

MINUTES

Members Present: Tami Schraufnagel, Scot Zimmerman, Debbie Kitchen, Allison Olson, Miranda Nelson, Kevin Kitchen, Leslie Strey, Lisa Vetsch, Letecia Papke, Darren Schlewitz,

Members Absent: Dakota Roettger, Jodi Thesing-Ritter

Others: Mark Hagedorn, John Helwig, Greg Stanek

Call to Order

Chair Kitchen called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / March 14, 2018

Minutes were reviewed. Scot made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Review Bills / March 2018

No payments were made this month.

Public Input

Greg Stanek presented concerns regarding the locker plant processing decision made at the March meeting. The committee answered questions and discussed their standing on the issue, ultimately expressing that they were in support the Livestock Project Committee's decision.

2018 Fair / Discussion – Action

Plaques and Trophies- Last August, there was some suggestion to changing the award plaques to trophies to varietize from what has been given the past few years. Leslie made a motion that we transition to awarding trophies for the 2018 fair. Darren seconded. Motion carried.

Miranda shared that the process for 4-H members to sign up for project areas on 4-H online will be slightly altered next year, as more clarification will be given to shape the fair's departments. The Commodities Carnival grant from CME Group was approved. The Carnival will be located in the rabbit and poultry barn on the southeast side near the Petting Zoo. At least one adult and two youth volunteers will be needed to staff the exhibit. Multiple classes for the Dairy show have been added for this year's fair. There will be a Dairy Alumni Showmanship Class and a President's Class for grades kindergarten through second grade. Miranda has secured sponsorships for both. The Compeer Financial Grant was completed and submitted. Miranda anticipates to receive a response within one to two weeks.

Letecia will send out information about the CPR class when information becomes available to her. Darren has connections someone who could provide horses for the carriage rides if a substitute is needed.

Sub-Committee Reports / Discussion – Action

Biosecurity- No discussion.

Sign-Up Genius- Scot made a motion for the Fair Committee to fund the SignUpGenius Pro Account at the Silver level for the 2017-2018 year. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Set Up/ Tear Down- No discussion.

Contracts- No discussion.

Grounds Keeping- Night watchmen have been booked for Thursday night to Monday morning.

Sponsorship- Progress has continued with the sponsorships. Support will be dispersed to the different areas of the fair in the next few months. In next year's letter, a note was made to clarify price for trophies.

Livestock Update / Discussion – Action

During public input, Greg Stanek presented concerns regarding the locker plant processing decision made at the March meeting. After discussion, the committee maintained their stand on the issue, ultimately expressing they would not overturn the decision made at the March meeting. The decision stands, Fair Committee backs the Livestock Committees decision to have only two locker plants this year, Augusta Meats and Crescent Meats.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

Future meetings were scheduled for May 16th and June 20th. All future meetings will take place at the Eau Claire County Agriculture and Resource Center and will begin at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted. Agenda items for the March meeting will include 2018 Fair and sub-committee reports for biosecurity, sign up genius, set up/tear down, contracts, grounds keeping, and sponsorships.

Adjourn

Chair Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Olson
Committee Clerk