

Eau Claire County Fair Committee Minutes

January 19, 2022

Meeting by WebEx

Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Haan at 7:10 pm.

Confirmation of meeting notice.

Roll Call of members was done by Danyelle Steinke

Fair Committee members present: Jennifer Haan, Tammy Schlewitz, Darren Schlewitz, Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Missy Christopherson, Rachel Hart-Brinson, Tyson Flottmeir, Bethany Strauch.

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

Guests Present: Don Mowry

Public Comment – None, Scot moved to close public comment, Tammy second.

Committee Minutes – Changes noticed, Lisa Roettger and check-in for poultry and rabbits not weigh-in. Missy moved to accept December meeting minutes with changes, Scot second. Motion passed.

Fair Entries and Fees - \$10 exhibitor fee versus \$25 worth of raffle ticket sales. Can sell raffle tickets if exhibitor would like. Missy moved to approve the \$10 fee. Tammy second. Motion passed.

Stalling Fees – Scot moved to pass stalling fees that align with the 2020 stalling fees with poultry added to be the same fee as rabbits. No maximum per family. Tammy second. Motion passed.

Fair Entry Dates – June 1 – June 17. Missy moved to except entry dates as proposed. Scot second. Motion passed.

Enrollment in Project Deadline – Any youth group, in the area, that has an educational component. Need to check into insurance.

4-H Leaders – Darren, food situation does not look hopeful. Need a volunteer to run the stand at the fair.

County Board – Missy, ARPA Fund application process for non-profit. Surveys are out for those interested in applying.

- No in person meetings yet
- WEXA meeting to update on fair

Livestock – Scot

- By-Laws - still in progress
- Rules and Regulations - Scot moved to accept as printed. Tammy second. Motion passed.

- Carcass and Ultrasound- Not sure about carcass contest because of potential locker plant sale.
- Rabbit and poultry check-in – Superintendent does not want both days as previously proposed unless by appointment. Scot moved to have poultry check-in Wednesday night or Tuesday night by appointment. Danyelle second. Motion passed.

Extension – Rachel, Discussion on dropped project placings and ribbon only qualifications. Scot moved that any item entered in wrong category or department or displayed in a way that does not follow fairbook, ribbon only. Mistakes result in dropped placing. Tammy second. Motion passed.

Friends of the Fair – No update

2022 Fair – Managerial forms due May 1st

Fair Theme – Sprouting Wisconsin’s Future Leaders. Logo voted on and passed.

Committee Coordinator Assignment – Tabled to February meeting.

Food Trucks and Stands – Tabled to February meeting.

ATCP-160 – Premium Level 2 closest to current premiums. Darren moves to use premium Level 2 for this fair year. Scot second. Motion passed.

Sheep Superintendent – Letecia moves to accept Kayla Martinson as sheep superintendent. Danyelle second. Motion passed.

Showmanship Document – Tammy moved to add, if animal poses safety risk to exhibitor or others, alternative option will be considered after consultation with species superintendent, livestock liaison, and Fair committee chair. If exhibitor opts out of consultation and shows another animal, that exhibitor will be eligible for ribbon only. Scot second. Motion passed.

- Jenni moved to amend above motion. Motion passed.

New motion by Jenni reads as follows, if animal poses safety risk to exhibitor or others, alternative options will be considered after consultation with species superintendent and either Livestock liaison, or Fair committee chair. If exhibitor opts out of consultation and shows another animal, that exhibitor will be eligible for ribbon only. Danyelle second. Motion passes.

- Leticia moved to clarify all fair entries must enter showmanship on the showmanship document. Missy second. Motion passed.

Fair Book – Went through formatting issues and typos. Missy moves to approve Fair Book with changes discussed. Tammy second. Motion passed.

Open Classes – Tabled to February meeting.

Fair Coordinator Report – Debbie

- Updating fair book
- Sponsorship letters went out
- Awards going well
- Working on fair schedule
- Attended fairs association conference
 - Need a mission statement
 - No system for committee members
 - Need to set goals
 - Need job descriptions for all members

Announcements from members – Missy, monthly goals for fair-discuss at February meeting.

Future Meeting Date – February 9, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Danyelle Steinke
Committee Clerk