

Agenda

Fair Committee

UWEC Brewer Hall Room 259 at 7:00pm

131 Garfield Ave Eau Claire, WI 54701

Those wishing to make public comments can submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to Derrick Nelson derricknelson4240@gmail.com or attend the meeting in person. Comments are limited to three minutes; you will be called on during the public comment section of the meeting. A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

Meeting link:

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- c. Open Class
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8. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports – Discussion/Action
- a. County Board - MOU - Missy
 - b. Livestock – Derrick
 - a. Mutual Respect
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 - d. Friends of the Fair – Tammy
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- a. Updates
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12. Future Meeting Date:
- a. April 10,2024
13. Adjourn

Minutes Fair Committee

February 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Bridge Creek Town Hall: S9515 WI-27 Augusta, WI 54722

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Fair Committee Members present: Derrick Nelson, Valerie Strauch, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Traci Martinson, Jenni Haan, Meg Mueller, and Tammy Schlewitz

Webex attendance: Leticia Papke, Jeff Hadorn, and Heather Deluka

3. Public Comment

- a. Leticia Papke presented concerns related to the livestock project meeting where the date for the Sheep Weigh-In was moved several weeks later so the restriction of 100 pounds or less at weigh in be adjusted.
- b. Jeff Hadorn suggested that the weight restriction be lifted to help exhibitors meet market standards with the new weigh in date.
- c. Motion to close public comment was made by Tammy Schlewitz and seconded by Derrick Nelson. Vote to close public comment was made unanimously.

4. Approval of Committee Minutes- Discussion/Action

a. January 17, 2024 - minutes

Correction made by Jenni Haan to add motioned carried following language regarding rodeo addition to the fair.

Correction request made Devin Hadorn-Papke to change language to indicate minimum weight at final weigh-in should be increased. Language currently reflects minimum at initial weigh in.

Motion made by Jenni Haan and seconded by Devin Hadorn-Papke to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

5. County and Fair Relationship – Discussion/Action

a. Fair Structure- Jodi Thesing-Ritter asked how to make public comment if you are not able to attend the special meeting.

Traci Martinson made a motion to have the Fair Committee be disbanded immediately following this meeting. Tammy Schlewitz seconded to motion.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter spoke against the motion.

Jenni Haan spoke in favor of joining the two committees together but spoke against doing so without structure in place.

A ballot vote was made. Meg Mueller served as clerk for the ballot vote. 3 people voted in favor, 3 people voted against, 1 person abstained.

A second ballot was circulated. Meg Mueller served as clerk for the second ballot vote. 4 people voted against. 3 people voted in favor. Motion was not approved.

b. Roles/Responsibilities

Meg Mueller shared that the updated document was added to the packet for review at this meeting. Derrick Nelson made a motion to approve the document as distributed. Valerie Strauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Code of Conduct

Tammy Schlewitz presented an updated document. Jenni Haan asked for clarification regarding action taken should the code of conduct be violated. Tammy agreed to bring the document back with added language to reflect action taken should the code of conduct be violated. Meg requested that this item be added to the March 4th agenda so that it can be voted on and added to the Fair Book.

6. 2024 Fair - Discussion/Action

a. Fair Schedule-

Meg Mueller proposed that the dog show be moved to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening so that it will not conflict with other shows and that the area where the dog show will take place can be used for other activities throughout the fair. Meg has requested feedback from the Dog Project Superintendent but has not heard back from them.

Meg Mueller asked Leticia Papke for feedback regarding the beer and wine judging being moved to not conflict with the rodeo which will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with gates opening at 3:00 p.m. It was proposed to move the Beer and Wine judging to 3:00 p.m.

Rachel Hart-Brinson sent an email to request that the food stand hours be extended to include more time.

Meg will make an exhibitor schedule, entertainment schedule, and master schedule.

Tammy Schlewitz made a motion to approve the schedule as amended with the Dog Show moved to Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.; Beer and Wine Judging moved to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in advance of the rodeo; with the understanding the food stand hours will change. Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meg will post the Exhibitor Schedule next week.

b. Fair Vet

Derrick Nelson clarified with the vet that their fair walk-through fees would be donated. Any services rendered would be charged to the exhibitor. Meg Mueller has requested a prospectus be provided by the Vet to be brought to the next meeting for review.

c. Open Show Class

There does not appear to be enough interest in having a Livestock Open Show that would allow the youth to sell at the Auction. Devin Hadorn-Papke recommended that the item be reconsidered for next year's fair.

The Open Book for the 2024 has to be approved. Meg Mueller will put the proposed Open Book in the March meeting packet for approval.

d. Flyers

Missy Christopherson requested that this item be added to the agenda and was not present to share her thoughts to the item will be moved to date definite.

e. Superintendents

An additional superintendent ask was made on Facebook for the vacant positions. Meg will send the current superintendent list to Jodi to be added to the minutes. Meg Mueller shared the vacant positions and the process to apply for positions. Everyone is encouraged to invite people to apply for positions.

f. Committee Updates

The awards committee met and reviewed the awards for this year. They are looking at a special 100th year token or medallion. It was also suggested that belt buckles be ordered for showmanship or other large awards.

7. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports – Discussion/Action

a. County Board - MOU - Missy

b. Livestock - Derrick

Derrick Nelson made a motion to remove the 100-pound max weigh in weight for sheep because the weigh in date has been pushed back 18 days by a vote at the Livestock meeting. Devin Hadorn-Papke seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion of pros and cons was had by the committee. A ballot vote was taken. Meg Mueller served as clerk for the vote. 4 votes in favor; 2 against the motion. 1 abstention. Motion carried. Jenni Haan made a motion to limit the weigh in maximum at 109 pounds considering .5 pound gain per day with 18 days for the change of the weigh in. Four people voted against. Three voted against. Motion failed.

c. Extension – Rachel

Rachel was not present at the meeting and did not submit a report to be read.

d. Friends of the Fair – Tammy

1. 2023 Financial Report included in the packet was not correct. Meg Mueller has spoken with DATCAP and they have accepted the report. There is a more updated report that Meg will distribute to be included in the next packet to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action

a. Updates

DATCAP health rules have been updated and released and will be added to the Fair Book. Meg is working with Jackie Brorson, Fair Assistant, to secure judges.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter asked for clarification for the role of the Expo Building Committee Chairperson. Meg Mueller indicated that there are not written documents for the chairperson but there are people who can share information. Jodi requested to meet with superintendents to get feedback and suggestions prior to set up. Meg indicated that this is possible. Jodi shared that she would connect with Meg to arrange a time to meet.

Jenni Haan indicated that the styrofoam boards for the youth leadership area have been sold. New boards can be made.

9. Announcements

Secretary Jodi Thesing-Ritter reminded the committee that she would not be at the special meeting on March 4, 2024. She requested that a secretary be assigned for the meeting.

Chair Traci Martinson indicated that she would be stepping down from her position on the Fair Committee and as Chair effective immediately. She will share this information with the County in writing following this meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Future Meeting Date:

- a. March 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm - Extension Office, Altoona
- b. March 4, 2024 @ 6:30pm - Joint Meeting - Extension Office, Altoona

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted February 14, 2024

Jodi M. Thesing-Ritter

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Committee Secretary

Department 118 – Cultural Arts

- All classes are open to members in Eau Claire County and surrounding communities.
- Exhibitor must reside in Wisconsin.
- Exhibitors may enter only ONE entry per lot number.
- Each Exhibitor may enter a total of 5 Exhibits in each of the following classes.
- All projects must be the result of the exhibitor's project work.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in "Ribbon Only". Premiums will be forfeited. Failure to comply with Lot or Class Descriptions will result in lowering ribbon by one place.

Class AA - 1 – Painting and Drawing Ages 0 - 12

Class AA - 2 – Painting and Drawing Ages 13 - 18

Class AA - 3 – Painting and Drawing Ages 19 - 35

Class AA - 4 – Painting and Drawing Ages 36 – 59

Class AA - 5 - Painting and Drawing Ages 60 and up

Lots:

1. Pencil Drawing
2. Acrylic Painting
3. Combination (2 or more mediums)
4. Oil Painting
5. Charcoal Drawing
6. Pen/Ink Drawing
7. Oil Painting
8. Watercolor Painting
9. Mixed Media
10. Any other

Class CA – 1 – Candle Making Ages 0-12

Class CA – 2 – Candle Making Ages 13-18

Class CA - 3 - Candle Making Ages 19-35

Class CA – 4 – Candle Making Ages 36-59

Class CA – 5 – Candle Making Ages 60 and up

Inches refer to height or width, whichever is greater. No liquid Candles allowed.

Attach a 3x5 card to all exhibits, explaining (1) technique used (2) why you chose this project

Lots:

1. Molded Candle, less than 6"
2. Molded Candle, greater than 6"
3. Beeswax Candle, less than 6"
4. Beeswax Candle, greater than 6"
5. Gel Candle
6. Combination 2 or more wax types
7. Any other

Class DA – 1 – Ceramics Ages 0-12

Class DA – 2 – Ceramics Ages 13-18

Class DA – 3 - Ceramics Ages 19-35

Class DA – 4 - Ceramics Ages 36-59

Class DA – 5 - Ceramics Ages 60 and Up

Ceramics is a project that is pre-formed. It is created from liquid clay, poured into a mold, removed from the mold and then dried. The project must be completed by the exhibitor. (NOTE: Pottery is hand-formed and is Class PA) Date must be inscribed on the bottom before firing and must be dated within the last 365 days of the fair dates.

*Combination project– 2 or more different procedures (ex, airbrush & glaze, stain & glaze, wax resist & stained)

Lots:

1. Glazed project under 6"

2. Glazed project over 6"

3. Stained project under 6"

4. Stained project over 6"

5. Air Brush project under 6"

6. Air Brush project over 6"

7. Combination project under 6"

8. Combination project over 6"

9. Any other project under 6"

10. Any other project over 6"

Class PA – 1- Pottery Ages 0-12

Class PA – 2 – Pottery Ages 13-18

Class PA – 3 – Pottery Ages 19-35

Class PA – 4 – Pottery Ages 36-59

Class PA – 5 – Pottery Ages 60 and Up

Pottery is hand-formed. All work must be done by an exhibitor and dated on bottom before firing and must be dated within the last 365 days of the fair dates.

Lots:

1. Hand built form – Pinch method

2. Hand built form – Coil method

3. Hand built form – Slab method

4. Combination of 2 or more methods

5. Potters wheel method

6. Any other

7. Any other

Class RA – 1 – Scrapbooking Ages 0-12

Class RA – 2- Scrapbooking Ages 13-18

Class RA – 3 – Scrapbooking Ages 19-35

Class RA – 4 – Scrapbooking Ages 36-59

Class RA – 5 – Scrapbooking Ages 60 and up

A scrapbook page is 2 pages when laying open to complete the display of an event.

Attach a 3x5 card to all exhibits (1) Why you chose this project (2) Place, date or event

Lot:

1. Scrapbook page – Family or Friends
2. Scrapbook page – Special Event
3. Scrapbook page – EC County Fair
4. Any other
5. Any other

Class SA – 1 Sculpture Ages 0-12

Class SA - 2 - Sculpture Ages 13-18

Class SA – 3 - Sculpture Ages 19-35

Class SA – 4 – Sculpture Ages 36-59

Class SA - 5 – Sculpture Ages 60 and up

Attach a 3x5 card to describe your project and include (1) technique used (2) why you chose this project

Lots:

1. Wire or metal
2. Wood
3. Sand
4. Clay
5. Styrofoam
6. Mixed media of 2 or more
- 7 Any other

Class YA-1 – Creative Work Ages 0-12

Class YA-2 – Creative Work Ages 13-18

Class YA-3 – Creative Work Ages 19-35

Class YA-4 – Creative Work Ages 36 – 60

Class YA-5 – Creative Work Ages 61 and up

Lots:

1. Welded work
2. Resin Art
3. Glass Work
4. Creative Article made with Fiber
5. Paper Mache
6. Needlepoint
7. Picture transferred to Wood
8. Wood
9. Diamond Art
10. Any other
11. Any other

Department 20 – Photography

- Exhibitor must reside in Wisconsin.
- Exhibitors may enter only ONE entry per lot number.
- All photographs must be the result of the exhibitor's project work.
- Each Exhibitor may enter a total of 5 Exhibits in the following classes.
- No frames
- All photos should be 4x6. Please mount picture(s) on a 5x7 white poster board. If 2 or more pictures are required in a lot, use 11x14 poster board.
- **Special contest** sizes are encouraged but not required
- All entries must be mounted on white posterboard (no foam board)
- No captions (unless specified) Matting, Corner tabs, stickers, borders or decorations are allowed. This includes special effects offered by digital apps or professional printers.
- Date stamps must be turned off.
- Entry tag must be placed in the bottom right-hand corner of the exhibit on the front. (Only use tape or staples, no paperclips)
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in "Ribbon Only". Premiums will be forfeited. Failure to comply with Lot or Class Descriptions will result in lowering ribbon by one place.

Class AA – 1 - Ages 0 - 12

Class AA – 2 - Ages 13 - 18

Class AA – 3 - Ages 19 - 35

Class AA – 4 - Ages 36 – 59

Class AA – 5 - Ages 60 and up

Lots:

1. Color Photo
2. Black and White Photo
3. Photo showing isolation of subject against simple background (Color, black or white background)
4. Vertical Photo
5. Horizontal Photo
6. Photo of 1 person plus 1 animal in photo
7. Action Photo
8. Close up Photo
9. Photo of Eau Claire Co. Fair
10. Any Other
11. Any other