

Eau Claire County Fair Committee Minutes

July 20, 2022

Meeting held in person

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Haan at 7:05pm.

Confirmation of meeting notice.

Roll Call: Leticia Papke, Tyson Flottmeier, Tammy Schlewitz, Darren Schlewitz, Scot Zimmerman, Kyle Wathke, Bethany Strauch, Danyelle Steinke, Missy Christopherson, Jennifer Haan, Rachel Hart-Brinson.

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

Public Comment: Hearing none, Scot moved to close public comment. Leticia second. Passed unanimously.

Approval of June meeting minutes: Danyelle moved to approve. Tammy second. Passed unanimously.

Fair Representative Reports:

4-H Leaders – Darren

- No update

County Board – Missy

- Did not vote on MOU. Concerns with language. Must talk to Administrator Kathryn Schauf and Corporation Council. Norb Kirk, Director of Finance of the County.

Livestock – Scot

- Steve Strey will be the Auctioneer for the sale.
- Brandon Boettcher and Cameron Folkers will be the ring help for the sale.
- Heidi Strey will MC the auction.
- Osseo FFA advisor will help with weigh-in.
- Pressure washer set up for Monday morning.
- Truckers lined up for load out.

Extension – Rachel

- Area Extension Director position is posted. Interviews soon.
- Need help in Kid's Day Tent.
- Scavenger Hunt
  - Three age brackets
  - Name and phone number. Free shake coupon to the winner of each age bracket per day.
  - Leticia moved, three winners per day. Starting Thursday through Saturday for winners, one per age bracket per day receive a free shake/malt. Friends of the Fair pay for sundays for the Veterans at the Veterans Tribute Ceremony. Darren second. Passed unanimously.

## Friends of the Fair – Kyle

- No update, next meeting is Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 2022 Fair

- Exhibitor exemptions (2).
  - Scot moved to approve both per Teresa Miller-Wathke receiving youth organization approval. Kyle second. Passed unanimously.
  - Tammy moves to allow Emma Wathke to sell her animal without participating in Showmanship due to safety concern due to her broken leg. Must participate as much as safety allows. Scot second. Passed unanimously.
- Fair Office Hours
  - Contractor trailer 30' storage and office space for livestock and fair office.
  - Office hours will be posted outside and on the Facebook page.
- Awards
  - Trophies and banners arriving Thursday. Workdays to finish up.
- Committee Assignments
  - Sign-up genius – Reorganized wording. Conference and face-to-face judging confusion. Computer sign-up at project drop off.
  - Grounds - American flag needs to be replaced by the Tribute Garden.
    - Spraying the grounds is reserved.
  - Set up – Livestock starting at 10:00am Sunday. Expo starts at 12:00pm.
  - Any other – Fair dates stay as July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Leticia Moved to leave the fair dates as presented. Scot second. Passed unanimously.
  - Write ups done for Premier Exhibitor. Judges will be notified. Extend deadline to Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> by noon. Darren moved as presented. Missy second. Passed unanimously.
  - Dog project had one exhibitor for Showmanship. Superintendent canceled the show. Have volunteer to do something for the one dog exhibitor.
- After Fair Evaluation
  - Peter Brinson will work on evaluation format.
- Donkey Races
  - Need to sell tickets. Businesses involved have tickets to give away.
  - Friends of the Fair taking care of concessions.
  - Have volunteers to take tickets and take care of grounds.
- Tabled fair committee applications to August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. No vote.
- Coordinator Report
  - One horse exhibitor did not meet requirements, will not be allowed to show.

- People want to bring items to set up early, were told no. Set up is noon Tuesday.
- Walk through is Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon.
- People are asking for 2023 fair dates.

- Any other announcements – none.

Future Meeting Date

- August 17, 2022, at 7:00pm

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Danyelle Steinke

Fair Committee Secretary