

Eau Claire County Fair Committee
April 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall
S5555 Green Meadow Rd, Fall Creek, WI 54742

1. Meeting called to order by Letecia Papke at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call:
Fair Committee Members Present: Traci Martinson, Letecia Papke, Scot Zimmerman, Tammy Schlewitz, Kyle Wathke, Valerie Strauch, Bethany Strauch, Missy Christopherson, and Meg Mueller
Absent: Rachel Hart-Brinson, Jenni Haan
WebEx: Heather DeLuka
3. Approval of Committee Minutes from March 8th, 2023 and March 27, 2023:
Traci moves to approve both March 8th and March 27th minutes. Missy seconds. Voted, motion passed.
4. Public Comment:
Called for three times.
Scot moves to close public comment. Kyle seconds. Voted. Motion passed.
5. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports
 - a. 4-H Leaders- No report
 - b. County Board-Missy-Extension Education meetings moving dates and times for the next few months.
 - c. Livestock-Scot-Volunteers have filled the secretary and leader roles, but do not want to be in charge of the auction. Saturday 4/29 is Sheep/Goat Weigh-in.
 - d. Extension-no update
 - e. FOF-Kyle- Billboards were approved for June 26-July 23rd. Next meeting 4/25 at Lincoln Town Hall.
6. 2023 Fair:
 - a. Committee Assignments- Consider stocking Narcan, EpiPen, and Albuterol in the office for emergency response.
 - b. Horsing Around Blue-Ribbon Contest-Open Class Event
 - photography
 - artists
 - horse related tied together with painting woodworking, sculpture, etc.
 - c. Open Class Fair Book- Beer and Wine discussed. Traci moves to approve the open class fair book, adding cultural arts and photography, and moving forward with the Horsing Around Blue-Ribbon Contest. Scot seconds. Voted and passed.
 - d. Superintendents-Application received for dairy. Meg reaching out to the less computer literate superintendents to verify their wishes.
 - e. Horse and Pony Project Participants- FFA advisors reaching out with members wishing to join the project. Project has already started and concerns with members reaching requirements.
Letecia moves these members would need to do a demonstration during a clinic based off of the Midwest Horse Fair, Minnesota Horse Expo, or an approved on-line education site and complete one additional clinic after testing out during the clinic portion.
Seconded by Scot Voted 7 yes, 1 abstained.

Scot moves that any exhibitor can participate in the horse project, but they must meet the requirements set forth by the project. Seconded by Valerie. Voted and passed.

Dog Project-

Tammy moves that any exhibitor can participate in the horse project, but they must meet the requirements set forth by the project. Traci seconds. Voted and passed.

7. Fair Coordinator Update-
 - a. Schedule is live.
 - b. Discussing the possibility of charging for the horse pull and offering a family pack of tickets.
 - c. Met with Visit Eau Claire, they will advertise the fair and list it in Volume One.
 - d. Working on a cultural art grant to cover the cost of the Strings Showdown
 - e. Silver Springs to donate product

8. Announcements/Future Agenda Items:
 - a. Jenni, Meg, and Tammy went to the district WAF meeting
 - b. Future agenda items:
 - a. Distinguished awards
 - b. Partner awards
 - c. Volunteer needs

Next Meeting May 10th, 2023 @ 7 pm

Adjourn at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Schlewitz
Committee Clerk