

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

Dave Bielema, Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Dawn Haase, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Gary Jonker, Jessica Marks, Nicki Patterson, Jim Crosby, Dean Olin, Luci Shaffer

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

E.L. Phelps, Tom Pfaller, Morgan Olin, Steve Vickers, Lindsay Bielema

Areas Represented:

Beef, Cavy/Rabbit, Goat, Poultry, Swine

Areas Not Represented:

Dairy, Dog, Horse, Sheep

Others Present:

Sarah Crosby, Mary Crosby, Jim Steketee, Jim McFadden, Jan Sebela, Pat Mager, Jeff Haase, Nancy Kidder, Rory Kidder, Diane Brown, Seymour Gould, Patricia Wallington, Bob Wallington, Dave Simmonds, Maruszka Hufstader, Rob Vonk,

Call to order

The December meeting was called to order by President Jason Hofman at 7:30 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 13 directors present, 5 members excused.

2006-12-1 Moved by Denny Brown and seconded by Bruce Doll to accept the November 8, 2006 minutes as presented. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

2006-12-2 Moved by Denny Brown and seconded by Bruce Doll to accept the treasurers report and proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

2006-12-3 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Gary Jonker to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Extension Report:

Deadline date for clubs to turn in their paperwork is December 15.
Interviews are being scheduled for the agent position.

The following committees/areas had no report:

Sponsorship, Commercial, Exhibit Building, Still Exhibit Judging, Camping, Parking, Safety, Publicity, Entertainment, Livestock, Guest Services, Technology, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit/Cavy

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds/Midway/Fair Manager – Ron Wenger

Thanked the board for allowing him to attend the IAFE convention. There were about 435 booths in the trade show and the workshops were good.

Storage is down this year by 6 or 8 units but fees were raised .50 so we are up about \$900 from last year.

Convention – Please let Ron know if you would like a mega raffle ticket. Only 300 available, \$100 each, \$15,000 in cash prizes to be given away. This is a reverse raffle.

Finance – Please see the attached meeting summary.

Ribbons – Have been ordered.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Old Business:

Pancake Breakfast – We served 325 people. The number was down but we did profit \$923.00. The sausage was donated by Pinckney Hill. Thanked everyone for their help.

Vacant Position – 2006-12-4 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Denny Brown to keep the open position on the board vacant until the next annual meeting. We are trying to lower the number of directors on the board and to fill the vacant position would the opposite of what we are trying to accomplish. Motion carried.

Convention – Badges will be distributed at the next board meeting along with schedules for those without e-mail. Round tables will be on Friday morning rather than Saturday this year. Workshops will be on Saturday. We have the whole Steelcase Ballroom. Box lunches will be provided on Friday.

Lowell Community Grant – Beth wrote the Grant application and Bill got it submitted for us on December 8. This grant is funded through the United Way. The application request was for \$9400 to pave some of the areas of the midway to help with handicap access and safety. This is the first time we have applied to this grant.

There is another Grant application that we are applying for due on December 15.

Performing Arts Superintendent – We still need to find someone to fill this position. If anyone knows of someone that would be good for this position, PLEASE let the board know.

New Business:

Holiday Party – Will be held at the King Building on Saturday, January 27. Kay Grinage, Jason Hofman, and Trisha Wallington will work on the party.

Committees – 2006-12-5 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Dave Bielema to approve the committee list as presented. Motion carried.

Denny Brown did remove himself as the chair of the nominating committee because he is up for re-election in 2007, but, will still be on the committee.

Horse Pull – Seymour Gould

Seymour received a contract from the professional horse pullers. He has not talked with them since they boycotted our fair (one person showed up with 3 teams.) Seymour suggested that instead of having the professional pull on Wednesday night that we have

the barnyard pull. There would be no premiums paid out to the barnyard pullers. With the professionals we have paid premium for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

2006-12-6 Moved by Dave Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to move the Barnyard Pull to Wednesday night rather than having the Professional Pullers back.

We have paid \$200 fee to the professional pullers for their announcers, etc. Could we give that same \$200 fee to the Barnyard Pullers to use towards prizes.

2006-12-7 Moved to amend the motion by Dave Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to give the \$200 to the Barnyard Pullers for prizes. Amendment carried.

2006-12-6A Motion carried as amended.

Our shuttle drivers will be participating in the barnyard pull on Wednesday and will be unable to pull the shuttles.

The pull will be open to other teams who do not pull professionally.

A set of rules should be published.

To be left as department 10 in the fairbook with no premium.

Office – Monica is in the office a couple of days each week. She is checking over the bills we receive and has found problems that has saved us about \$800 so far. Bob is doing a good job too. It is nice that Ron can leave and know that things are still being taken care of.

Jessica has copies of the budget if anyone needs one.

Correspondence –

A Christmas card was received by North Kent Sheep.

A follow up to a note in the November meetings regarding Sam Post, he has passed away.

Please remember his family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Kevin announced that he and Trisha are engaged.

2006-12-8 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Jim Crosby to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Patterson, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Attendees: Jason Hofman, Ron Wenger, Jessica Marks, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase.

The Finance Committee met on November 13th to review and finalize the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. They also recommended to the Grant Committee that the following be considered when applying for future grants:

1. Energy Consultant (this would let us know where we are losing heat [in the King Building] and what we can do to conserve energy in other areas of the grounds).
2. Tent Rental
3. Display Equipment (portable display props for use at Expo, etc.)
4. Ribbons
5. King Building floors/doors

The Executive Committee along with Beth & Bill Bowers met with the Lowell Area Community Fund Grant Committee on November 14th to review the criteria and information needed for the previous grant application and for future grant applications. Our previous grant application was for help in the funding of payroll for added staff position. The L.A.C.F.G.C. (aka Lowell Area Community Fund Grant Committee) explained that we need:

1. A Master Plan for 5yr-10 yr.
2. What is our Strategic Plan (need plan to ensure when we will be able to fund the paid staff fully ourselves).
3. What activities/fund raising are we doing to fund this staff?
4. What are our goals for where we want to be with the Fair and grounds in the future?

The two committees talked about the future of a Small Animal Barn also. The general feeling of the Executive Committee regarding this meeting was that the L.A.C.F.G.C. is willing to work with us if we provide the information they are asking for.

The Executive Committee met with Beth & Bill Bowers (of the Grant Committee) on November 28th to discuss the up-coming L.A.C.F.G. that is due Dec. 15th. Jessica also had an application for the Lowell Community Grant (not the same as L.A.C.F.G.) which is due Dec. 8th. It was agreed to submit the following for the 2 grants:

Display Equipment	\$1,000.00
Salary of 2 Staff Persons	
Bob	\$32,960.00
Monica	\$3,500.00
Tent Rental	\$7,000.00
Ribbons	\$3,400.00
Energy Consultant	\$1,000.00

Ron is going to get a cost estimate to pave the Carnival Area and the Road between the Horse Barns and the Rabbit/Poultry/Goat Barns and try to have it to Beth in time for the Grant deadlines.

With no further business coming forth the next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Grinage
Financial Secretary