

Fair Committee Agenda
May 22, 2024, at 7:00pm
Eau Claire County Extension Office
227 1st Street West, Altoona WI 54720

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 - a. April 10, 2024 – minutes
5. County and Fair Relationship – Discussion/Action
 - a. Fair Structure
 - b. Roles/Responsibilities
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 - a. Superintendents/Superintendent Meeting
 - b. Committee Updates/Review
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7. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports – Discussion/Action
 - a. County Board -
 - b. Livestock – Derrick
 - c. Extension – Rachel
 - d. Friends of the Fair – Tammy

8. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action
 - a. Updates

9. Announcements

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Future Meeting Date:
 - a. June 12 ,2024

12. Adjourn

Fair Committee Minutes

March 27, 2024, at 7:00pm

UWEC Brewer Hall Room 255, 131 Garfield Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Meeting link:

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice- Meeting called to order at 7:08am

2. Roll Call -

Committee Members Present- Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Tammy Schlewitz, Jenni Haan, Meg Mueller, Valerie Strauch, Derrick Nelson

Visiting- Sarah Brown-Jager

3. Public Comment Jenni Haan made a motion to close public comment; Tammy Schlewitz seconded.

4. Approval of Committee Minutes- Discussion/Action

a. February 14, 2024 – minutes Jenni Haan made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated; Valerie Strauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Election –

Jenni Haan nominated Derrick Nelson for Chairperson; Jodi Thesing-Ritter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter- Yes

Tammy Schlewitz- Yes

Jenni Haan- Yes

Derrick Nelson- Yes

Derrick Nelson will be the new Chairperson

Jodi Thesing-Ritter nominated Jenni Haan, Jenni declined the nomination. Derrick Nelson nominated Valerie Strauch. She accepted the nomination. Jodi Thesing-Ritter seconded the nomination.

A roll call vote was taken.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter- Yes

Tammy Schlewitz- Yes

Jenni Haan- No

Tammy Schlewitz- No

Derrick Nelson- Yes

Valerie Strauch will be the new Vice-Chairperson

6. County and Fair Relationship – Discussion/Action

a. Fair Structure – Sarah Brown-Jager, Corporation Council, explained the process that will follow the outcome of the joint committee meeting on March 4, 2025. Sara requested samples of the documents of possible bylaws for the new body moving forward after the 2024 County Fair. Tammy Schlewitz agreed to forward draft documents to Sarah. She explained that the priority for the committee is to focus on this year's 100th anniversary fair. Sara offered to meet with a working group to discuss planning for the new structure.

Sarah suggested that the potential working group should include: Derrick Nelson as Fair Committee Chair and Livestock Liaison, Tammy Schlewitz as the Liaison to Friends of the Fair, Steve Erdman as the Chair of Friends of the Fair, Meg as Fair Coordinator, and someone for the County Board/Extension Committee. Sarah offered to create a monthly meeting schedule and invite the suggested working group members.

b. Roles/Responsibilities

c. Code of Conduct- Tammy Schlewitz presented a proposed document. The committee reviewed and discussed the document. Jenni Haan made a motion to approve the document as presented. Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. 4 people voted in favor and 1 against. Motion carried.

d. MOU – Chancey Ellefson made the requested changes. Sarah Brown-Jager presented the revised MOU. She indicated that the Extension Education reviewed the document and approved MOU. Jenni Haan made a motion to approve the MOU. Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. 2024 Fair - Discussion/Action

a. Fair Schedule – Meg Mueller presented the completed Fair Master Schedule. Jenni Haan made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Valerie Strauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Fair Vet – No action taken.

c. Open Class – Jenni Haan presented the amendments to the Open Class Book. Jodi Thesing-Ritter made a motion to approve the Open Class Book as presented. Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. Superintendents – Meg Mueller presented the four superintendent applications. Jodi Thesing-Ritter made a motion to approve the slate of superintendent applications as presented. Jenni Haan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Superintendents:

Danielle Strauss- Crops and Soils

Geraldine Erdman- Cake Decorating

James Stone- Natural Science

Tammy Knuth- Sheep

e. COOL Forms – Jenni Haan made a motion to remove all COOL Form requirements. Jodi Thesing-Ritter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Derrick Nelson will request that Charlene Deetz, Livestock Secretary, send out an email to all Livestock members and a post to be made on Facebook to alert all members to the changes.

f. YQCA for non-livestock members – Jenni Haan made a motion for all YQCA for non-livestock members due at the time of fair entry. Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. This announcement will not be made until after the April 1 deadline for youth enrolled in the Livestock project to avoid confusion.

Jodi requested that emails be sent to all livestock members reminding them about the April 1 deadline for YQCA completion, a post be made on the Fair, 4-H and Livestock Facebook page. Derrick indicated that he would ask the Livestock Secretary to do this. Meg indicated she would post to the Fair Facebook page.

g. Mentorship program – Jodi reported that Devin was able to fill all three species.

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

a. County Board - MOU - Missy was not present. Sarah Brown-Jager reported on the MOU in a prior agenda item. Sarah indicated that Missy is not running for reelection and her replacement will be assigned following the election. That person will likely not be in attendance until our May meeting.

b. Livestock – Derrick reported that he received a mutual respect complaint. He consulted with Chancey and will follow the process outlined in the mutual respect policy.

c. Mutual Respect

d. Extension – Rachel was not present. Meg reported the Foods Revue has been postponed due to lack of enrollment. The Clothing Revue date is in question.

e. Friends of the Fair – Tammy presented a brief report. The next meeting will be on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Fall Creek. The District WAF meeting is scheduled for April 16th. Meg will need RSVPs by April 1st. Tammy, Meg, and Derrick will attend from our committee.

9. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action Meg gave her report. She reported on the donations received. The assistant coordinator is working on getting the judges solidified. Bands have been contracted for the Friday and Saturday night activities. The Cleghorn Lions will assist with bartending at the events. Permit paperwork has been started. The Army Reserve reached out the set up a booth and may be able to help with security. Sponsorships for the Rodeo are separate from the Fair donation amounts presented in Meg's report. Jodi asked a question about the food committee. Meg indicated that the goal is to meet on Tuesday, April 2.

a. Updates

10. Announcements – Breakfast on the Farm will be on June 15 from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Bischoff Farms this year. A farm has been secured for 2025. Parking will be at Equity with a Shuttle running to Bischoff's.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Committee Roles and Responsibilities and Updates
- Superintendents
- Mentorship Program
- Opportunities for engaging volunteers in fair planning roles
- 100 Year Activities
- Superintendents welcome and introduction meeting

12. Future Meeting Date:

a. April 10,2024 in Brewer Hall 255, UW- Eau Claire. Agenda Items are do to Derrick by April 3, 2024

13. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Thesing-Ritter

Fair Committee Minutes

April 10th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

UWEC Brewer Hall Room 255 131 Garfield Ave Eau Claire, Wi 54701

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice – Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Chair Derrick Nelson

2. Roll Call Devin Hadorn-Papke, Derrick Nelson, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Tammy Schlewitz, Valerie Strauch, Jenni Haan, Meg Mueller, Rachel Hart-Brinson

3. Public Comment Tammy Schlewitz motion to close public comment; Jodi

4. Approval of Committee Minutes- Discussion/Action

Requested corrections-

Tammy voted twice for Vice President

Formatting issue for Mutual Respect under section 8.

Chancey's Ellefson name is spelled incorrectly in March Minutes

The secretary will make the requested changes. Jenni Haan motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Derrick Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

a. March 27, 2024 – minutes

5. County and Fair Relationship – Discussion/Action

a. Fair Structure - A meeting is scheduled between Derrick, Tammy, Meg, Steven later this month. Rachel will be there. Jenni Haan asked for clarification about if the meeting should be posted. Meg Mueller volunteered to email Sarah to see if the meeting needed to be posted.

b. Roles/Responsibilities

c. MOU – Friends of the Fair will meet on April 23rd. But Steve will sign them as delivered from Chauncey Ellefson on April 10, 2024.

6. 2024 Fair - Discussion/Action

a. Superintendents/Superintendent Meeting- A meeting has not been scheduled yet. Meg proposed on Monday, June 3rd at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. at Cleghorn. Jodi will be in attendance to represent the Expo Building.

The open superintendent positions are Foods, Swine, Dairy, House Plant, Computers/Videos, Mechanical Science, Cats and Small Animals.

b. Mentorship program- Jenni Haan requested more information. Devin Hadorn-Papke indicated that all the materials were posted to the Livestock and Fair Facebook Page.

Applications have been received, animals have been purchased, youth are enrolled in the Livestock Project and are 4-H and FFA members. Meg indicated that some people understand this to be a fair scholarship or a Fair Friends of the Fair Scholarship. A request for clear communication and transparency was made. Devin told people where to find the information.

c. Committee Updates/Review – Tammy Schlewitz indicated that the document is not complete. Jodi Thesing-Ritter suggested that the documents have a thorough review so that the new people assigned to these roles can serve effectively in the roles. The item will remain on the agenda. If anyone has suggestions or additional information, please send it to Meg Mueller.

A Volunteer Coordinator is needed. Jodi Thesing-Ritter will work to find a 4-H family to take on this role.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter requested that the Fair Coordinator consider moving the Awards Ceremony to 3:00 p.m. and have it in the barn as it was previously done to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the fair with photo back drops and ceremony. Meg said that might be possible and will look.

d. 100 Year Activities- There will be a Facebook Live event on Saturday to announce SAGE as the Cheers to a Hundred Years on Saturday. Then there will be an announcement about the Friday Night Reunion event entertainment the following week. The Rodeo will start the Fair off on Sunday night. Meg is working through the foods details and will have more to report at our next meeting. A meal will be served for the bidders and buyers in the VIP area and there will be extra meals available for families to purchase. Horse Pull is coming back. The Drill Team is coming back.

Rachel asked about where pictures are supposed to be submitted. Tammy is working to create a Google Form through the Friends of the Fair email.

Jodi Thesing-Ritter will coordinate the Veteran's on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Rory 715-563-1583

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

a. County Board – A new person will be appointed this month and should be at our next meeting.

b. Livestock – Derrick – There has not been a meeting since our last meeting.

c. Extension – Rachel – The Ag Extension Agent has left their position. Information about the position will be forthcoming. The new Community Development areawide educator position has been filled. The name of the new person will be announced soon. The 4-H dog and horse projects will no longer need to pay to use the Expo facility. The space could be used for other 4-H purposes. Foods Revue only had 2 entries. There were 6 people at the sewing workshop. A Foods Revue and Clothing Revue doodle poll will be forthcoming to select a date.

d. Friends of the Fair – Tammy – Committee has not met since our last meeting. They will meet on April 23rd.

8. Fair Coordinator Report – Discussion/Action – Fair Book is live on the website and on Facebook. Printed books will be sent to people who have requested them. Fair Raffle tickets have been printed. Assistant Fair Coordinator is working on judges.

a. Updates

9. Announcements

10. Future Agenda Items-

100 year activities

Committee roles

Superintendents

Fair Entry

Volunteer Coordinator

11. Future Meeting Date:

a. May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

12. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Thesing-Ritter