

## Eau Claire County Fair Committee

June 24, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Meeting done via Zoom & in person at the Home of Debbie Kitchen 519 W. Main St. Augusta

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, Tammy Schlewitz, Leslie Strey, Jennifer Haan, Lisa Vetsch; Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeir; Teresa Miller Wathke, Darren Schlewitz

Others Present: Debbie Kitchen, Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator; Devin Hadorn-Papke, Meg Mueller, Cindi Syverson, Kathy Gehrke, Kevin Kitchen, Jill Welke

Public Input: Kathy Gehrke commented that if we do move forward with the fair that we take into consideration the kids who just bring exhibits, and not livestock. She also commented that she didn't want any negative feedback given to kids for not going or participating in the fair. Safety of the kids should be our first priority.

Meg Mueller commented we consider safety concerns. We don't want anyone to feel like they need to be there, that it is their choice to participate.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15<sup>h</sup> Fair Committee Meeting by Tammy Schlewitz, second by Darren Schlewitz. Motion carries.

2020 Fair Discussion: Health Department Proposal-Debbie and Lisa met with the Health Dept on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>. The new order came out today on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The new order allows 100 people indoors, and 250 outdoors. This order is in effect until July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on how many could be present for the auction. Discussed moving horses to Monday. Debbie is working on fair entry dates. Fair entry dates would open Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and close on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We will print off and mail the entry tags.

Motion by Teresa Miller Wathke to cancel the in person fair, but have an online showcase. Second by Scot Zimmerman. Vote was taken by verbal roll call.

In favor of motion: 4 Oppose the motion: 5 Motion fails.

Discussed funding, and how it is based on last year's fair.

We would do livestream and pictures on Facebook, and that could be considered a live display.

A press release will be given to the public, and one to the exhibitors.

Rabbits should be ok, as the disease has not been in this area yet.

Livestock Sub Committee-Discussed concerns on having an auction. Jill said surveys that were returned were all over the board. Discussed different options for the auction.

Next Fair Committee Meeting, Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds, at the Pavillion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**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".