

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2nd, 2022
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Becky Hirschman, Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm (zoom), Taylor Gager, Josh Hitsman, Ben Cary, Erin Humm, Alissa Whitmore, Mary Sopocy

Absent: Adam Wood, Darcy Martyn, Lindsey Giles-Austin

Guests: Jake Cary, Riley Skinner

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

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2022 meeting. Larry moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Fair Office Report:

Erin brought these items.

- The Community Foundation Grant – Small Animal Barn
 - Submitted
- Fair office hours are 4 days a week, 20 hours per week for the interns
- Fair clean up days
 - Wednesday July 20th, 5:30-7:30pm
 - Sunday July 24th, 5:30-7:30 pm
 - Wednesday July 27th, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Public Comment: NA

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

Horse developmental: May 14-15 was Horse Camp -- All girls qualified for the state show.

Large Animal Committee: N/A

Small animal Committee: NA

4-H Report: N/A

Buildings and Grounds:

- Door codes have changed and emailed out to board members.
 - Different codes for renters
- Greenside-up: donated hydroseeding
- Small animal barn and covered arena will be completed by July 20th, 2022.
- The steel will be ordered for the roofs and these people will be helping with the assigned roofs.
 - A&B: Joe Sherman

- C: Darren Fish
- E: Clay Mills
- June 15th
 - FFA Members to paint.
- Phil will be staining the porch this weekend.

Special events committee-

Martha reported that PINS has been contacted and their rate is \$1,000 which is half the regular rate. Do we want to book them? Jason moved to book PINS for the Dinner dance March 11, 2023. Clay seconded and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clay will be able to get the old road signs down so we can get the new, updated names on the signs.
- Appreciation Awards
 - DeWitt Lumber
 - Ron and Teresa Bushre

NEW BUSINESS:

- June 15th: emergency meeting for active shooter training with Sheriff Department.
- June 20/21: Sheriff and Board for active shooter meeting
- Larry
 - 3 ORV's available
- Lakeside
 - Steve and Matt will ask about ORV's
- Still exhibit
 - Barn security for projects on Saturday
 - Prevent buyers from taking projects themselves
 - Jason will change padlocks on barns so there is no issue with others having the codes/keys
- Jason
 - Food booth/truck
 - Will Weiner Wagon Express
 - Melinda Dunkle: (989) 418-1467
 - Campsite: \$200
- Campsite for Bennett's concession
 - \$200
- Missing Meeting
 - What it states in the bylaws and what counts as an excused absence
 - Sickness, family emergency, out of town
 - 3 meetings can be missed throughout the year.
 - We are a working board
 - Chuck will contact those that have missed two or more meetings with an email.

Larry moved to adjourn. Josh seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting will be July 14th, 2022 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman
GCFY Secretary

