

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Glenn Jonker, Ted Mager, Jessica Marks, Nicki Patterson, Dean Olin, Ron Wenger, Cody Acker, Ethan Malski, Luci Shaffer

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Dick Lee

Areas Represented:

Beef, Cavy / Rabbit, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Swine, Sheep

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dog

Others Present:

Pat Mager, Glenda Kilpatrick, Paul Meyer, Dave Simmonds, Nancy Kidder, Rory Kidder, Bill Bowers, Ross P., Dave Pachulski, Monica Burt, Brenda Blough, Kerry VanLaan, Lisa Kent, Hillary Kent, Jim Steketee, Clint Steketee, Mary Crosby, Sara Crosby, Julie Blodgett, Tim Bergy, Barb VanderHart, Diane Brown

Call to order

The April 8, 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 14 directors present and 1 member unexcused.

Review of Minutes:

2009-4-1 Moved by Kevin Haase and seconded by Dennis Brown to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances

Savings - \$390.29

Premium Checking - \$101.08

Checking - \$1719.30

Livestock Checking - \$46.76

Petty Cash - \$35.15

2009-4-2 Moved by Dennis Brown 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, Safety, Publicity, Nominating, Livestock/Sale, Guest Service, Rodeo, Still Exhibit Judging, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Rabbit/ Cavy, Shooting Sports

Finance – Kay Grinage

Please see attached report.

The committee reviewed the bids for printing and recommends that we use Lowell Litho. Their bid was the lowest of all of them.

2009-4-3 Moved by Jason Hofman and seconded by Kevin Haase to use Lowell Litho for printing. Motion Carried.

Fair Manager / Buildings & Grounds / Midway – Ron Wenger

Storage comes out April 25. We are encouraging people to sign up for next year and to prepay.

Mega Passes are here and available.

The Crew Team is moving to the Flat River and they will be taking the fence down.

Bingo will be back.

Pedal Pull – Ron Wenger

The owners have retired and will get back to us with a recommendation of someone else that can provide this activity.

Sponsorship – Monica Burt

So far there is \$6600 in sponsorship.

We have 5 day, 1 Livestock Sale, 2 Track, and 2 Row sponsors.

Parking – Jason Hofman

The Boy Scouts will be working our Parking again this year.

Entertainment – Ron Wenger and Bruce Doll

We are going to have a second stage called the Community Stage. It will be located on the West Side of the Foreman Building with bleachers across the road. This will not cost us anything more. It will be available to community organizations / groups (i.e. school groups, dance groups, etc.) to use and for the Guitar Hero Eliminations. There will be information for signing up to use the Community Stage on the website. We are working to get sponsors.

Guitar Hero – Eliminations will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and then move to the main stage for the Finals at 6:00 p.m.

Technology – Bruce Doll

Alumni sign up information has been added to the website.

Brochure – Bruce Doll

Any changes need to be given to Bruce Doll asap!

75th Celebration – Bruce Doll

The Parade entry form will be available soon and will also be in the Leader's Packet. We want to invite as many groups as we can and we plan to invite all fairs in the State. Entries will be Judged and trophies will be awarded along with a \$75 prize for first place.

The Traveling Exhibit will be going to a lot of the Libraries and to Good Chevrolet.

Will we have a Grand Marshall for the parade? We are thinking about it.

Leader Meeting – Nicki Patterson

A form to have fees waived to the 2008 levels was presented to the board. Please see attached.

2009-4-4 Moved by Jason Hofman and seconded by Nicki Patterson to accept the waiver form with a change to remove "4-H". Motion Carried.

Jessica Marks volunteered to coordinate the distribution of Fair Books and payment for them. We will be charging \$5 for each hard copy fairbook and \$2 for each CD.

Fairbooks – Jason Hofman

They are done and Bruce Doll is working on adding the pictures. A possible cover design was passed around.

Goat – Julie Blodgett

The Goat Fun Day went well.

The Goat Show is on June 13. Working on getting class sponsors.

Horse – Dave Pachulski

They will not be doing the auction.

They will be continuing with the banners and class sponsors.

There will be 9 KFNO shows this year starting at 6:00 each Wednesday night. A High Point Trophy will be offered this season. The Horse Leaders voted unanimously to donate some of the funds from the KFNO shows to the fair if they are able too.

Poultry – Mary Crosby

There is going to be a meeting for the kids that will be showing at the fair and for Leaders. The State Show will be in Ionia this year and we will try to encourage the kids to participate.

Sheep – Julie Blodgett

The Show Lamb Clinic on March 14 was well attended. The Blue and Gold Show is May 30.

Swine – Pat Mager

There was great attendance at the meeting on March 28. Everyone but one Leader got their tags. John Wierenga has Fair pigs for sale. You can call Kay Grinage for his number.

Old Business:

Lowell Expo – Ron Wenger

We had a lot of traffic at our booth.

Fundraising Ideas – Ron Wenger

Please see the attached for an example of the button we are looking at. We would like to sell it for \$5.00. We need EVERYONE to help sell them. It could be a great keepsake of our 75th Anniversary. We would also like to have people register their buttons for a daily drawing at fair. The prize would be \$75 each day. Could the buttons be smaller?

2009-4-5 Moved by Dean Olin and seconded by Jason Hofman to let the committee look into different size buttons, select, and purchase them. Motion Carried.

The annual Lowell Riverwalk is being changed to a four day festival July 8 - 12. There will be a Kansas City BBQ contest which is state sanctioned. The time is on Sunday, July 12, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. They are looking for food vendors because you can not eat what the contestants cook. We could do pulled pork sandwiches. The committee will look into this and report back at the May meeting.

Street Parking – Ron Wenger talked with the new Chief of Police about blocking off the side streets during fair so people can not park there and walk into the fair. He was not too excited about blocking off the side streets because then that would not allow people to park in front of their own homes.

Buyer's Dinner – Barb VanderHart / 4-H Council

They need to know just what is planned for the Buyer's Dinner. They have a \$400 budget to work with. Jim Steketee will talk to Gord VanLaan and Dave Bielema about the pig(s) they will be donating. Ron Wenger is working on getting sponsors. If buyers pre-register they can reserve tickets for the dinner. If they do not pre-register, they will only be allowed 2 dinner tickets. This will help encourage pre-registration and give us a better head count of how many to plan for. This needs to be put into the buyer's letters sent by the fair and from the exhibitors.

New Business:

Legislative Day – The annual Legislative Day will be held on April 29 at the State Capitol. There will be various food vendors from the carnival industry. This is a time to meet with your senators and legislators to talk about the importance of Fairs in the state and our local communities. If you want to schedule a meeting with your representative you can call their office to set it up. A lot of organizations make the same arrangements when they come to visit.

Zone Meeting – The Spring Zone meeting will be on April 21 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting following. It will be held at the Sparta Civic Center and is hosted by Ionia. Let Ron Wenger know if you are going. RSVPs are due by April 15.

Royal Court – Nicki Patterson

An addendum to the Royal Court Code of Conduct covering possible issues with social networking sites was presented.

2009-4-6 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jason Hofman to accept the addendum to the Code of Conduct as presented. Motion Carried.

Reading for Rides – Bruce Doll

There is someone interested in sponsoring the whole Reading for Rides event, i.e. the cards, carnival, etc. Hoping to have a tent with books and furniture where kids can go to relax and read. This would be sponsored.

Trebuchet Workshop – Will have one during Fair week.

Byron Center Busy Workers – Clinton Steketee and Hillary Kent

On behalf of the Byron Center Busy Works, Clint and Hillary came to offer their help with the fair – before, during, and after. They want to get more involved and are looking for ideas. Clint and Hillary will be talking to Ron Wenger.

Pork Dinner – Rory Kidder

Needs about 5 clubs to help on Sunday during the Pork Dinner. Prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.
Serving 4:30 – 6:30.

Public Comments:

Pat Mager – Are there any rules regarding clubs and kids attending meetings? The Fair has no rules or regulations over the clubs regarding kid's attendance of meetings.

Correspondence –

No correspondence.

2009-4-7 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Kay Grinage to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Patterson

Secretary

MSU Extension Report April 2009

Additional PQA Trainings

Kent County 4-H will be holding two more PQA training meetings for youth. The dates are:

Tuesday, May 12 – MSU Extension Office

- 6 p.m. Beginning Level, ages 9, 10 and 11
- 7 p.m. Intermediate level, ages 12, 13, and 14
- 8 p.m. Senior level, ages 15, 16, 17 and 18

Wednesday, June 17- MSU Extension Office

- 6 p.m. Beginning Level, ages 9, 10 and 11
- 7 p.m. Intermediate level, ages 12, 13, and 14
- 8 p.m. Senior level, ages 15, 16, 17 and 18

Please be sure to call Glenda at (616) 336-3273 to reserve a spot. It is very important to arrive at the correct time. There are three youth age levels. Each of the levels begins at a separate time. If you arrive at the wrong time, you may miss your class, or you have to wait an hour or more. Please read the above times carefully.

If you are 19, please call Glenda to set up an appointment for your training. If you are age 9 to 18, need to be PQA certified, and can not attend either of the workshops above, please contact Glenda at (616) 336-3273 or email her at kilpatri@msu.edu

4-H Scholarships Available – Due June 1

Two Kent county 4-H Scholarships are available, and often overlooked. These are the Bunn Scholarship for

4-H Horse members and the Knisley scholarship for 4-H livestock and dairy members pursuing a career in Agriculture. Both scholarships applications are available on the MSUE website (www.msue.msu.edu) and both are due Monday, **June 1**.

State 4-H Dog Clinic

June 6

Ionia Fairgrounds

Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to Rally
- Basics of Freestyle Obedience
- Dog and crate games
- Class planning and structure for leaders
- Showmanship for beginners and advanced
- Canine Good Citizen testing
- Training Tips for Rally, Advanced and Excellent

And more! There is something for everyone at this clinic. Hurry, the deadline to register is Friday, May 22 at the Kent County Extension Office. Cost of the workshop is \$15 per person with a dog, while leaders and observers without a dog pay \$7 each. The cost for both includes a box lunch! For complete information and registration materials, contact Glenda at (616) 336-3273 or by email kilpatri@msu.edu

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>

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY
March 24 & 31, 2009

Attendants: Ron Wenger, Nicki Patterson, Kay Grinage, Bill Bowers, Beth Bowers, Dennis Brown

1. The Finance Report for March was presented for review to the Committee.
2. Received the matching monies from the 2008 grant
3. Bill Bowers filed the necessary legal papers to proceed with legal action against the two outstanding Livestock Sale Buyers. Court date of April 7th for Buyer #569. Papers were served to Buyer # 833 on March 21st. That Buyer has 21 days to respond to the Court.
4. There is one outstanding 2008 Trophy Donor.
5. The Committee compiled the Office Coordinator Job Description which is in the process of being typed.
6. The Committee discussed several fundraising ideas. The following ideas are only ideas and not set in stone.
 - 3" Button with Fair Logo/75th Anniversary and the word Supporter on it – sell for \$5
 - T-Shirt for the youth, teens with the Fair Logo/75th Anniversary – sell for \$10
 - Woven Basket with liner and plate that would have Fair Logo/75th Anniversary on it – price would be determined according to size of basket
 - Sub Sale
7. The Committee reviewed the bids for printing the Fairbook, Brochures, Posters, Reading for Rides cards, and Sale Catalog. It is the Committee's recommendation to go with Lowell Litho. Their bid was the lowest and assured Bruce that they could meet our time-lines on each item. Their prices for the following are:

▪ 500 Fairbooks	\$2,218.00
▪ 16K Brochures	\$1,199.00
▪ 200x4 Posters	\$ 568.00
▪ 27M Reading for Ride cards	\$ 869.00
▪ 400 Sale Catalogs	<u>\$ 720.00</u>
Total Bid	\$5,574.00

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on April 28th at 7:30 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Grinage
Treasurer

Fair Exhibitors have various fees that are charged in order to participate at the Kent County Youth Fair. Fees will only be waived to the 2008 level for Entry Fees and camping. This does NOT include any fees charged by a specific department.

If your family has experienced a financial hardship this year, **please submit one of the following:**

_ Proof of free/reduced lunch eligibility from your school district and page one of this application,

OR

_ Completed pages one and two of this application

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

FULL Address, including zip:

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Name of children in household whose fees would be waived if this application is approved:

- 1. _____ 6. _____
- 2. _____ 7. _____
- 3. _____ 8. _____
- 4. _____ 9. _____
- 5. _____ 10. _____

Name of primary club: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

How many people currently live in your household (adults and children included)? _____

What is the annual gross income (amount before taxes) of your household? _____

Are there any extenuating circumstances this Fair year that have made, or will make, paying for the additional entry fees or camping fee especially challenging? Please briefly describe.

Additional Information / Comments:

All information given in this application will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used by the Kent County Youth Fair Board to award fee waivers.

Fee Waiver applications are due no later than May 31.

Please contact the Kent County Youth Fair office with questions at (616) 897-6050.

Application for Waiver should be mailed or delivered to:

Kent County Youth Fair

225 S. Hudson

Lowell, MI 49331

Thank you for completing the Kent County Youth Fair Fee Waiver Form!

To be completed by KCYF:

Date application received: _____ Approved ____ Declined

Date application reviewed: _____ If declined, reason: _____

Executive Board Member Initials: _____