

Eau Claire County Fair Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM  
Lincoln Town Hall  
S5555 Green Meadow Rd, Fall Creek, WI 54742

1. Meeting called to order by Jenni Haan at 7:02 pm.
2. Roll Call:  
Fair Committee Members Present: Traci Martinson, Jenni Haan, Letecia Papke, Tammy Schlewitz, Kyle Wathke, Valerie Strauch, Meg Mueller, and Bethany Strauch  
Corporation Council: Chauncey Ellefson  
Absent: Rachel Hart-Brinson, Missy Christopherson, and Scot Zimmerman  
WebEx: Heather DeLuka  
Guests: Clint Haan, Don and Dyan Steinke, Steven Erdman
3. Public Comment: Called for three times. Jenni moves to close public comment. Tammy seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Committee Minutes from May 31, 2023. Discussion regarding approval of minutes. Letecia disagrees with what is written in the minutes. Chauncy in consulted from Corp Council. If the minutes reflect a discussion that happened at the meeting, nothing can be changed. Jenni moves to approve the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes. Tammy seconds. Voted: 4 yes and 3 no. Motion passes.  
Jenni moves to date definite the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Letecia seconds. Voted and passes unanimously.
5. 2023 Fair Wrap-up-Open Discussion with board and public  
Discussion held regarding the 2023 Fair. Comments and suggestions given.
  - Sign-up confusion for Face to Face/Conference judging-need to coordinate times. Additional judges needed for the Expo areas; consider a YouTube video explaining what the difference are between Face to Face and Conference Judging are (excellent youth leadership project). Judging Tuesday evening and Wednesday am in Expo; Close animal barns during shows; Sell all Champions at the auction; excellent feedback on the horse drill team; kids play area an excellent addition; Rau D Acres was an amazing addition; Clarification of the fitting rule in the Fair Book; Beef barn was messy; Beef judge harassed; want to show in barns again, not in tents; beef show tent not stable; auction vibe off; announce all participants as they leave the ring; why the switch up for goats and sheep?
6. 2024 Fair Dates and updates- Proposed dates for 2024 July 21<sup>st</sup> -July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Letecia moves to hold the Eau Claire County Fair July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. Kyle seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.  
This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the fair!  
Donkey Races have been rescheduled to September 23, 2023 at the Eau Claire County Expo Center at 4 pm.

7. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports
  - a. 4-H Leaders- no update
  - b. County Board-no update
  - c. Livestock-no update
  - d. Extension-no update
  - e. FOF-Kyle- Raffle drawing Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 6:30 in Cleghorn.
  
8. Fair Coordinator Update-  
Finalizing financials  
Judges checks went out this week.  
DATCP 30-day report due by 9/1.
  
9. Announcements/Future Agenda Items: This is the last meeting for this committee group. All members wishing to reapply must have done so by August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Committee Selection will be at the Extension Education Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Next Meeting September 13 @ 7 pm at the Lincoln Town Hall.

Adjourn at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Schlewitz  
Committee Clerk