

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2025
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Chuck Efaw, Matt Jorae, Keegan Humm, Brent Skinner, Adam Wood, Raegan Falor, Andrew Lombard, Angie Lake, Shanna Smith, Jack Butcher, Kent Humm & Jason Lombard

Members Remote: Becky Hirschman & Martha Stellow

Fair Office Present: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Leann Grace, Jaidyn Butcher, Amanda Siddal, Greta Siddall, Amiee Minnick, Mackenzie Crumbaugh, Larry Richards, Kipp Krenz, Jenifer Taylor, Beth Gruden, Adalee Gruden & Joe Bowen

President Brent Skinner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Shanna presented the secretary report. Angie moved to accept the minutes as presented and Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Martha presented the treasurer's report and went through some line items. Shanna made a motion to accept the financials. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report –

- Camper mailings have gone out.
- Fair Entry training went well. It sounds like the best option for an add a bid is to wait until after the animals are gone before adding them.
- Judge contacts have been happening.
- A lot of time has been spent on Dinner Dance solicitation and planning.

Public Comment –

- Adalee Gruden proposed an idea on still exhibit changes due to wanting to show at MLE.
- Amanda Siddall, Lactation Consultant from Child Advocacy, expressed wanting a designated breast-feeding space on the fairgrounds for people during the week of fair.
- Mackenzie Crumbaugh, Jason Lombard & Jaidyn Butcher spoke to the board on themselves and why they want to run for the board. The board voted via a ballot. Jason Lombard won and has filled the open seat on the board.

Committee Reports:

- 4-H – No report.
- Horse Developmental – April 12th there will be a Coggins Clinic at Becky Hirschman's and horse camp is the first part of May.
- Large Livestock – Have not met.
- FFA – Many clubs and teams are competing good.
- Small Animal – Martha is the new small animal chair.
- Buildings & Grounds – Chuck reported the he got estimates for speaker system and bleachers. There is a committee meeting here at the office on Wednesday, February 12th at 6pm.

Upcoming Rentals

None

Old Business –

- Fan Update (Rebate & Installation For Fair)
- Lawn Mower Maintenance – Hutson came and picked up the mower to do our annual maintenance and it's good to go for spring.
- Board Responsibility Agreement – Hannah has received the rest of the board agreements now.
- Fair Book – The fair book on the website should now be fully ready to go. Angie requested a post be put out saying that the book is available on the website.

- Radio Advertising – Hannah went over the package that Dawn put together for radio advertising. Dawn has teamed up with 104.9 WQBX. The board mentioned using Facebook ads and asked Hannah to look into those for pricing and how they work.
- Dinner Dance – The solicitation list was passed around for all board members to write in their updates so Hannah could update the Google Sheet and share with the board again. It was encouraged to board members to sell all 10 of their tickets as well.

New Business—

- Election of New Board Members – Taken care of in public comment section.
- Committees via Bylaws
- Food Booth – The board packets had a proposal from Nick Lux at Block House for what he was thinking with the Food Booth the week of fair. Kent made a motion to have the vendor committee review the food booth and other food vendors. Adam seconded. Motion carried.
- Lactation Space – It was discussed during public comment.
- Popsicle Giveaway
- MAFE Convention Recap
- Ithaca For The Kids Cow Pie Bingo – They would like to have their annual Cow Pie Bingo during the fair this year. Chuck made a motion to allow Cow Pie Bingo late Saturday afternoon of fair. Andrew seconded. Motion carried.
- Grants – GCCF & MDARD
- Sale Event
- Other – The still exhibit item was mentioned again. Kent made a motion to table the still exhibit discussion. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Kent moved to adjourn. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannah Smith
GCFY Secretary