

Agenda

Eau Claire County
Fair Committee

Date: December 9, 2020

Time: 7:00PM

Virtual meeting via Webex Events

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Meeting #: 145-421-7380

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Debbie Kitchen at eauclairefair@gmail.com **at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.** You will be called on during the public session to make your comments.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes from November 11, 2020
5. Extension and Fair Relationship - Discussion
Guests: Jason Hausler, Jennifer Swensen and Catherine Emmanuelle
6. County Code Change and the Fair Committee – Discussion
 - A. Sub-Committee Report – Pros and Cons
7. Fair Committee Structure – Discussion
8. 2021 Fair
9. Sub-Committee Reports – Discussion/Action
 - A. 4-H Leaders
 - B. Friends of the Fair
 - C. Livestock
 - D. Extension
 - E. County Board
10. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action

11. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

12. Adjourn

Attachments:

- A. Committee Structure 11/16/2020
- B. Pros and Cons Committee Report

Eau Claire County Fair Committee

November 11, 2020 6:30pm

Meeting by WebEx

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Vetsch at 6:35 pm

Confirmation of meeting notice.

Roll Call of member was done by Jenni Haan

Fair Board members present: Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Tammy Schlewitz, Jennifer Haan, Lisa Vetsch, Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeier, Darren Schlewitz, Missy Christopherson, Bethany Strauch, Kathleen Gehrke

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

Public Comment – None

Approval of minutes. Scott Zimmerman made a motion to approve the previous minutes from October 14. 2nd by Missy Christopherson. Voted unanimously to approve.

County Code: Tabled – going to put together a list of pros and cons before a decision is made. Sub Committee was formed with Missy, Letecia, Debbie and Rachel to put together a list of pros and cons to be presented at the next meeting.

Fair Book Changes: Discussion/Action – Motion by Scott Zimmerman to move forward with the proposed changes to the fair book. 2nd by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion Approved.

Fair Book Publication: Discussion/Action – Keeping the same fair book for 2 consecutive years. Motion made by Kathleen. 2nd by Scott. Motion Approved.

Fair Structure: Tabled – Debbie is going to make changes and report at next month's meeting.

Livestock: December 12, 2020 Beef weigh-in scheduled. April 17, 2021 Sheep and Goat weigh-in scheduled.

Future meeting: December 9th at 7pm by WebEx.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

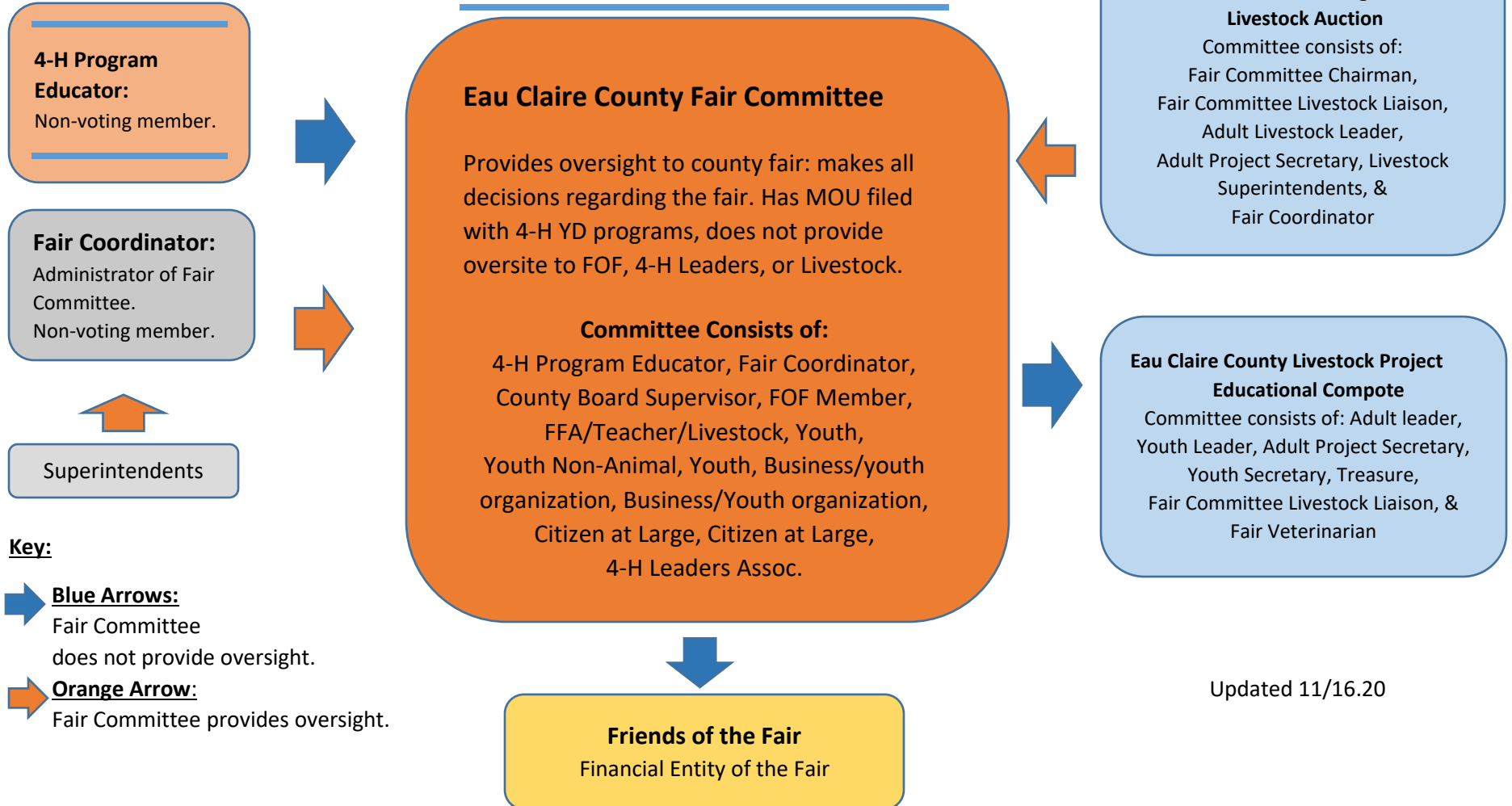
Respectfully Submitted

Jenni Haan

Clerk



Eau Claire County Fair Structure



Updated 11/16.20

Considerations of Fair Committee Continuing as an Oversight of the Eau Claire County

The primary differential is in how the Junior Fair is structured.

How are “Fair Boards” Structured?

Generally, there are three main types of Board Structures:

- **Fair Board/Ag Society** (self governing body with complete autonomy from county government)
- **County Fair Board** (a subcommittee of a county governing body – with both community member representatives and county board supervisors)
- **County Board Fair Committee** (a committee of the county government, made up of primarily county board supervisors)

Pros of working with the County:

Many of the “pros” remain in place regardless of which board structure is chosen. It is dependent upon the choice(s) made by the Fair Board. (Indicated with an asterick)

Insurance. (Fair provides liability insurance – the County does not)

- *County board person on the committee.
- *Extension educator on committee.
- *Provides structure of the decision-making process.
- *Cooperation with Extension Committee.
- *Cooperation with Parks and Forest with Expo rental.

Administration services.

Cons of working with the County:

Communication: We can clarify point person and relational aspects of the structure after a structure is chosen. Likely to be an ongoing area of discussion.

Communication.

Changes in bi-laws without involving the Fair Committee. Changes in by-laws: as a subcommittee of the Extension Committee, the Extension Committee has the authority to change the by-laws of the Fair Committee. The changes should have been communicated to the Fair; and it suggests a more integrated process would have value.

- Extension Committee made two changes to the by-laws:
- Changes in how members are appointed to the Fair Committee not discussed before change.
- COVID-19 protocols. When they could meet and protocols of posting agenda's protocols not communicated.
- Walking quorum consideration amongst the community outside of the committee official work.
- Questions about what the Extension educator can and cannot do.
- Unknown contact person of the County.
- Communication to the Extension Committee.
- County Code. Who should be educating the Committee? Education needed should be identified by the Fair Committee – recommend an onboarding process for new Fair Committee members.

Financial Questions unanswered.

- Unknown costs of future rental of Expo Center and property.
- Administration assistance steadily declining. This will continue as the county does not have the ability to provide administrative support.

Questions:

Can the Fair Committee remain apart of the County, but not be under Extension?

Would need to be a subcommittee of another standing committee if not Extension. Would require board action.

Questions if Fair were to separate from the County:

Financially:

- How would the rental of Expo Center and property be affected? It would not – negotiation of the rental would occur as the contract expires and is renewed,
- How would it affect the role of the Extension Educator and the Fair Committee? Educator would still be providing services to youth.