

Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2024
Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Conference Room

Members Present:

Chuck Efaw, Matt Jorae, Keegan Humm, Martha Stellow, Becky Hirschman, Brent Skinner, Adam Wood, Kylie Acker & Kent Humm

Members Remote: Shanna Smith & Angie Lake

Members Absent: Jack Butcher, Andrew Lombard & Darcy Martyn

Fair Office Present: Hannah Reeves

Guests: Larry Richards & Nick Lux

President Chuck Efaw called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Brent presented the secretary report. Adam moved to accept the minutes as presented and Kent seconded. Motion carried.

Martha presented the treasurer's report. She went through the financials and a breakdown of some numbers from fair week. Becky made a motion to accept the financials. Kent seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Office Report –

- Ivy has been doing a great job and has been very helpful with winter storage.
- Fair checks have been sent out except for the ones that we have not received payment for yet.
- Winter storage has a few spots open that we are hoping to hear back from soon on filling.

Public Comment –

- Nick Lux talked about how they could do food for us in the food booth next year. He would try to get other non-profits involved to help. He would like to have the agreement be in black and white. If equipment was needed, he would bring his own.

Committee Reports:

- 4-H – No report.
- Horse Developmental – Becky reported that they met September 17th. Horse camp will be May 9th and 10th next year with a horse show on the 11th.
- Large Livestock – Haven't met. Hannah will send an email to get a meeting setup.
- FFA – No report.
- Small Animal – No report.
- Buildings & Grounds – Haven't met. Kent reported that from the budget meeting we discussed doing something different in the middle of the beef barn like in the feeder barn. A gate being put up over by the armory for Gate 6 and speakers in the camping area was discussed as well. We also discussed handicap accessibility in the covered arena on the bleachers. Larry mentioned that he has an extra one of our gates if we would like to use it.

Upcoming Rentals

- 10/20 Gratiot County Farm Bureau Feed A Farmer
- 10/20 Lucky Stars 4-H Meeting
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Old Business --

- MAFE Convention (January 9-11) – Kent and Keegan will go. Zone 4 Meeting for MAFE is Wednesday, October 9th at Sanilac County Fair. Kent is planning to go.
- Carpet Cleaning – Hannah went over the quotes that Ivy had collected. Angie made a motion to have Superior out of Carson City clean the carpets in the fair office. Kent seconded. Motion carried. The board asked Hannah to schedule for any time after October 20th.
- Unpaid Buyers – We will keep pushing them to pay their bill. Under \$5,000 at this time.
- Winter Storage – Saturday, October 19th. Let Hannah know if you're able to come help or not. Becky will not be there. Larry will be.

Old Business Continued -

- MAFE Scholarships - MAFE Scholarships – They are due November 2nd. If you know of anyone that would qualify or maybe interested let Hannah know and she will send them info.

New Business—

- Fair Book Changes & Committees – Hannah needs changes for the fair book by November 1st. If your committee hasn't met they need to soon.
- Fair Entry Training – Martha moved to approve for Hannah to go to Fair Entry training in Columbus, Ohio and pay for her expenses. Kent seconded. Motion carried. It's \$750 for the training alone.
- Add A Bid Process – There have been some issues that have come with this as more people have started to do them. This next year we are going to try waiting until after load out to enter in the add a bids.
- Carnival Contract – Hannah will ask Peggy about presale tickets. Martha moved to approve for Chuck to sign contract if all presale questions are answered and verified. Brent seconded. Motion carried.
- Supply Stock – N/A since the port issue is done for now.
- Budget – Martha went through the budget that was proposed to the board. Brent made a motion to order the gates for the beef barn. Martha seconded. Motion carried.

Brent moved to adjourn. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Skinner
GCFFY Secretary