

Eau Claire County Fair Committee

July 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Eau Claire County Center and available via WebEx

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

Confirmation of meeting notice was done

Roll Call of Members was done by Leslie Strey.

Fair Board Members present: Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Darren Schlewitz, Tammy Schlewitz, Leslie Strey, Jennifer Haan, Lisa Vetsch; Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeir; Missy Christopherson

Absent: Teresa Miller Wathke

Others Present: Debbie Kitchen, Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator, Jill Welke on behalf of the Livestock Project

The committee members introduced themselves to our new County Board representative Missy Christopherson.

Confirmation of meeting notices were done by Lisa Vetsch.

Roll call was done by Leslie Strey.

No public comment.

Motion to approve the minutes from 6-24-20 and 7-2-20, with the correction noted for the 6-24-20 minutes by Scot Zimmerman, second by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion carries.

Fair Coordinator report by Debbie Kitchen

Debbie informed the group that it's all coming together. The entry tags will be mailed to the families.

The fair entry system went smooth. We will probably have the State Vet at the fair this year.

There will be a Superintendents meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:00 at the Expo Center. The animal Superintendents will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Debbie will serve as the Spokesperson for the fair.

2020 Fair Discussion/ Action:

Discussed the Signup Genius. Livestock will have their own Signup.

The livestock project purchased their own sound system. Jill and Tammy updated the committee on the locker plant numbers and availability.

Motion by Scot Zimmerman to allow Cole Myers and Isabel Steinke to have someone show their pig (Cole), and their dairy animal (Isabel) due to their graduation ceremony that will be held the weekend of the fair. Both Cole and Isabel need to write a written request by July 24th stating they will be absent due to graduation. Both Cole and Isabel will be exempt from showmanship. The replacement exhibitor must be part of the livestock project for Cole and the dairy project for Isabel. Second by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion carries.

Scot said that he has corn stalk bedding donated for the beef and dairy barn.

Livestock committee will contact Mark Korger at Equity Livestock to get the current market prices.

Discussed working the gates at the Fairgrounds, and shift times.

The committee would like to see the gate for the bike trail closed during the fair. Missy will talk to the Parks and Forest Department on it.

FOF Oversight: Discussed putting together a committee to decide how we want to move forward as a fair in the upcoming years. Things to consider are do we want to have oversight from the Extension? Do we want to create a new role in the county? Do we move to a different aspect?

Rachel Hart-Brinson, Missy Christopherson, and Cathryn Schauf, have agreed to be part of the committee.

More to be decided after we are done with the fair this year.

The following applications have expired for committee members:

Tammy Schlewitz-She will re-apply

Darren Schlewitz-He will re-apply

Leslie Strey-She will not be re-applying

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Strey

Fair Committee Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Strey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".