day volunteers and vendors.

Public Comment: NA

Committee Reports: FFA report – Plant sales are completed. New advisor for Ithaca FFA is Leslie Siefka.

Horse developmental: No formal meeting. Will have a meeting on July 27th.

Large Animal Committee: N/a

Small animal Committee: Need numbered zip ties for poultry processing.

4-H Report:

- Cloverbud day July 26th. There were 20 kids that had signed up previously.
- Ag Olympics will be assisted by teen council.
- Cloverbud parade and ice cream social on Thursday, August 4th.

Buildings and Grounds:

- Building Roofs are done
- Covered Arena, small animal barns are completed
- Home Depot donated \$500 for toilets
- Hydro seed grass- this area will be roped off during the fair
- Painting of all barns has been completed
 - Office deck is finished, big thank you to Phil and Kathy
- Barn C-E roofs will be completed after the fair

Special events committee-

- September 11th
 - Youth deer fest
 - Must be a 4-H member to shoot. Suggestion of a sign-in sheet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Set up and clean up nights for fair week
- Requirements and responsibilities for fair week-day chairs
- Swine and show ring gates-denied request of being able to rent out

NEW BUSINESS:

- Food barn license is being processed
 - They also asked for two campsites \$ 200.00
 - Clean up days and setting up for rural urban days
 - Clean up fair days will be working by barn and not club this year
- Opening Ceremonies will be on Sunday the 31st at 4:00 pm.
 - Members need to meet at covered arena at 3:45 pm.
- Set up for swine show will be Tuesday evening
- Keegan will meet with his usual club to help set up for parking and also do a refresher for anyone wanting one on Sunday July, 24th
- Jason Septic will be \$20 for pumping campers again this year
- Stop the Bleed and AED
 - 3: office, covered arena, and horse arena

There was a motion for the purchase of another AED and stop the bleed kit. Adam seconded. Motion carried.
Chuck will check with Jen about renting an AED.

Adam moved to adjourn. Lindsey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting will be July 30th, 2022 at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman
GCFFY Secretary