

Agenda

Eau Claire County
Fair Committee

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 7:00PM

Virtual meeting via WebEx Events

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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. Introductions
3. Roll Call
4. Election of Committee Chair and Appointment of Clerk - Discussion/Action
5. Public Comment
6. Review of Committee Minutes – August 8, 2021 - Discussion/Action
7. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports – Discussion/Action
 - A. 4-H Leaders – Darren
 - B. County Board – Missy
 - C. Livestock – Scot
 - D. Extension – Rachel
 - E. Friends of the Fair – Kyle

8. Fair Committees (Reevaluate/Determine who will lead) – Discussion/Action
 - A. Grounds
 - B. Sign-up Genius
 - C. Banners
 - D. Awards
 - E. Check-In
 - F. Show Tent
 - G. Food
 - H. Health & Safety and Contracts
 - I. Expo
 - J. Volunteers

9. 2021 Fair
 - A. DATCP - Report
 - B. Payments (Judges, Exhibitors, Outstanding Bills)
 - C. Receivables (Food Trucks, Family Fair Support \$25, OTHER)
 - D. Survey – Discussion/Action

10. 2022 Fair – Discussion/Action
 - A. Judges Pay (Expo, Small Animal, Large Animal)
 - B. Fair Format Full Open or Modified

11. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action
 - A. Fair Book Changes and Evaluation Meeting

12. Eau Claire County
 - A. Oversight
 - a. Expo Rental
 - b. Insurance
 - B. 4-H and Fair Committee MOU
 - C. Extension Education Meeting Monthly Reports

13. Livestock Committee
 - A. End of Year Report
 - B. Financial Statement
 - C. By-Laws Update

14. Team Building - Colors

15. Future Meeting Date and Agenda Item

16. Adjourn

Eau Claire County Fair Committee
August 4th, 2021, 7 pm
Meeting by WebEx

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Lisa Vetsch.

Confirmation of meeting notice.

Roll Call by Lisa Vetsch (recorded by Tammy Schlewitz)

Fair Committee Members Present: Scot Zimmerman, Lisa Vetsch, Bethany Strauch, Josie Syverson, Kathy Gehrke, Letecia Papke, Missy Christopherson, Rachel Hart-Brinson

Absent: Tyson Flottmeier, Jenni Haan

Others present: Debbie Kitchen-Fair Coordinator

Public Comment-None

Motion made by Tammy Schlewitz to close public comment. Seconded by Letecia Papke. Vote-Motion passes.

Review of Committee minutes from July 14, 2021.

Missy Christopherson moves to approve minutes as typed. Second by Letecia Papke. Vote-Motion passes.

Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports:

- a. 4-H Leaders – Darren reports leaders had a successful concession stand at Farm Tech Days.
- b. County Board- Missy nothing new to report.
- c. Livestock- Scot- Livestock office at the fair was amazing. Big Mike's Cooler is down, sheep and steers slaughter will be delayed.
- d. Extension – Rachel-reported on Blue Ribbon Kid's Day tent at the fair.
 - a. MOU- reviewed by multiple departments. Corporate Counsel would like to make some changes. Once changes are made it will be forwarded to the Extension Committee. Questioned if Fair Committee should approve it prior.
- e. Friends of the Fair- Lisa- short meeting held at the fair.

Fair Committees:

- a. Grounds- Darren- set-up and take down of the fair went well.
- b. Sign-up Genius- Josie- went well. Missy suggested having more detail about the task in the sign-up.
- c. Banners- nothing
- d. Awards-Bethany- discussing not having trophies next year and only banners.
- e. Check-in- no real check-in done at the fair.
- f. Show Tent- Scot- had plenty of help. Need two-three LED lights for the tent for next year.
- g. Food- Food trucks were a success. Book early as they tend to book out.
- h. Health and Safety and Contracts- Letecia -no update
- i. Expo-Kathy- set up and take down went well
- j. Volunteers- can always use more volunteers.

2021 Fair:

Situation at check out being handle by Lisa.

Fair Coordinator Report- Survey has been sent out. Responses are due by 8/10/2021.

Fair Committee Renewal/Applications:

Reviewed the structure of Fair Committee Members.

Two positions open, citizen at large and Friends of the Fair Rep.

Applicants reviewed and discussed.

Fair Committee votes unanimously to have Kyle Wathke to fill the Friends of the Fair opening. This will be a two-year term.

Fair Committee votes 5-yes, 3-no, and 1 abstain to have Danyelle Steinke fill the Citizen at Large opening. This will be a one-year term.

Next Meeting will be September 8th at 7 pm, in person. Location to be determined.

Agenda items: Select a chair and clerk for 2021-2022

Discuss relationship of Fair Committee with Eau Claire County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Schlewitz



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Case Number:	
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Supervisor Initials/Date:	

FAIR / EXHIBITION / SHOW INSPECTION REPORT

Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 10

TYPE OF INSPECTION (Check those that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
DATE: 07/29/2021	<input type="checkbox"/> GPS POINTS TAKEN	CONTACT NAME (ORGANIZER) Debbie Kitchen	VETERINARIAN NAME Meg Mueller
LEGAL ENTITY (ORGANIZATION NAME) Eau Claire County Fair Committee		DOING BUSINESS AS (IF DIFFERENT) Eau Claire County Fair	
ADDRESS STREET (ANIMAL LOCATION) 5530 Fairview Drive		CITY Eau Claire	STATE WI
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ORGANIZATION MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ANIMAL LOCATION) PO Box 434		CITY Augusta	STATE WI
COUNTY Eau Claire	TOWN Washington	EMAIL eauclairefair@gmail.com	TELEPHONE NUMBER: (715) 839 - 3755
		TELEPHONE NUMBER: (715) 579 - 4703	

FAIR / EXHIBITION / SHOW RULES & RECORD KEEPING

Check the appropriate box for *Compliant (C)* *Non-compliant (NC)* or *Not Applicable (NA)* with State and/or Federal regulations

	C	N/C	N/A
1. Fair/Exhibition premises has a valid Livestock Premises Code: 00484JE ATCP 17.02(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. For fairs / exhibitions that last longer than 24 hours, a licensed veterinarian conducts a daily inspection of exhibited animals. ATCP 10.87(1)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The organizer keeps a record of each exhibitor's name and address. ATCP 10.87(2)(b)1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The organizer keeps a record of the number of animals, type, description, and official identification (if required). ATCP 10.87(2)(b)2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The organizer keeps a record of documentation showing compliance with disease testing and health requirements and lawful import or movement to the event. ATCP 10.87(2)(b)3. & 5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The organizer keeps a record of the livestock premises code, if any, of the premises from which the animal originates. ATCP 10.87(2)(b)4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Records are retained for five years and available for inspection and copying by the department upon request. ATCP 10.87(1)(b).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

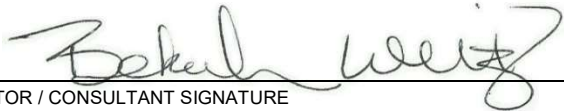
PORCINE

	C	N/C	N/A
1. All imported swine are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official individual identification. A negative test result for porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) and swine enteric coronavirus disease (SECD) from the herd of origin within 90 days prior to import. ATCP 10.30(1)(a)3 A statement from the veterinarian that there are no clinical signs of PRRS and SECD at the time of inspection. ATCP 10.87(3)(a) <p>NOTE: An import permit is required if PRRS/SECD test results are positive or the CVI does not contain the negative PRRS/PED test results or veterinarian statement regarding no clinical signs. ATCP 10.30(2)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. All WI swine are accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection that certifies the veterinarian inspected the herd of origin within the past 30 days, no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection, and all exhibited swine at non-terminal fairs test negative for PRRS and SECD within 30 days prior to the date of movement to the fair. <i>ATCP 10.87 (3)</i>	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Record of movement of swine that were exhibited at a terminal show and were moved to slaughter or slaughter only sale. <i>ATCP 10.87 (1)(d)</i>	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
BOVINE			
1. Imported bovine animals are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, including official identification and all applicable testing requirements. <i>ATCP 10.22(1)(a)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Any animals showing evidence of mange, ringworm, or warts have been inspected by the fair / exhibition veterinarian in-charge and in their opinion the lesions are inactive and not capable of transmitting disease. <i>ATCP 10.87(4)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
POULTRY			
1. Records show that exhibited birds originate from flocks that are in compliance with applicable certification requirements or were individually tested within 90 days. <i>ATCP 10.40 & 10.87(5)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually tested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTF, WAF, or NPI	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Eggs and sexually immature birds (birds under 4 months old, or in the case of turkeys, under 6 months old) are exhibited with appropriate flock certification. Individual testing is not allowed.	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
EQUINE			
1. Imported equine animals are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, which must include official individual identification and a report of a negative test for EIA, if required. <i>ATCP 10.36(1)</i> Exemptions found in <i>10.36(2) and (4)</i> . (See <i>ATCP 10.37</i> for requirements for foreign imports).	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. All equine animals have records indicating they have tested negative on an equine infectious anemia test conducted within 12 months of the date on which the animal is exhibited unless the animal is a nursing foal accompanying its dam. (Dam must have tested negative within 12 months). <i>ATCP 10.36 & 10.87(6)</i>	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
OVINE			
1. Imported sheep are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, including official individual identification. <i>ATCP 10.69(1) & 10.87(7)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. All sexually intact sheep, and neutered sheep which are 12 months of age or older, have official individual identification. <input type="checkbox"/> Form AH-IC-200 Sheep / Goat Identification is completed and attached. <i>ATCP 10.87(2)(b)2</i>	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CAPRINE			
1. Imported goats are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, including official individual identification and all applicable testing results. <i>ATCP 10.76(1)(a)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Goats imported from tuberculosis modified accredited states or zones were issued an import permit. <i>ATCP 10.76(2)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. All sexually intact goats, and neutered goats which are 12 months of age and older, have official individual identification. <i>ATCP 10.77 & 10.87(8)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form AH-IC-200 Sheep / Goat Identification is completed and attached. <i>ATCP 10.87(2)(b)2</i>	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

CIRCUS, RODEO, RACING, MENAGERIE ANIMALS

1. All imported animals are accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that meets the applicable movement requirements under <i>ATCP 10</i> and an import permit. <i>ATCP 10.06(1)(a), 10.07(2) & 10.81(2)(a)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The CVIs of imported animals include the number of the valid import permit issued by DATCP. <i>ATCP 10.81(2)(a)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. All animals moved intrastate are moved in compliance with applicable intrastate movement requirements. <i>ATCP 10.32, ATCP 10.56, 10.64, 10.70, 10.77</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. All imported animals are isolated from non-circus, non-rodeo, and non-menagerie animals. <i>ATCP 10.81(2)(c)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. All imported animals are isolated from native wildlife. <i>ATCP 10.81(2)(c)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Facilities and vehicles used for these animals are cleaned and disinfected before being used for other animals. <i>ATCP 10.81(2)(c)</i>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



07/29/2021

INSPECTOR / CONSULTANT SIGNATURE

DATE

I discussed the violations and corrective action with the inspector. I understand the violations, and the time frame for corrective action.

Fair/Exhibition Organizer or MANAGER SIGNATURE

DATE

VIOLATION SUMMARY**LIST STATUTES / RULES THAT WERE VIOLATED****ATCP 10.87 Fairs and exhibitions.**

(2) EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES. A person who exhibits an animal at a fair or exhibition shall do all of the following:

(b) Provide all of the following to the organizer of the fair or exhibition:

4. The livestock premises code, if any, of the premises from which the animals originate.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION WITH OWNER/OPERATOR OR CARETAKER/MANAGER AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, IF ANY

- Discussed livestock premises code requirements & plans to add this requirement to fair registration for next year
- Fair's livestock premises code updated at time of inspection
- Sheep & goat official ID are correlated with "EC tags" (management tags)

You are required to take necessary actions to gain compliance with the statutes and rules by (date):

Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally collected – sec.15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

Fair Committee Distribution List

Updated 9/2021

By-Laws	Member	Address	City/Zip	Phone	Term	Email
1	Rachel Hart-Brinson 4-H Program Educator	227 1 st Street	Altoona 54720	715-839-4712 (w)	Ongoing	rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu
2	Debbie Kitchen Fair Coordinator	PO Box 336	Augusta 54722	715-579-4703 (c)	Ongoing	ctfloral@centurytel.net
3	Missy Christopherson Co. Board Supervisor	2221 Rudolph Rd	Eau Claire 54701	608-698-5510	Ongoing	missy.christopherson@co.eau-claire.wi.us
4	Kyle Wathke Friends of the Fair	6780 Mueller Rd	Fall Creek 54742	715-450-6658	9/1/2021 8/31/2023	christine.wathke@yahoo.com
5	Scot Zimmerman FFA/Teacher/Livestock	S15405 Cty Rd R	Osseo 54725	715-586-0058 (c)	9/1/2021 8/31/2023	slzimmerman3@gmail.com
6	Bethany Strauch Youth	E21670 Zank Rd	Farichild 54741	715-286-2085	9/1/2021 8/31/2022	diamondvalleycattle@gmail.com
6	Vacant Youth non-animal					
6	Tyson Flottmeier Youth	S2735 Water Tower Rd.	Fall Creek 54742	715-864-0162	9/1/2021 8/31/2022	Jenni.haan1@gmail.com
7	Letecia Papke - Vice-Chair Business/youth organization	E6250 Hickory Rd	Eau Claire 54701	715-878-4088 (h) 715-832-3211 (w)	9/1/2020 8/31/2022	lp@johnsonlitho.com
7	Tammy Schlewitz Business/youth organization	5484 Vollendorf Ln	Eau Claire 54703	715-874-4394 (h) 715-456-6119 (c)	9/1/2020 8/31/2022	schlavsows@wwt.net
8	Jennifer Haan Citizen at Large	S2735 Water Tower Rd	Fall Creek 54742	715-864-0162	9/1/2021 8/31/2023	Jennihaan1@gmail.com
8	Danyelle Steinke Citizen at Large	E19494 Yule Rd	Augusta 54722	715-533-4578	9/1/2021 8/31/2022	(only one year term because of vacancy) steinke21sunsets@outlook.com
9	Darren Schlewitz 4-H Leaders Assoc.	5484 Vollendorf Ln	Eau Claire 54703	715-456-6117 (c)	9/1/2020 8/31/2022	schlavsows@wwt.net

*Membership will consist of the following representatives:

1. (1) 4-H Youth Program Coordinator (non-voting)
2. (1) Fair Coordinator (non-voting)
3. (1) County Board Supervisor
4. (1) Friends of the Fair member
5. (1) FFA or agriculture teacher (current or retired), FFA Alumni, or a member of a Livestock Group (Wisconsin Simmental Association, Wisconsin Pork Producers)
6. (3) Youth (One youth must represent exhibits other than livestock, example would be Photography, Arts & Crafts, Rockets)
7. (2) Individuals from a business or from a youth-service agency (Boys and Girls' Club, YMCA, Boy Scouts, etc.)
8. (2) Citizens at Large with interests in the fair
9. (1) 4-H Leaders Association member

Survey for 2021 Eau Claire County Fair

** Denotes more than one comment*

What was your favorite part of this year's Fair?

- The teamwork/support of the kids throughout the fair.
- Auction *****
- Rabbit Show – judge was very nice.
- Watching the kids show. *
- Seeing all the kid's hard work and creativity.
- Knowing all the hard work that went into planning for the fair... thank you all so much!
- Everything!
- Food Trucks**
- The pig show was well judges. The judge interacted well with the kids and did a great job teaching in showmanship.
- Being able to be together.
- All the livestock shows *****
- Working with the youth. ***
- We enjoyed looking at all the projects on Friday. *
- Projects listed and photographed online for families to see. Was really nice to see everyone projects.
- Seeing adults and kids work together in effort for all the kids to have positive learning experiences.
- I liked the animal judging outside in the tent, great air flow, and felt safe. I liked having the fair not so crowded too.
- All of it! I loved that I didn't have to volunteer for numerous shifts in numerous food stands. I liked that it was not packed full of people. I liked the openness of the barns, and that there was no crowding in them.
- Being able to see the youth and their exhibits. **
- Seeing all of the hard work that the youth put into throughout the year!
- Spread out show.
- Seeing the older kids interact with the younger kids.
- Rocket launch and gymkhana show
- Judging **
- Watching my children show their animals under the show tent and the Livestock Auction.
- The Champion Trophy area in exhibit building.
- Being by other chapters.
- Show my heifer and pig for the first time.
- Glad it happened
- Exhibiting projects.
- Nothing really, it was pretty boring.

- That there were spectators
- This year wasn't fun
- Watching friendships develop, just being around our fair family for a few days! Watching the teamwork and how fast the well the clean-up went on Sunday evening. **
- Loved having my oldest participate as a full 4-H member and see her excitement at the ribbons. I was also excited to help organize the Blue Ribbon Tent and have volunteers help me with that.
- Exhibitors were able to show off their projects.

Is there something that you would like to carry forward into the future from this year?

- Shows spread out during the week. *****
- Allowing more people.
- Online FOF Basket raffle was nice and very user friendly.
- Food Trucks (need more seating). *****
- We liked the rabbit show during the week instead of the weekend.
- Banners for awards. **
- Smiles.
- Scattered drop off and pick up times. ***
- Check in and check out of exhibits.
- Sign up times for face-to-face Cloverbud and Exploring judging.
- Show tent for all the Livestock show and auction has worked out really well! *****
- Having thank you in bags was great.
- Keep the barns open like they were.
- Nice that the Legacy Donors were mentioned during the Sunday afternoon program.
- Well organized.
- Continue with getting back to normal. We need to have a full fair for the kid's next year!
- Like having the show tent, also it being spread out. Live having the fair office outside.
- Very nice of judges to leave comments/suggestion for the exhibitors on their projects.
- Bring the food trucks back and possibility add a dessert type truck with fair sweets.
- I think they need to think about adding a Midway to increase foot traffic and awareness of 4-H.
- Nothing, participation was down.
- I really liked the Blue Ribbon Tent.
- The check in process was very smooth and easy this year. I like the families were given a block of time for us to come.

What could we make better for next time?

- Have the food booths back, keep the chicken and rabbits throughout the fair as this was a huge disappointment not seeing them there, bring back all the activities and vendors, petting zoo, have show times be back to what they used to be in past years.
- More activities for kids, have the dairy and beef show by barn A, get the public to the fair, rabbits, and poultry stay at the fair, decorations, OYC food booth back open, better PA system running through all the buildings.
- It would be nice to get back to the normal activities again with people being able to come from the public. We know this was not possible this year but hoping for 2022! **
- Full fair, hopefully everything back to normal.
- Beer tent, allow campers to everyone that shows, less rules, less mandatory “committees”.
- More variety of food offered on a daily basis. More reasonably priced food options. (Like the food stand in the expo building used to be.)
- Milkshakes and Ice Cream!
- Try to open it back to the public more! ****
- Having the bleachers for all the shows. Very sad that they were only used for a couple shows. Have the food booths back, keep the chickens and rabbits throughout the fair as this was at huge disappointment not seeing them there, bring back all the activities and vendors, petting zoo, have show times be back to what they used to be in past years.
- More activities for kids, have the dairy and beef show by barn A, get the public to the fair, rabbits and poultry stay at the fair, decorations, OYC food booth back open, better PA system running through all buildings.
- Move the beef show on a different day from the auction. It seemed like it was too much for both the kids & cattle. If able, without restrictions, bring the games, inflatables, food stands back to the fair so kids have more things to do during the weekend. Put the beef cattle closer to the show tent or change the route so they are able to walk in the grass vs the sand.
- Move presidents’ class to a day when more children are there to participate. Saturday maybe?
- If possible, advertise and make open to the public. Bring back kid’s day activities and invite day cares.
- Nothing, planning was perfect.
- Open the Dairy Shack and have a breakfast option.
- Add Poultry to the Livestock sale! I will need someone to help lead this charge.
- Move the fair office back to Building E - exhibit building (lots of questions from exhibitors, superintends and judges very inconvenient for them to travel to the office building. Need to find a way to re-engage public - realize with COVID wasn’t possible in 2021. Bring back the 4-H food stand in building E. Bring back the OYC stand and dairy promotions to where the fair office was located. The fair schedule was spread out to long - not ideal for working parents/youth - again

understand this was a COVID adjustment but would consider moving back closer to the past schedule. If continue with schedule this past year, I could see volunteer issues as difficult to balance it all in today's busy schedules.

- Decorating the barns is very nice but not particularly necessary. I do feel the exhibitors should be required to put up signs with their name, club, and cattle information.
- Keeping rabbits/chickens at the fairgrounds, dog agility, more participation/consistency with dog project, eligibility for state fair exhibits, bring back auction buyer meal.
- I wish that there was more emphasis put on the non-animal areas of the fair. Lots of people work hard for many of the other areas and often the fair is centered only around the animals it seems.
- Spread out shows.
- More food truck or different options.
- No awards prior to auction.
- We would love to have a fair like normal next year! I'm not sure why it was altered this year, especially given that Farm Technology Days had just happened the week prior, in Eau Claire County, attracting 50,000 people with no accommodations. Other area county fairs also went on as normal with no changes. **
- Engaging additional volunteers. Require exhibitor families to dedicate minimum volunteer time to the fair.
- I think having a couple rides are just at least something a little more than just animals would bring in many more people.
- Having more things to do
- Make sure everyone stays for their cleanup shifts until the end.
- I hope that we can get back to the full fair with all the bells and whistles next year. Thanks for everything the fair committee does to put this together--in any form!
- Have the mounted shooting people back
- You need to bring back the fun of this fair, too many rules too many micro managers, the kids need to have a fun experience like it used to be 10 yrs. ago or so...your losing volunteers and all the people that used to WANT to help make this a great experience
- Better organization! Animal judging was a circus!!
- Loved the New Back Drops for picture taking in the barns.
- Have the fair return to "normal" and open to everyone. We need to add something new and different to attract people to the fair. **
- Things went very smooth due to all the behind-the-scenes prep and organizing before the fair even began- thank you!

Any other comments you feel need to be shared?

- The tables we had for the blue ribbon tent are in really rough shape. The sides are coming apart, they're all different sizes, they are SO heavy. We have to use plastic table cloths on them because they are so beat up and the table cloths were really tricky to deal with in the wind.
- The fair very was very organized except the Livestock project. Comments were made that it should be called the Eau Claire County Livestock Fair, not the Eau Claire County Fair. The Fair Committee needs to support and promote all areas of the fair. The Fair Committee should consist of a variety of members, not just livestock members.
- Open up to the public and more advertising
- Again, just miss how things were pre Covid. Would like to see the fair go back to how it used to be prior to Covid.
- A huge THANK YOU to all involved!!!! I know it takes a village to make this happen. You all worked so hard. This fair is about the youth and I hope it can continue that way. We all need to work together to get more kids involved in 4-H and FFA.
- Thank you for an amazing fair! Looking forward to 2022.
- Thanks for your hard work! **
- Tribute garden event, very special and moving. Loved it.
- Is there a possibility to have “clinics/training” for older members to help younger participants with advice, tricks, tips, etc that could be scheduled throughout the weekend to help provide more knowledge to the younger youth? I know it’s already incredibly busy so maybe that’s not an option, but since everyone is there & some have additional time, it would be nice to share the wealth of knowledge that they have. 😊
- Just some general 4H observations (and I know Covid has possibly affected some of this):
It would be nice to have project meetings for things other than just livestock. (Foods, cultural arts, modular construction, etc.) Is this something that is up to each club to do?
Kids and families that are new to projects need to be identified and have more/better information shared with them. It should not be an expectation that everyone knows the projects or to just wait for them to ask questions.
- Great job with current conditions. Don’t let a few negative comments about not being open to the public get in the way of doing what is right. Great fair!
- The fair office was very friendly and helpful, unlike the Livestock committee. It is time for a change of the Livestock Committee. They are very rude and unfriendly. People are scared to talk to them.
- There is a ruling in the fair book that all animals on the grounds need to be cared for and feed by 9am each morning. It was very sad to me that the Livestock Leaders we not on the grounds Sunday morning. They should be setting an example for the kids. If you sign up for a job, follow thru.
- The schedule of events was well laid out and easy to follow.
- I absolutely loved this fair! Thank you so much for all the hard work. **

- Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions.
- Appreciate the work and efforts put in to make the fair successful. The youth were able to have more of a normal county fair experience this year. Thank you for your work.
- The show tent was not set up for each of the shows. Should have been done after the previous show. Felt bad for the rabbit and poultry superintendents, nothing was set up for them. Setting up of the auction should have been done, right at the beef show. Embarrassing that the set up was going on while the buyers were coming into the tent.
- We signed up to volunteer, but really weren't needed, which was frustrating. We would love the schedule to return to the way it was, rather than spreading it out all week.

My kids really enjoy and are fulfilled by turning in their own projects, and we would like to see that return. My daughter really learns a lot from face-to-face judging in knitting, crocheting, family living, home furnishings, foods and nutrition and cake decorating and we would like to see that return. We missed the food and working in the food stand. And the shakes! We loved the music judge. She was very knowledgeable and my daughter learned a lot from her. It was frustrating not being able to bid on the silent auction items in person. It really didn't serve as a public exhibit, since the public wasn't invited, and is fruitless for the kids to make projects not to be seen by the public. The ribbons would feel more earned if there were more projects. I think projects were way down this year due lack of interest in the fair, which may not have appealed to as many people.

- Don't understand why a family was at the fair when the dad / husband tested positive for COVID. Very irresponsible!
- It was such a strange year, not knowing how many people were going to come on the grounds. I'm hoping that more people will participate with our Blue Ribbon Tent next year.
- The only thing I did not like was having the swine show at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, but other than that I think everything was as close to perfect as it could be.

Fair Coordinator:

- 4 Judges for Cultural Arts.
- Bring Amy & Rachel back for Photography.
- Consistent and clear expectations of judging on projects. Example: wildflower collection said to be pressed, identified, and labeled. My 5th grader was the only one in her class and was judged down (2nd place) because she put scientific names instead of just common name. She did more than expected (even though the fair book did not say it that way) and was penalized for it. If face-to-face judging locations need to be changed, please let people know. Even something as simple as a sign or announcement on Facebook would be helpful. Bring back more activities for the kids.

- Lego judging. Needs a more accurate time. Or more judges. We waited 3 hours to be judged.
Most items were from kits. Conference judge maybe original categories maybe and not kits.
- I think Legos or at least the kit Legos don't need a face-to-face conference. They hand the books in with the set. I think ceramics need to be face to face judge those projects take a lot of time to do and some that do a simple paint and done get better placement then those who put hours and hour and hours into a project. Maybe the 3 by 5 needs how long it took to work on those projects.
- Need 2 judges for Lego's way to long for kids.
- For larger face-to-face or conference judging events (e.g., Modular Construction/Legos), it would be helpful to provide a time frame for the judging of each lot (e.g., 2-3 minutes). Although the judge was very attentive with each participant, the event went very long into the evening, especially when the older participants in high school were first and younger ones being last.
- Don't handle exhibits. Let the kids move their own creations so they don't get broken.
- 1)The clerk's paperwork, the page where you can circle results. It has the kids name listed but not the back tag number. It would be super handy to add the back tag number.
2) We had several entries that were incorrect. For Poultry even if there is no entry in a class, I would like a blank sheet with that info on it, so I could hand write in an entry if needed. It allows me to keep things in order and stay organized.
3) I need to recruit one more helper so we can divide duties up and add some professionalism to the show. We did good but we can do better.
4) Add Poultry to the Livestock sale! I will need someone to help lead this charge.

What could we make better for next time?

- On the thank you letters or in the envelope add a little slip of paper to identify what trophy they belong to. We had a few that got de-tached so we made an educated guess.
- Next year: Would love to request helpers in photography for judging which takes 2-3 hours, plus stapling ribbons, displaying photos as my daughters get busier with jobs in the summer and less available to help me. (See comment below)
This year the 3 interns popped in at just the right time to help with ribbons and hanging photos!! With my one bad foot, this was especially helpful this year (hopefully my surgery in August will get me back to normal!!)
- Project tags
- Change check in time for projects for the Expo to later in the day i.e. 1-7:00 p.m.

Any other comments you feel need to be shared?

- If someone is willing to donate a trophy, I feel it should be used even if only one entry. I have been donating a sand candle for 15 years. There was 3 entries & it was not used! 😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞

- While I realize that there is still pandemic protocol in place, everything should be even across the board. We were stopped and told we had to wait to get our things at pick up due to metering. Yet a family walked right in behind us and was let right in after we waited. Also, I understand that children are to be helping because it's their fair, however, projects should really be handed with more care during resort and pick up. Also, pick up was very rushed this year and last year. They do not even give you a second to make sure what you have is everything or even yours. Either make more pick-up time or slow down.
- Judges (poultry and rabbits) were very knowledgeable. It was great how much time they took with the kids explaining their thoughts and about the animals. In fact, one of the judges helped us diagnose something with chicken so we were able to care for her. Please thank them for their long day and fantastic work. Also, the coordinator volunteers for the animals worked so hard. They put on a great fair even with the limitations because of Covid. They deserve many thanks and acknowledgement.
- I was a little disappointed in the fact said any kid not vaccinated and those under 12 needed masks. My kids both wore their while other kids didn't while in the closed building. My kids wanted to take theirs off but I wouldn't have allowed it according the rules that were sent out but not enforced. I did appreciate how many people were allowed in for pick seemed work out really well. Thank you to all those who made the fair possible for these kids I know its hard thing to coordinate!
- Many great volunteers that do a great job but a better ring man for the beef show is needed.
- Debbie Kitchen and Cindi Syverson deserve all the credit. They went through a lot throughout the week, along with all the volunteers, and deserve recognition for their efforts. Debbie particularly! She was there all day every day.
- Thank you, Debbie, for all your hard work that you put into the fair.
- Change it up every year so the same club isn't always the farthest from the show tent, make it fair.
- Multiple complaints from multiple buyers. The buyers do not want to sit through awards prior to the auction for over 30 minutes. Make a different time or day to give the awards out. Most buyers do not know any of the people receiving or giving the awards. It's a waste of the buyer's time.
For the Lego project entries, would it be possible to do a tiered option based on price (Under \$25, \$26-\$100, \$100+) or something like that? It seems unfair for kids that are spending as much as they can afford on a Lego set to go up against other families that are willing to spend incredible amounts on theirs.
- Dairy Show cannot be on Sunday again in the future. It is a long day of showing and then long night of clean up. Not fair dairy always gets the short end of the stick.

Comments:

What was your favorite part of this year's Fair?

- The auction was very well run! The personalization that Steve brought to the auctioneering makes the auction so much more enjoyable than moving them through quicker.
- Ultrasound and Carcass Evaluation option.

What could we make better for next time?

- Better communication from the Livestock Project. Very unorganized swine/sheep/ & goat check-in.
- Livestock leaders were very rude to families and exhibitors. Livestock leaders posted their children's winnings, and not the other livestock champions on the Livestock Facebook page.
- Paperwork at the fair was very unorganized. Not all families have Facebook, and notifications were sent on Facebook, and at the last minute. We need a change in the Livestock leadership. The youth should be running the project, and they have not met as a committee since November. Very disappointing how the Leaders handled themselves at the fair.
- Not as many rules for livestock participants.
- Why were the bleachers not used during all of the livestock shows under the tent? There were nice crowds in attendance and this made it difficult to see what was happening in the show ring if you were not close to the gates. Many people questioned why they were not used. Since they were available, why were they not used? From what I heard, when DATCP arrived at the fairgrounds, the representatives were not treated respectfully. And the information was incomplete and not properly prepared. It is so important that this information be reviewed and made sure it is complete BEFORE an animal gets off a trailer. It is a safety issue. There are protocols that MUST be followed for the safety of animals and exhibitors. Information MUST be made available whenever they request it. Period. Not doing so will be remembered and acknowledged by DATCP. Eau Claire will not be viewed as fair friendly and instead, difficult. This is embarrassing for the county. This is not the kind of reputation I would hope the fair would want to have. The people who were disrespectful to the DATCP people should submit an apology letter to the appropriate people and commit to making sure protocols will be followed going forward.
- While there were and are many positives from the fair, there was clearly an underlying tension with the Livestock Committee that was felt and not positive. People mentioned how unorganized the Livestock Committee was and how unpleasant they were to work with compared to a few years ago. This is NOT going to encourage kids to participate in the county fair. The fair is much larger than just the livestock projects. Yes, they are an important part of the fair ... but so are many other aspects. All families, kids, superintendents, volunteers, leadership, judges, attendees, county personal, DATCP staff and anyone else who is involved with the fair should be treated with respect. No one aspect of the

fair is more important than another. Yes, people can be passionate about various areas. This is helpful and great. But teamwork between all the many different aspects of the fair is so important. Without respect and teamwork, it will be very difficult for the fair to maintain itself and keep going into the future. Personal priorities and agendas can quickly become the demise of the fair if this attitude continues.

What could we make better for next time?

- Ask Alyssa our county Ag Educator to help with check in/weigh in of the Livestock species. Weights were totally messed up with the swine. We need a neutral person reading the scale. Exhibitors were told they could only go across the scale once, and then some were allowed more than once. If the committee is going to make a ruling it needs to be fair with everyone in the project. Seems like if you're a buddy to the Livestock leadership committee you get special privileges.
- Why aren't the swine superintendents in charge of the swine paperwork? This is their responsibility. This has been an issue for the last couple of years. The swine superintendents should be in charge of the swine ear tags, weigh in (if allowed), all the paperwork. The Livestock Leadership only wants the swine superintendents to do the work they do not want to do.
- Paperwork needs to be completed and double checked at the time the animal gets off the trailer. Livestock had to go ask exhibitors for premises I'd numbers after the animals were already in the barn. The person checking paperwork should have been catching this before the animals were allowed off the trailer.
- The record keeping process for the swine weigh in needs to be smoother. Multiple mistakes were found after the weigh in. Maybe too many people involved and helping with the weigh in?
- Extremely disappointed there was not a buyer's dinner.
- Considering that the fair was smaller a lot of things didn't seem to be ready for the auction.

Any other comments you feel need to be shared?

- Lots of unfriendly, grumpy adult helpers/parents/board members that are not easy to approach. The fair is about the kids, not the adults. Take a step back and relax, let the kids have fun. Miss the old days when the kids had water fights, barn dances, grill out. Now you have to watch what you say or do because you will get reprimanded. Lots of board members and livestock committee members need to step down, so many unhappy families due to strict rules. People are leaving to go to other fairs. It's not fun anymore.
- Being organized is always appreciated! At the fair we were asked to submit livestock information "ASAP" multiple times all in regard to the same forms or event (auction)...just difficult for those of us in many places to keep running around for little bits of information. And more difficult for those of us that are new to projects too!

- Weigh in for pigs done at time of drop off, or assign times for clubs or groups to go it was kind of crazy in the barn during that time.
- Have a by stander helping with writing down weights so that way the correct weight gets wrote down.
- Have a basket outside of the Livestock office that you could drop things off if no one is there. Also have a sign that says livestock office so people are aware of where it is.
- For the auction just announce kids name and club or FFA chapter.
- Clean up around the barns and don't leave stuff laying around- dividers sitting out, rabbit cages by the wash racks, gates that look like a mess in the back row. Lack of machinery to put things away. Having gates set up before the sale.
- It's time for a change in Livestock Committee We need volunteers who are friendly, and willing to work as a team. Committee members are rude, talk nasty about other exhibitors, and families. The future of this project is very sad with how these adults have presented themselves this past fair.
- Livestock committee said pigs couldn't be put on the scale twice. But yet they allowed it for a few exhibitors. When a pig is within a couple lbs. of making weight what is the big deal! This fair is the strictest one in the area. It is taking the fun out of it for the exhibitors, parents, and volunteers. Thank you to everyone that could make the fair happen! Your work doesn't go unnoticed and it is so appreciative!

DRAFT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Extension Eau Claire County and the Eau Claire County Fair Committee

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the guidelines for collaboration between Extension Eau Claire County (referred to as Extension) and the Eau Claire County Fair Committee (referred to as Fair Committee). The purpose of this MOU is to define the roles, relationships, and obligations of the parties as it relates to the Eau Claire County Fair.

Introduction

Extension Eau Claire County is an education arm of Eau Claire County and is part of UW-Madison Division of Extension and the Land Grant University's Cooperative Extension System and the United States Department of Agriculture. The educators with Extension Eau Claire County cooperate with the Fair Committee to support the education associated with the Eau Claire County Fair.

The Fair Committee is a working committee comprised of citizen volunteers that provide hands-on assistance in producing a well-run, family-oriented and sustainable fair for all. As members of a county committee, volunteers must comply with all federal, state and county non-discrimination laws and policies. The Eau Claire County Fair is conducted on land owned by the county and marketed as the "Expo Center."

The 4-H Name and Emblem is a Federal trade mark and can be used only as authorized by land grant universities' Extension 4-H state offices and their local 4-H employee designees. Criminal misuse of the 4-H name and emblem is prohibited by 18 U.S.C. 707. The primary consideration for granting authorization to use the 4-H Name and Emblem is for the educational and character-building purposes of the 4-H program to serve the educational needs and interests of 4-H youth.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Joint responsibilities: Extension and the Fair Committee mutually agree to work together to:

1. Provide open communication and leadership to achieve the mission and goals of this partnership.
2. Each entity acknowledges that they are responsible for the reporting and filing associated with their organization.
3. Use the official and approved logo and identifying mark for each partner on all communications and promotional materials in equal size. See the 4-H Name and Emblem use guide here: [4-H Name and Emblem – Wisconsin 4-H](#)
4. Work collaboratively to update the Fair Book, annually.
5. Uphold the policies of the Eau Claire County Fair as outlined in the Eau Claire County Fair Premium Book and Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 160 County and District Fairs.

Extension agrees to:

1. Allow the Eau Claire County Fair to use the 4-H Name and Emblem in accordance with the federal law, regulations, and guidelines regarding use of the 4-H Name and Emblem. The emblem may be used for marketing, communication pieces including letters, postcards, etc.
2. Advise the Fair Committee on programming, Fair Book updates, and other topics as a non-voting member on the Fair Committee.
3. Provide educational programming in accordance with the "Roles and Responsibilities" document on Fairs at the EC County Fair.
4. Promote exhibition at the EC County Fair to youth enrolled in the 4-H program and families who participate in Extension programming.
5. Facilitate sign up of youth enrolled in Cloverbuds and Exploring for face-to-face judging.

Junior Fair Committee agrees to:

1. Provide structure, guidelines, and policies to run the Eau Claire County Fair in support of Positive Youth Development.

Meetings and Reporting

To accomplish these objectives, partners will meet/confer regularly for the purposes of program planning, monitoring, and evaluating outcomes.

Termination or Amendments

1. This agreement becomes effective upon the document being signed and filed with the relevant parties.
2. The 4-H Educator and the Fair Committee Chair will meet to review this Memorandum of Understanding. This meeting shall occur between the end of the Fair and November 1.
3. This agreement shall be for a five (5) year period and will be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties. The terms of the MOU may be amended during the five (5) year period upon mutual agreement of the parties as evidenced in writing.
4. Termination Clause: If either party wishes to withdraw from this agreement at any time outside of the five-year period, notification needs to be provided to the other party by November 1, with a final decision by November 30.

Authorized Signatures

UW-Madison, Division of Extension

Date

Eau Claire County
Drafted: 5/10/2021

Date