

## Eau Claire County Fair Committee

May 12, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Meeting done via WebEx

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Vetsch at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation of meeting notice

Roll Call of Members was done by Leslie Strey.

Fair Board Members present: Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Darren Schlewitz, Tammy Schlewitz, Leslie Strey, Jennifer Hahn, Lisa Vetsch; Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeir; Teresa Miller Wathke

Others Present: Debbie Kitchen, Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator;

Public Comment: Leslie Strey told the group that she had called different legislators, such as Jesse James, Kathy Bernier, County Board members, and also the Secretary of Ag Office. Leslie talked to Jesse James, and left messages at the other offices, asking for support of our youth and county fairs.

Motion to approve last month's minutes by Darren Schlewitz, second by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion carries.

Overview of State and Local Covid-19 Mandates: Lisa Vetsch gave an overview of state and local Covid mandates. At this time we are still in the Safer at Home mode until May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Debbie Kitchen met with Parks and Forest the previous night. She is working closely with the Wisconsin Association of Fairs.

At this time there could be a limit of 50 people per event. At this time there is nothing beyond June.

Four county fairs have already cancelled.

Rachel Hart-Brinson brought up that Extension has its own guidelines. For the month of June there can't be any activities over 50 people.

Discussed options for the auction. The fair could run the auction. Or possibility of no events in July.

Fair Contract: Lisa Vetsch signed the contract. If less than 30 days' notice we can get our deposit back per Josh. Debbie read what she read at the Parks and Forest meeting. Josh from Eau Claire County noted that all the other events are cancelled at the Expo Center through June.

2020 Fair Discussion/Action:

No kids Day tent. No bounce house. No advertising.

At this time no judges have cancelled.

The Moove Display is still planning on coming.

Debbie Kitchen drew up different options that we can consider for the fair.

Discussed trying to keep the numbers under 50 for the different shows. At this time it could be only immediate family at the fair.

The Master Gardners could still have a display.

Livestock Auction: Cancel the Buyers meal. Possibly hand out bags to the buyers with snacks. Other ideas brought up were having a T.V in the swine barn, beef barn, and tent.

Live Auction ideas: Only having buyers present, or going to online.

Rocket launch on Sunday would be o.k.

The kiddie Tractor should be able to go on.

The committee reviewed the different options presented. Scot Zimmerman made a motion to go with option A at this point but can be subject to change and provided we are allowed to do this. Second by Jenni Haan. Motion carries.

Motion by Leslie Strey that there will be no Open Class judging at this year's fair, keep it strictly for the juniors. Second by Scot Zimmerman. Motion carries.

Livestock sub -committee will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> Via WebEx. Scot, Leslie, Tammy, Jill, Meg, Lyssa, and Debbie will be on the call.

Fair Coordinator report: Something to consider if we can't have the fair at the Expo Center. Do we have another facility in mind?

Next meeting date: June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Leslie Strey**  
**Fair Committee Secretary**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Strey".