

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