

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 6, 2022
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Larry Richards, Jason Lombard, Clay Mills, Josh Hitsman, Brent Skinner, Chuck Efaw, Darcy Martyn, Keegan Humm, Adam Wood, Taylor Gager, Erin Humm

Zoom: Becky Hirschman, Lindsey Austin, Martha Stellow

Guests:

Joan Taylor, Laurie Gager

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

Secretary's report:

Becky Hirschman reviewed the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting. Darcy moved to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented, Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Stellow reviewed the Financial Reports through November 30, 2021. Darcy made the motion to accept the financials as presented and Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report:

Erin had all the Board members fill out the Board Member Responsibilities for 2022.

Public Comment:

Joan Taylor from Gratiot Extension let us know that 4-H sign-ups are up over 200 entries at this time. They are going to be posting Chris Thompson's position this week. Erin and Becky will be on the search committee.

Committee Reports:

FFA report – NA

Horse developmental – NA

Small animal Committee- NA

Large Animal Committee- Laurie brought the decision of the Large Animal Committee to the board regarding record books. The committee recommended that record books be optional and YQCA be another option for exhibitors. The board agreed that this is a recommendation they want to adopt. Brent moved to accept the recommendation of the large animal committee, Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds- Chuck asked for all of the emails from the superintendents to check in with them for their building needs. The buildings will all have new codes for each superintendent/barn.

Special events committee- NA

Old business:

Horse pull – Erin has had no success in reaching the Dynamometer organization. Erin will check in with them at Fair School. Brent moved to table the decision about a Saturday event until after fair school. Larry seconded it. Motion carried.

Fair Book changes were approved as presented, with the exception of changing the rule about the futurity classes.

Brent moved to change the rule. Taylor Gager moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Adam seconded it. Motion carried.

Brent moved to make the changes as presented. Adam seconded it. Motion Carried.

Adam moved to allow the board members at Fair Convention to book events. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Dinner dance tickets were handed out to each board member. More tickets will be available next week (Jan 12).

Brent wanted to make a point of order and state that at the December meeting once Chuck (the president) was elected he should have taken over the meeting. And the old board members should have left the meeting and not voted. We will make adjustments for the meeting next year.

New business:

Committees – Board members signed up for committees. The committee list will be emailed out with the meeting minutes.

Beef Superintendent – a decision needs to be made about Samantha Sinclair. Chuck, Darcy, Shanna, Jason and Adam will try and meet with her to interview her and make sure she knows about the expectations.

Brent moved to declare Sam Sinclair as beef superintendent if the interview went well. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Chuck briefly talked about the fair calendar we will be using for the year.

Erin will work on putting together new board member binders for Darcy, Keegan, Brent and Taylor.

Larry moved to auction a campsite at the dinner/dance in March. Josh seconded. Motion carried. **Erin and the camping committee will determine the best site for the auction once most of the camping forms have been returned.**

Adam moved to adjourn. Josh seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2022 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hirschman
GCFY Secretary