

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

September 18, 2024

Hewitt Village Hall, Hewitt WI

September 18th meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President Heather Wellach at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Amanda Budtke, Romelle Bymers, Mallory Cepress, Bob Hartwig, Kurt Hartwig, Laura Huber, Katlyn Kohl, Virginia Krause, Megan Kundinger, Betty Peterson, Josh Sabo, Andrew Seefeldt, Mark Seefeldt, Beth Spindler, Laura Strigel, Heather Wellach, and Dave Urban.

EXCUSED: Brittany Bauer, Dale Christensen, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Tim Heeg, Emma Kundinger, Jessica Lindow, and Steve Redmond

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Benson, Mark Cournoyer, and Kitty Bymers,

GUESTS: Jason Bernick, Tammy Grassel, Calvin Amunson

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Livestock Show – Jason Bernick and Small Animal Barn fans - Josh

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as presented

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as presented. Megan reported that several groups donated back the money they received from the Farmer's Olympic event. Donating \$50 were Kountry Kids 4-H and High on the Hog. Town & Country donated \$5.00, and Evergreen Farm Cheviots donated all the prize money for the event. \$105 was raised for the Jr. Fair. The event was a success. There are several bugs that need to be worked out for next year. If possible it was suggested to start it earlier in the evening. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Thanks will be sent to those groups.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: Heather reported that an individual from the Colby area has volunteered to work with the Fairest of the Fair program for 2025. On November 30 there will be a special event to kick-off the fundraiser for the 1st phase of the proposed building project. It will be held in the Jr. Fair Building with a Christmas theme starting at 5 pm. More information will be coming. The number of exhibitors in both Junior Fair and Open Class were up.

EXTENSION REPORT: 4-H is in the process of re-enrollment at this time. Members have until November 1. All new members must be enrolled by March 1 in order to exhibit at the 2025 fair. A new person has joined the staff. They are looking for someone to work through Americorp starting in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fair Evaluations – Care to Share forms will be sent to members and will be further reviewed at the October meeting. The Dog Show would like to move to Sunday before the fair in 2025. Members were thanked for their work at the fair. The buildings looked great and everything went smoothly for the most part.
- Fair Issues – Premiums for the meat goat classes was not entered into fairentury, thus when the checks were cut, those exhibitors didn't receive any premium. This involved two exhibitors for a total of \$12.00. Megan moved to pay the premiums to those exhibitors. Laura seconded. MC.
Stipends for the rabbit and poultry judge went over the \$80 allowed by a total of \$70. It was the decision of the Board that the money to pay these two judges should come from the money raised

at the Market Sale from the auction of the rabbit or chicken each year. Josh moved that the Board pay the \$70 extra for those two judges. Beth seconded. MC. Lisa asked that the llama group only pay for half of the over stipend cost of their judge since that judge also judges the other exotic animals. This would amount to \$25 owed by the llama group.

Junior Fair would like to have access to the General Rules for the Market Animal Sale.

Josh purchased 2 fans for the small animal building. The Fair Board did not agree to pay for the second fan. Mark moved to pay Josh for the second fan. Dave seconded. MC. The fans will be stored at Josh's place when not used at the fair.

Steve reported that the old shelving has been taken apart and he has them at his house at this time. Several older units have been discarded.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ribbons for 2025 – At this time it is not sure if Blue Ribbon Awards will be making our ribbons. Romelle will be taking them the order next Tuesday to see if they can still complete the order. The grand champion and reserve champion rosettes for the different breeds in beef, horse, and sheep will be changed to a straight 2 ½ x 14 inch ribbon because of the number of ribbons they need. There will still be rosettes for the overall grands and reserves.
- Judges – Most judges in the state will be needing to renew their fair licenses by the end of September. A new list of certified judges will be coming out in January. This means that some of the judges we have hired in the past may not be available in 2025.
- Livestock Show - Jason Bernick asked that the Board consider allowing exhibitors in the beef project to who any animal from the immediate family in the showmanship classes. He felt this is a safety issue especially for younger members. It was questioned that with the Market Animal Sale program making showmanship mandatory in sheep, swine and beef what happens when exhibitors have other projects they need to participate in at the same time. What takes priority? Jason also proposed that the Board consider adding a pair of steers lot to the fair book. This would consist of any two steers from an immediate family. He believes this would encourage more exhibitors to participate in this class.

Department Reports:

- Market Sale – Their next meeting will be October 9 at 7:00pm at the Junior Fair building. There will be discussion on change over on Thursday of the fair, animals on the midway, and electrical projects. A committee is working on scanning changes and possibly changing how Google classroom works.
- Dairy – Nothing to report
- Horse – There will be a meeting on September 29 at the Hewitt Village Hall to discuss lessons and projects for 2025.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Ribbons, Care to Share Forms, Budget Items, Membership, 2025 Schedule, Market Animal Showmanship classes

The next meeting will be October 16, 2024 at the Hewitt Village Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded. MC Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary