

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2022
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Becky Hirschman, Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Darcy Martyn, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Adam Wood, Lindsey Giles-Austin, Taylor Gager, Josh Hitsman, Erin Humm

Guests:

Joan Taylor, Karson Humm, Kent Humm

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting. Martha moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Josh seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through February 28, 2022. Becky made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Darcy seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

Erin brought forth several items.

- Dinner Dance went well and the total raised was \$17,785
- After discussion about the Dinner Dance – Martha mentioned moving the dinner to Pins in Ithaca and Adam agreed that it would be a great idea.

Public Comment:

NA

Committee Reports:

FFA report – NA

Horse developmental – April 16 is the Coggin's Clinic at Hirschman's.

Large Animal Committee- Judges are being called.

Small animal Committee-

- Clay is watching the poultry situation.
- At the time of the meeting we still needed a goat and poultry judges. Darcy will contact Greg to send the goat judge info to Erin.
- Erin will include the poultry information regarding aviary flu in the next newsletter.

4-H Report –

- 48 volunteers at this time
- 259 kids signed up online at this time. May 1 will be the deadline for kids to sign up with 4-H
- Small animal clinic on April 9 at TSC in Alma.
- May 12 is Project Red with Farm Bureau

- May 14 4-H will be hosting a Bees and Seeds day.
- In May will be a large animal clinic details will be forthcoming.
- June 9 is the health and safety day at the fairgrounds with MidMichigan Health
- June 22-24 is Exploration Days
- Cloverbud Day is set for July 26
- YQCA will likely only be online at this time extension will not be able to host an in person event.
- Ag Olympics and Crops and Weed contest will be put on with the help of the Extension Office.

Buildings and Grounds – Had a meeting and decided there were some projects that needed to be completed.

- Financials listed on Five year plan – see attached
- Martha suggested applying for the Community Foundation Grants next cycle due June 1.
- Jason shared about a proposed roofing system for the Covered Arena.

Special events committee- NA

Old business:

Awards – Darcy volunteered to be the chairperson for the Awards Committee

Winter Storage – Pull out begins at 8 am on April 16. Jason, Martha, Karson, Brent, Chuck, Kent, Lindsey, Larry and Erin will be there to help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Sign Auction is scheduled for the week of April 25. Erin will contact the buyers from the last five years and let them know how the auction will be held this year. Erin will also post on Facebook for others to hear about the event.

Water will be turned on by May 1. Buford will help with this. Larry is managing this project.

Fair board members that need shirts should contact Erin with sizes so that they can be ordered. – Brent and Taylor are the only members in need of a shirt at this time.

Brent will contact John at Blue Shamrock to confirm details for him to use River Rock for the week of fair.

Jason mentioned Microwrestling promotions – Erin will work on Facebook posts, radio ads and such to begin promoting the event.

Erin brought up the Face-painting requests. The board cannot meet these requests so Erin will contact Vonda to let her know that these requests can't be met and we won't be hosting her here.

Adam moved to adjourn. Jason seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The board went into a closed session after the regular meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 5, 2022 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman
GCFY Secretary