

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

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

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

Dennis Brown, Ted Mager

Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Dick Lee

Areas Represented:

Cavy / Rabbit, Goat, Poultry, Sheep, Swine

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Beef

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dairy, Dog, Horse

Others Present:

Mary Crosby, Sarah Crosby, Pat Mager, Dave Simmonds, Julie Blodgett, Tim Bergy, Terry Iler, Brenda Blough, Dianne Bieneman, Cara Haines, Gordon VanLaan, Cathy Acker, Judy, Dirk, Bill Bowers, Ross Rudd

Call to order

The July 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 12 directors present, 2 members excused, and 1 member unexcused.

Review of Minutes:

2009-7-1 Moved by Kevin Haase and seconded by Jason Hofman to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances

Savings - \$1630.46

Premium Checking - \$1236.23

Checking - \$25,276.19

Livestock Checking – \$72.19

Petty Cash - \$35.15

2009-7-2 Moved by Jason Hofman and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Extension:

No report

Committees:

The following had no report – Safety, Nominating, Leader Meeting, Still Exhibit Judging, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Horse

Finance – Kay Grinage

Please see attached report.

We have hired two interns to help with data entry. They are Lisa and Stephanie and things are working out great.

Fair Manager / Buildings & Grounds / Midway – Ron Wenger

Getting things ready. May have more Goats than barn space.

Sponsorship/Commercial – Ron Wenger

Things are coming in good but some are having a hard time this year. People may not be able to give as much but they are still giving. Amway donated \$1000 for the Reading for Rides program. Kidz Roomz also donated to the Reading for Rides. The State put premium money out for grants and we did receive \$1000.

Exhibit Building – Nicki Patterson

Down 128 feet in the Exhibit Building but only down 2 clubs.

Ribbons & Trophies – Mary Crosby

Still working on counts for trophies from 1 area and a few sponsors are still needed.

Camping – Ron Wenger

The layout is done. Just waiting on the parking passes.

Parking & Shuttle – Jason Hofman

The parking passes have been laid out. We are getting a good price for them. Just need the numbers of how many are needed.

Rodeo tickets will be done tomorrow.

Are the light towers lined up? There was a request to put a light tower under the bridge. Gary Jonker offered to let us use his generator.

Shuttle times for tractors? Horses will start to end at dark. Tractors will start about 8-8:30.

Judy and Dirk with the Boy Scouts would like notice of special days so the boys know what to look for ahead of time. What about a Vendor Pass. Everyone needs a pass. What about those without a pass that say they can enter, i.e. judges? Judges can use their letters or you can get their name and check with the office to verify with the list of judges.

Entertainment – Ron Wenger

There was an error on the brochure that was not caught before printing. My Adventure Theatre was only supposed to be Tuesday – Saturday. Per the brochure it is scheduled for Monday too. Her stuff will already be here so she will do Monday as well but it is going to cost us an additional \$700 for the 1 extra day.

Publicity –

Press Releases have gone out. Ron Wenger will check to make sure the dates have been changed on the banner that goes over M-21. The banner will go up after the Riverwalk Festival.

Technology / Brochure / 75th – Bruce Doll

The office has been rewired and the system has been updated. Let Bruce Doll know of things that need to be on the website.

Bruce Doll and Nicki Patterson did a radio interview with Shelly Irwin.

Please help pass out the posters and brochures.

There is still time to enter the parade. The entry form is on the website. We are going to ask Wannetah to be the Grand Marshall. We are working on getting a carriage for her. Ron Wenger has 3 horse drawn wagons lined up for VIPs for the parade.

Livestock Sale – Ron Wenger

Need to check before we send our buyers letters on how to word the 3% surcharge on credit cards.

The dinner meat has been donated and is ready to go.

The Trophy and Ribbon barn is being moved to give us more space for a larger Community tent. We will be able to have more tables.

Guest Services – Luci Shaffer

We need someone to go through the medical supplies that are in the office.

Fairbook – Jason Hofman

Did the addendums get in? They were sent out to leaders via e-mail from Extension and put on the website.

Rodeo – Ron Wenger

The committee will be meeting Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00. Please help pass out the posters.

Goat – Julie Blodgett

The Goat Show on June 13 was successful. There were 27 kids with 1-4 goats each. They solicited for donations for trophies. The sponsors were really good helping the Goat Department to break even. The Goat Department also donated \$50 to the fair for the use of the facilities.

Right now they are 7 pens over what is available in the barn but there may be some scratches.

The Showmanship Clinic is on July 18 at 9:00 a.m. and it is free.

Poultry – Dianne Bieneman

Overflowing in the market area with Chickens doubling and more Turkeys than normal. Showmanship numbers are up too.

Rabbits/Cavy – Bill Bowers

Numbers are down a little but the barn will be full.

Sheep – Julie Blodgett

A sheep pelt may be donated to the Sheep area again this year. Can they sell it during the Livestock Auction as a fundraiser again?

2009-7-3 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Ethan Malski to allow the Sheep area to auction off a sheep pelt as a fundraiser. Motion carried.

Only down by about 5 pens.

Swine – Gord VanLaan

There are 166 exhibitors but not all of them are bringing 2 pigs. There are plenty of pens to accommodate everyone.

Shavings – We had some people try ground corn cobs but it didn't work as well. We can get the shavings from the same person and for the same price as last year. We could get them at half the price if we purchase in bulk but that is difficult to work with. Therefore, we are going to get the same shavings.

Shooting Sports – Terry Iler

Fifty kids have signed up. They would like to hold the BB Gun, Air Rifle, and 10' and 20' Archery in the King Building on August 13 starting at 8:00 a.m. and going until done. They would work with the kids who will be selling Livestock.

2009-7-4 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jessica Marks to allow the Shooting Sports to use the King Building on Thursday, August 13. Motion carried.

They would like to hold the Shotguns, 22s, Trap and Skeet events at the Rockford Sportsman's Club on Sunday, August 23 starting at 8:00 a.m. Typically events that receive premium money have to be held within 3 days of the fair. We have only received \$1000 from the State through a Grant but we have received \$500 from a private donor which we will use to cover the premiums for this event.

2009-7-5 Moved by Jason Hofman and seconded by Dean Olin to allow the Shooting Sports to hold the Shotguns, 22s, Trap and Skeet events at the Rockford Sportsman's Club on Sunday, August 23 starting 8:00 a.m. Motion carried.

There will be a Meet held on July 9 to qualify kids for the State Meet.

They would like there to be a cost of \$10 per exhibitor for the Shooting Sports. The normal line fee is \$2. We will look into this.

Old Business:**Button Sales** – Ron Wenger

Please help us sell buttons! The Riverwalk Festival is this weekend and we do have a booth for it. We need volunteers to help man the booth and sell buttons. Times are:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Quilt – Ron Wenger

Tim Bergy with South Boston Livestock came to us and told us that the club had thought about donating \$100 to the premium fund. But they would like to make a 4 yard quilt with our 75 year logo on it and put it up for Silent Auction instead. They would like to have it displayed in the Exhibit Building. All proceeds would go to the premium fund.

It was thought too that we could have other items in the silent auction. Maybe we could get some businesses to donate items or gift certificates, etc.

2009-7-6 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Bruce Doll to have a Silent Auction Booth in the Exhibit Building. Motion carried.

We need to get Extension to send information to the clubs.

Trash Compactor – Gord VanLaan / Ron Wenger

We use 6 yard dumpsters now and it gets compacted by the trucks. Ron and Gord with get together and talk because there is someone in Gord's club that has a compactor we may be able to use.

Sparta Fair – Jason Hofman

Kristi Caine needed 20 people to help. We have 6 people so far. Groups that work get a percentage of the proceeds.

Bank – Our bank is going to have us as the Business of the month. Bruce Doll will be taking our display to them.

Cow Camp – Over 50 kids were here.

New Business:

Work Night Meetings – Every Wednesday now until the fair will be a work night. Plan on starting at 7:30 or earlier if you can.

Public Comments:

Pat Mager – Thanked those who planted the flowers.

Terry Iler – There is a member in his club that can not participate in fair. Can they get a refund? The member is in good standing. Kay will send them a refund check.

Cara Haines – Handicappable day is all set. Any RSVPs yet?

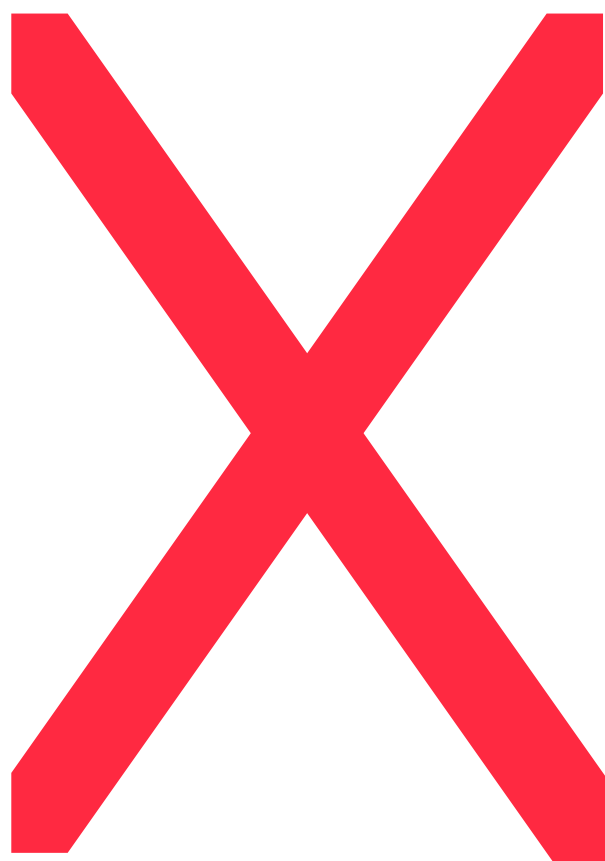
Correspondence –

A thank you card was received from the Goat area for letting them use the facilities for their Goat Show along with the donation that they made.

2009-7-7 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Bruce Doll to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicki Patterson
Secretary



**KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
FINANCE REPORT**

Deposits Received:

General Cking: \$39,703.02

*(Sponsorship, Fund Raisers, Rental, Commercial,
Farmers Mkt, Fair Camping, Parking, Entry Fees)*

Amount Written/Transferred:

General Chking: \$18,630.64

(\$525.00 transferred to Svgs)

LOAN BALANCES

Line of Credit

\$30,125.00

IRS Loan

\$21,519.41