

Fair Committee June Meeting Minutes
June 12th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Eau Claire County Extension Office
227 1st Street West, Altoona WI 54720

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Derrick Nelson at 7:16 pm.

2. Roll Call: Present: Valerie Strauch, Derrick Nelson, Rachel Hart-Brinson, Meg Mueller, and Tammy Schlewitz. Devin Hadorn-Papke logged on at 7:20 pm and Jodi Thesing-Ritter logged on at 8:25 pm. Absent: Jenni Haan.

3. Public Comment: Called for three times. Tammy moves to close public comment. Derrick seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Committee Minutes- Derrick moves to pass the May 22nd, 2024, minutes. Tammy seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.

5. County and Fair Relationship

a. Fair Structure-Discussed changes being made to Bylaws and the new committee structure. Current members were asked if they would like to remain on the new committee. Decisions needed by July 1st.

b. Roles/Responsibilities-No update

6. 2024 Fair - Discussion/Action

a. Superintendents/Superintendent Meeting Wrap Up -Superintendent meetings were held. Attendance was less than optimal. This could be that the meeting was held earlier than usual. Superintendents were reminded that they are “stewards of the fair” and should behave as such.

Applications received for swine superintendents from Steve Erdman and Darren Schlewitz with help from Jeff Hadorn. Derrick moves to accept the submitted applications. Devin seconded the motion. Voted. 3 yes, 1 abstention.

b. Committee Updates/Review -Food planning has been started.

Awards: Buckle designs are being decided on. Trophy style has been chosen.

Sign-up Genius rolled out for volunteer sign-up.

c. 100 Year Activities: Barn Quilt update?

Celebration Dinner being planned, accepting donations, looking for silent auction items.

d. Fair Awards- Discussed who should receive the Partner in the Fair award and Distinguished Service Award.

Partner in the Fair nominees – Town of Lincoln, Town of Pleasant Valley, Eau Claire Energy, and Chippewa Valley Energy.

Distinguished Service nominees- Terri Fritz, Peg Schwengel, Vickie Nimmo, Jane Mueller, and Penny Helwig.

Tammy moves to approve all nominees for the Partner in the Fair. Derrick Seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.

Tammy moves to approve all nominees for Distinguished Service. Derrick seconds. Voted and passed unanimously.

Outstanding Exhibitor Award-Nominations will open on July 1st and close Saturday July 27th. Awards will be announced at the awards ceremony on Sunday and presented at the Raffle drawing FOF meeting.

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

a. County Board – new member will be Loralee Clark

b. Livestock – Jillian Schlewitz would like to bring her Boer doe and triplets to the fair. The current rule states “animals may not be exhibited or housed with offspring at their side unless a class is provided.” There is not a class for Doe and offspring. The triplets will be used in Goat Mountain during the week after their mother is shown. Derrick moves to allow Jillian to show her doe and bring the triplets with her to the fair. Valerie seconds. Voted. 3 yes 1 abstention.

Lactating Dairy cattle need to have a milk sample tested 7 days prior to moving to the fair. Milkhouse procedures will need to be discussed.

Sale numbers have been drawn.

Swine Fitting and Showing Clinic is tomorrow.

c. Extension – Activities are being planned for the fair. There will be a Goose Chase. Ag Educator position is still under discussion.

d. Friends of the Fair – update provided. Advertising is being planned with WQOW. Billboard locations are being chosen. The Food Manager is being hired.

8. Fair Coordinator Report – FairEntry is open. 91 exhibitors with 1,033 entries so far.

9. Announcements: Breakfast of the Farm – June 14th

10. Future Agenda Items: None

11. Future Meeting Date: Wednesday July 17th @ 7 pm at the Fairgrounds

12. Adjourn @ 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Schlewitz