

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Chuck Efaw, Matt Jorae, Darcy Martyn, Kylie Acker, Andrew Lombard, Brent Skinner, Jack Butcher, Angie Lake, Shanna Acker, Adam Wood, Kent Humm & Keegan Humm

Members Virtual: Martha Stellow

Guest: Kristy Davenport, Katie Allen, Maggie Allen, Kacie Allen, Erika Humm, Kipp Krenz, Bill Hendrion & Larry Richards

Guests Virtual: Becky Hirschman

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

Brent presented the secretary report. Darcy moved to accept the minutes as presented and Shanna seconded. Motion carried.

Hannah presented the treasurer's report for Martha. An appointment needs to be made with John Morey to go over numbers on the tax return. Brent made a motion to accept the financials on file and table the tax return to the next meeting. Kent seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report –

- Hannah has been working on getting the camping mailings around. They will be sent out next week.
- Working on the dinner dance and collecting final donations.
- Donation letters were all sent out and we're receiving many back in returns. Thank you letters are being sent as they come in.
- Kent made a motion that the Fair Coordinator does the contracts for all future events going forward. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

- Bill Hendrion announced that the new 4-H Program Coordinator is Bri Clark and she started in January.
- Kipp Krenz would like to sign up for some committees. He would like to be on large animal, awards and buildings & grounds.

Committee Reports:

- 4-H Council – Bill Hendrion reported during public comment.
- Large Livestock – Brent reported that him and Adam met with Russ from Clinton Vet to go over the drug testing. The committee will be meeting soon.
- 75th Anniversary – Cookbooks are here and are \$20. The Gratiot County Herald wants to run a monthly article. The next meeting is March 7th.
- Rodeo – Committee is Kent, Keegan, Larry & Darcy. Hannah will be putting together a form for sponsorships.
- Dinner Dance – Hannah requested some help for getting donation items from fair office to bowling alley Friday. Then to have some help with setting up. Any tickets not sold by fair board member are to be turned in to Hannah along with the money.
- FFA – Ithaca had two kids that advanced from regional to state officer interviews today. St. Louis has one moving on to state and Breckenridge Jr. High has a team moving on.
- Small Animal – Haven't met.

- Horse Developmental – Will meet again in April
- Buildings & Grounds
 - Bathhouse Project – The committee's recommendation to do the project is Mills Construction and his bid was \$137,451.00.
 - Martha made a motion to spend \$61,986.00 out of the money market account to pay for the bathhouse project. The remaining funds have come from grants. Jack seconded. Motion carried
 - Kent made a motion to have Mills Construction do the bathhouse project. Martha seconded. Motion carried.
 - Covered Arena and Speaker System – The couple of quotes that have been received are \$45k+. We could consider having a DJ bring their setup for auctions and see how that goes.
 - Campground wiring needs upgraded. Darcy made a motion to do the electrical upgrade in the campground. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming Rentals

- 3/17 – Kountry Kid's 4-H Meeting

Old Business --

- MAFE Convention – Kent and Keegan reported on different topics that they learned about at the convention.
- 2024 Special Pricing for Rentals – Passing on to buildings & grounds.
- Camping letters for 2024 – They will be sent out next week.
- Angie made a motion to create an awards committee. Shanna seconded. Motion carried. Angie said she would chair the committee. Kipp Krenz, Kacie Allen, Shanna Smith, Chuck Efaw, Martha Stellow & Becky Hirschman will be on committee.

New Business—

- Bench for Mr. Roslund as memorial was requested per his family. Angie made a motion to accept a bench for Mr. Roslund. Keegan seconded. Motion carried.
- Gratiot Conservation District wants to have their tree sale in Barn L this year April 22-24. The board said it was fine and to collect the \$100 deposit.
- Fair Board Responsibility Agreement – All board members need to read through, sign and turn back in to Hannah.
- 2024 Fair Entry is open for beef exhibitors.
- 75th Polo – Could be a good idea for the golf outing and other fair events for the special anniversary. Hannah will work on pricing and styles.
- Picnic Table Rentals – We had an inquiry on renting the wood picnic tables under the pavilion. The board discussed the inquiry but decided more info was needed so it was tabled until the March meeting.
- Release Time Reinforcement – Should be less of an issue with exhibitors and parents taking animals out ahead of the scheduled time due to the changes made.
- Radio Advertisement for 2024 – Hannah shared the info with the board on what Dawn provided. It would be the same package as last year for \$2227 through WMLM. Brent moved to approve the radio advertisement. Darcy seconded. Motion carried.
- Fair Entry Training – There is an in person training in North Carolina that Hannah and Erika Humm will be going to February 20-22. The EC Committee approved Hannah to go prior to this meeting due to the deadline. There are other minutes on the EC Committee's discussion.
- Community Wide Garage Sale – Hannah proposed the idea to the board as another fundraising opportunity. This would be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The board asked that there be a liability form. Kent made a motion to allow the event. Brent seconded. Motion carried.
- Trophy Options – Hannah presented a few trophy options that E & S put together. Now that there is an awards committee they will take that on.

Adam made a motion to adjourn. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Skinner
GCFY Secretary