

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

June 18, 2025

Jr. Fair Building - Marshfield

June 18th meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President Megan Kunding at 7:00 pm at the Jr. Fair Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brittany Bauer, Lisa Blanchard, Jason Bernick, Amanda Budtke, Jodie Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Laura Huber, Virginia Krause, Megan Kunding, Jessica Lindow, Betty Peterson, Steve Redmond, Josh Sabo, Andrew Seefeldt, Mark Seefeldt, Laura Strigel, and Dave Urban.

EXCUSED: Tracy Benson, Mallory Cepress, Katlyn Kohl, Emma Kunding, and Heather Wellach.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dale Christensen, Bob Hartwig, Tim Heeg, Beth Spindler, and Kurt Hartwig.

GUESTS: Richard Haffenbredl, Sharon Seehafer, and Ann Lindow

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Fair Assistance, Banking Update, Ag. Olympics

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as presented.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: No Report

EXTENSION REPORT: Laura reported that the office is working on creating a video on how to fill out faire entry focusing on commonly made errors. Youth may exhibit in the Jr. Fair as long as they have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Improvements – peg boards, signage – Members will take a look at the peg boards at the conclusion of the meeting. The group will work on lowering some of them, repairing broken ones and painting. A drawing of the signage was shown to the group. There will be more discussion on this at our July meeting. One suggestion was to add the youth groups' logos to the banners.
- Superintendent's Workshop – The workshop will be held on August 6 in the Jr. Fair building. With a meal at 6 followed by the workshop. The Extension Office will take care of the informational part of the program. The proposed menu for the meal would include beef, cheesy potatoes, beans and watermelon. Bette, Lori and Megan volunteered to make desserts. There was a question about the beverage. The committee will report at the next meeting.
- Judges – Names of judges are still needed for sheep and cats. Most contracts have been returned but there are still a few out. Missing contracts are: dairy (Jessica), beef, both horse judges, rabbits, exotics, and Cultural Arts (Lapman). Members were asked to remind their judges to get their contracts in as soon as possible.
- Animal Letter – The letter that will be sent to all livestock exhibits was reviewed. This will be sent out with their fair materials in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Junior Fair Office Coverage – Tabled until the July meeting
- Overnight Supervision – Tabled until the July meeting
- Banking Update - Since George has moved to a new address changes need to be made at the bank. Josh moved to update the mailing address for the Junior Fair Financial Statements at the First State Bank. George Gilbertson, Junior Fair Treasurer, has a new mailing address: 9964 Stadt Road, Marshfield, WI 54449. This relates to accounts ending in 6022, 5796, 5791, 7890. Laura Strigel seconded. Motion carried.
- Fair Assistance - Mid-State will not be beginning classes before the fair, therefore, there are several faculty members who may be able to help out at the fair. Suggested areas that may need help are: Cultural Arts on Monday starting at 1, Photography starting at 7, flowers starting at 1 and possibly Jr. Fair office coverage.
- Ag Olympics – Sharon will again be getting sponsors for the Ag Olympics. The competition will be at the same time as last year in the Show Palace. There will only be 5 teams per age groups – 8-12, 13-17, and over 18 with 5 people on each team. Sign-up will be due on Monday of the fair on a first come, first serve basis. Prize money will remain the same as last year.
- Wonder Of Wisconsin -Sharon is also working with this program. She will be setting up a standard exhibit along with special guests. She will be having an Ugly Weed Contest. Entries will be due on Monday of the fair by 6pm. On Friday there will be a speaker who will identify the weeds and talk about them.

Department Reports:

- Market Sale – The next workshop will be in July. The showing and fitting clinic went very well. Jason would like to thank the youth who led the clinics for their excellent leadership and the Thorson for hosting the beef clinic.
- Dairy – No report
- Horse – Katlyn has set up many workshop and riding clinics for July and August. They will be held at the fairgrounds.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Improvements, Signage, Judges, Superintendent’s Workshop, Jr. Fair Office coverage, overnight supervision, entry problems

The next meeting will be July 16 at the Hewitt Village Hall in Hewitt at 7:00 pm. Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded. MC Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary