

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Glenn Jonker, Ted Mager, Nicki Patterson, Dean Olin, Ron Wenger, Cody Acker, Luci Shaffer

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

Jason Hofman, Jessica Marks

Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Dick Lee, Ethan Malski

Areas Represented:

Cavy / Rabbit, Dairy, Swine, Sheep

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Beef, Goat, Horse

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dog, Poultry

Others Present:

Pat Mager, Trisha Haase, Mary Bloom, Kristi Caine, Glenda Kilpatrick, Paul Meyer, Cathy Acker, Dave Simmonds, Nancy Kidder, Rory Kidder, Gord VanLaan, Bill Bowers, Ross P., Luanne Kaeb

Call to order

The March 11, 2009 meeting was called to order by President Ron Wenger at 7:30 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 11 directors present, 2 members excused, and 2 members unexcused.

Review of Minutes:

2009-3-1 Moved by Kevin Haase and seconded by Luci Shaffer to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances

Savings - \$390.29

Premium Checking - \$1,061.98

Checking - \$899.84

Livestock Checking - \$49.26

Petty Cash - \$35.15

2009-3-2 Moved by Luci Shaffer and seconded by Kevin Haase to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Extension:

See attached report.

Committees:

The following had no report – Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Camping, Parking/Shuttle, Safety, Nominating, Livestock/Sale, Guest Service, Rodeo, Still Exhibit Judging, Dog, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy

Finance – Kay Grinage

The Finance Committee reviewed the Finance Report and recommends that the Treasurer be able to pay bills as necessary to avoid penalties. Beth Bowers is looking into a grant. A work log has been given to Ron Wenger and Monica Burt to track what they are doing. The committee also recommends that the board approve the price increases and the budget.

2009-3-3 Moved by Kevin Haase and Luci Shaffer to allow the Treasurer to pay bills as they come in and report them at the next board meeting. Motion Carried.

Fair Manager / Buildings & Grounds / Midway – Ron Wenger

The carnival is putting together the Mega Passes and we should have them in the next couple of weeks.

Sponsorship – Ron Wenger

Brochures are ready for mailing to potential sponsors. Digital Image donated the art work.

Entertainment – Ron Wenger

Contracts are done for two of the acts so far. We were able to get both acts (one on one night and the other on another night) for \$1600. The committee is staying under budget.

Publicity – Bill Bowers

In January the Pet Expo called and said they were interested in us coming back. Yesterday they called again and said that they no longer need us. This Expo is put on by Clear Channel Radio. Bill and Beth are working to find out what happened.

Technology – Bruce Doll

The website has been updated.

Brochure – Bruce Doll

Starting to gather information for the brochure. Digital Image is helping with the designs.

Printing – Bruce Doll has obtained some estimates for printing. He will put together the different quotes.

75th Celebration – Bruce Doll

There has not been much interest on any of the activities that the committee originally came up with. We are just focusing on the parade now.

Leader Meeting – Nicki Patterson

Due to a couple of conflicts the Leader's Meeting dates had to be changed. They are now Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. All information for the Leader's Packet is due tonight.

Fairbooks – Nicki Patterson

Jason Hofman was in the process of sending out the different departments to their respective superintendents to be proof read.

Beef – Jim Steketee

All freeze branding / weigh-in is completed. All steers were done on the two scheduled dates. Everything went well. February 21 – 29 steers, February 28 – 70 steers for a total of 99. 14 extra were declared for a net of 85 steers.

Dairy – Paul Meyer

Cow Camp – See Extension Report

Goat – Mary Bloom

Fun Day is March 21 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be guest speakers, soap making, and goat food sampling. Please register by March 14.

Julie Blodgett is working with Dave VanderBoon to put together Goat guidelines which will be shared with the leaders.

Sheep – Mary Bloom

The Blue and Gold Show will be on Saturday, May 30 at the Fair Grounds. Weigh in is 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Educational Contest at 11:00 a.m., and showing at 12:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$15 per class (postmarked by May 20), \$20 per class after May 20. Pen fee is \$5 and showmanship is \$5. Educational contest is free. There will be a workshop on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fair Grounds with guest speakers. Need to register asap by calling John Hawkins or Julie Blodgett.

Swine – Gord VanLaan

Mandatory meeting is Saturday, March 28.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – PQA for ages 9 - 11

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Mandatory Meeting

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – PQA for the rest.

Tags have been ordered and sorted and will be passed out at the meeting. Declarations are due May 15.

A check for \$400 was given to the Fair toward their portion of what is owed for the new manure pit.

Shooting Sports – Denny Brown

Silver Bullet is also interested in getting involved with this program.

Old Business:**Price Increase / Budget** –

2009-3-4 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Nicki Patterson to accept the price increases and the budget as presented. Motion Carried.

Camping is at \$80.00.

We are looking at some fundraiser ideas. One is some sort of a commemorative item for our 75th Anniversary.

New Business:

Lowell Expo – Ron Wenger

Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Royal Court will help with the booth. Our new display will be used.

4-H Council – A letter was received from the 4-H Council wanting to continue with the Explorer Event on Sunday for Fair with the ice cream social.

2009-3-5 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Bruce Doll to allow the 4-H Council to continue with their Explorer Event. Motion Carried.

There was also a question regarding ribbons for Explorers in the still exhibit area. This will be referred to Mary Crosby.

Pork Dinner – Rory Kidder

Someone is interested in donating the meat for the Pork Dinner this year and the Kidder family and another family is willing to put it on at no expense to the Fair.

There are people that will be donating hogs for the Buyer's Dinner. 4-H Council is ok with continuing to put on the Buyer's Dinner.

Puff & Pedal Pull – Rory Kidder

The owners are retiring and will not be able to do our Fair this year. Ron Wenger will see if he can find another one.

Ethan Malski – He was contacted about being elected to the Board as a Jr. Director. The secretary will send him a letter too.

Public Comments:

Gord VanLaan – Read a letter from Jim Steketee regarding the price increases and budget.

Pat Mager - Will the new prices be publicized so families can prepare for the additional costs? We will try to get the word out before the Leader's Meeting.

Kristi Caine – Will families be able to apply to have the increases waived to the 2008 prices in cases of hardship? The Finance Committee will put together an application for hardship cases.

Is there going to be a committee to work on potential fundraisers? Bruce Doll is working on a proposal for the April meeting.

John VanLaan – Will anyone be looking into blocking off the side streets so people have to pay for parking? Ron Wenger is going to talk to the City and the Police chief.

Correspondence –

No correspondence.

2009-3-6 Moved by Denny Brown and seconded by Nicki Patterson to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicki Patterson
Secretary

**MSU Extension Report
March 2009**

Swine Mandatory Meeting and PQA Training March 28 King Building, Fairgrounds

Every youth planning to exhibit swine at the 2009 fair must attend this meeting. Each youth must also be PQA certified, and certification training will be held that day. The schedule for the day is:

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. PQA for ages 9 – 11

10 to 11 a.m. Mandatory meeting

11 to 12 noon PQA training for 12-14, 15 – 18 and 19 year olds (concurrent sessions)

For more information contact Glenda at 336-3273 or kilpatri@msu.edu.

VET-A-VISIT 2009:

Saturday April 18

MSU Vet Clinic

It's that time of year again for the **MSU College of Veterinary Medicine's Annual Open House!**

There will be plenty to see and do for everyone. Admission is free of charge and there is no need to pre-register. Just show up and allow several hours to see all the exhibits and don't forget to wear comfortable walking shoes. Beverages and light refreshments will be available. Most of the exhibits and displays are age-appropriate for children 6 years and older. Please check the website <http://cvm.msu.edu/vetavisit> for more information, updates and parking information. Also, the MSU has interactive maps for easy driving directions at <http://www.msu.edu/maps/index.html>.

4-H Exploration Days

June 24-26

MSU Campus

Exploration Days is designed for young people ages 11 to 18 to learn new ideas, techniques and skills, and provide opportunities to develop responsibility, independence time management and teamwork skills. Young people stay in MSU dorms and take mini classes in all sorts of interest areas. Youth also can enjoy canoeing, swimming, the planetarium, the museum, tours, and dances. Total cost is \$165, with partial scholarships available. Popular sessions fill fast, so the sooner you register the better your chance at getting your first choice. Call the MSU Extension Office at (616) 336-3265 for a booklet or go online to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>

State 4-H Dog Clinic

June 6

Ionia Fairgrounds

We don't have much information on this yet, but please save the date!

Cow Camp Clinic

June 16

Lowell Fairgrounds

The Cow Camp one-day workshops will be held again in 2009. The camps are geared toward 9 to 13 year olds, however youth of any age are invited to participate. The only qualification is that participants are interested in learning about dairy cattle and the dairy industry. Participants will be able to learn a variety of topics, including dairy breeds, dairy products, fitting and showmanship, dairy judging, and the basics of dairy animal nutrition. The event ends with a game of "Moo Olympics" and an ice cream social.

Michigan Livestock Expo

July 17 – 19

Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason

This new event is debuting in July! The Michigan Livestock Expo is a multi-species event including beef, sheep, swine and goats, designed to enhance the livestock industry, educate youth and showcase Michigan's agriculture industry. Champions in each species will be sold at a special evening auction. The Expo will also raise money for youth scholarships and help young people earn money for college. To find out more go to www.milivestock.com or call Ernie Birchmeier at (800) 292-2680, ext 2024.
