

## JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

August 6, 2025

Jr. Fair Building - Marshfield

August 6th meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President Megan Kundinger at 7:00 pm at the Jr. Fair Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brittany Bauer, Lisa Blanchard, Jodie Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, Dale Christensen, George Gilbertson, Lori Haffenbredl, Bob Hartwig, Curt Hartwig, Laura Huber, Katlyn Kohl, Megan Kundinger, Betty Peterson, Josh Sabo, Andrew Seefeldt, Beth Spindler, Laura Strigel, Heather Wellach, and Dave Urban.

**EXCUSED:** Tracy Benson, Amanda Budtke, Mallory Ceyress, Steve Redmond, Mark Seefeldt, and Emma Kundinger.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Bernick, Virginia Krause, Jessica Lindow, and Tim Heeg.

**GUESTS:** Richard Haffenbredl, Parker Lepak and Mr. Lepak, Maddie Hensel, and Carter Grove.

**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:** Everything is ready to go. Volunteers are needed to help in many areas.

**EXTENSION REPORT:** Educational activities will be ongoing in the Jr. Fair Building during the fair.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Improvements – peg boards, signage – It was decided that we should wait until after the fair to paint the pegboards that have been cut down to 6.5 feet tall. A few were beyond repair. It was recommended that when they are put away after the fair that they are put in a place where we can get them out for painting. Heather agreed to contact a printer to get the three location sign printed.
- Superintendent's Workshop – The workshop was held before the meeting.
- Judges – All judge's position have been filled. It was questioned why judges from out of state are being hired. This results in expensive mileage payments. In some department it was felt that judges from out of state were needed so that they did not know any of the exhibitors. The market sale will pay from half of the mileage for these judges this year.
- Junior Fair Office Coverage – There are still many time slots open to be filled. Hopefully some of these can be covered by building watch groups.
- Entry Issues - Maddie Hensel spoke to group asking that she be allowed to show in the showmanship class even though she will not be able to show in the breed classes on Wednesday. This is the last year for her to show. On Wednesday she will be at the state show. She has spoken to the superintendent and he is okay with allowing her to show. Heather moved to allow Maddie to show in the showmanship class. Josh seconded. MC.
  - Parker Lepak, 12 year old, spoke to the group. He had tried to enter on his phone but had difficulties with the program. He has 2 pigs he would like to show. He has completed all the

market animal requirements. He thought he had entered, but at his 4-H meeting found out that he hadn't completed his entry. Beth moved to allow Parker to show his hogs. George seconded. MC. It was asked how we can prevent this from happening in the future with youth or families that don't understand how to use fair entry.

- Recognition – Discussion was held on recognizing Steve for all the work he does and the improvements he has made for Jr. Fair. Two long time superintendents will be retiring this year – Marge Gehrke and Margaret Lingford – should be recognized also for their dedication to the fair. Heather moved that a \$150 gift card be presented to Steve at the Fair Award's program on Thursday afternoon and plaques be present to the retiring superintendents on Monday. Josh seconded. MC Josh will get the awards. It was also suggested that name plates be added to the cases that Steve has built. Dale added that the fair would like recognize one superintendent from the Jr. Fair and one from the open show each year in the Entertainment Guide.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Work Day - Unloading and setting up in the Jr. Fair Building will begin at 8 and then move to the animal barns. Superintendents and workers were reminded to bring cleaning supplies.

#### **Department Reports:**

- Market Sale – About 150 youth will be showing their market animals. There are a lot of new exhibitors.
- Dairy – No report
- Horse – Katlyn reported that the show is up about 10 horses.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** Fair Issues, Painting Date of pegboards, Evaluation, ribbon order for 2026.

The next meeting will be September 17 at the Hewitt Village Hall in Hewitt at 7:00 pm. Heather moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded. MC Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Romelle Bymers,  
Recording Secretary