

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 2, 2021
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Larry Richards, Ben Cary, Jason Lombard, Lindsey Austin, Jessica Truax, Clay Mills, Josh Hitsman, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Darcy Martyn, Martha Stellow, Keegan Humm, Kent Humm, Jake Cary, Adam Wood

Zoom: Becky Hirschman, Gabe Pritchard

Guests:

Joan Taylor, Shanna Smith, Erin Humm, Ashlee Gibson-Smith, Stephanie Dailey

Kent Humm called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting. Martha moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Keegan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Lindsey Giles-Austin reviewed the Financial Reports through November 30, 2021. Keegan made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Josh seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

Erin mentioned the armory post that was pulled in error. The parking committee will be aware of it for next year. Erin also asked about the rental for the barrel show. There are several questions about this rental as they require equipment and make a mess of the grounds if directions aren't given. Erin will follow up with the contact and see what might be done to compromise for the rental.

Erin presented a rental on October 15, 2022 for a rabbit show. The board discussed and decided that winter storage could be postponed a week and the show could be held.

Public Comment:

Joan Taylor from Gratiot Extension let us know that 4-H sign-ups are up to 203 entries at this time. They are going to be posting Chris Thompson's position and would like a board member on the selection committee.

Committee Reports:

FFA report – Ben reported that the Alma FFA is beginning their SpeakAg program and posting on FB about a different Ag topic each month. The month of December is about Christmas Trees. Leadership contest practices will begin soon.

Horse developmental – Met Nov. 17 confirmed dates for May horse show and camp and elected officers. They will meet again in April.

Small animal Committee- The committee met on Nov 30. Darcy brought to the board the question of record books. The large animal committee will be doing record books as an option and will plan to offer YQCA credits in place of a record book – so the small animal committee will likely go forward with this change as well.

Large Animal Committee- Shanna brought shared that the large animal committee will plan to give the option to kids to choose YQCA or the record books. They haven't made an official decision yet.

Buildings and Grounds- Toilets being changed out needs to be finished and a decision made as to what toilets will be used. The committee will make those decisions at their next meeting.

Special events committee: Martha reported in about the Dinner Dance. She has several documents available with a contact list of people to ask about donating and contact sheets. **Tickets will be ready for selling on Jan 6.**

Old business:

MAFE Convention is scheduled for Jan 13-15. Becky suggested someone attend the Service Animals session so that we can be more prepared if we have any concerns with animals on the grounds. **Board members need to let Erin know if they plan to attend.**

Schedule changes were postponed until Jan 6 so that Erin could get the changes made in the fair book to present all of them at the same time.

New business:

Officer Elections were held for 2021-22 Fiscal Year

President – Chuck Efaw

Vice President – Jason Lombard

Secretary – Becky Hirschman

Treasurer – Martha Stellow

The next meeting will be January 6, 2022 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman
GCFFY Secretary