

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

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

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Morgan Olin, Kevin Haase,

Areas Represented:

Beef, Cavy/Rabbit, Horse, Swine, Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Sheep

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dog

Others Present:

Dave Pachulski, Mary Crosby, Sarah Crosby, Paul Meyer, Jeff Haase, Bill Bowers, Jim McFadden, Jim Steketee, Brenda Blough, Glenda Kilpatrick, Diane Brown, Rory Kidder, Nancy Kidder, Monica Burttt, Leon Timmers, Tim Bergy, Pat Mager, Ron Wenger, Dave Simmonds, Maruszka Hufstader, Theresa Shaffer

Call to order

The November 14, 2007 meeting was called to order by President Jason Hofman at 7:35 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 15 directors present and 2 members unexcused.

2007-11-1 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the minutes of the October meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

2007-11-2 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Dennis Brown to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Current balances are:

Savings – \$3029.20

Premium Checking – \$4507.54

Checking – \$29,428.21

Livestock Sale - \$17,829.65

CD (1) - \$5063.64

CD (2) - \$5063.64

Extension:

See attached report.

Committees:

The following had no report – Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Still Exhibit, Camping, Parking/Shuttle, Safety, Publicity, Entertainment, Guest Services Office, Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Dog, Horse, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit/Cavy, Swine

Sponsorship/Commercials – Monica Burttt

Getting ready for a new set up for sponsors. Monica attended the Festivals workshop and they had a speaker that gave a lot of ideas.

Nominating – The slate at this time is:

Sr. Directors: Jennifer Laux, Jeff Haase, Dick Lee, Ted Mager, Dawn Haase, Dennis Brown, Jessica Marks.

Jr. Directors: Nobody has signed up to run for a Jr. Director position.

Elections will be held during the annual meeting on the Third Wednesday of November, the 21st.

Fair Manager/Buildings & Grounds/Midway – Ron Wenger

There is still room for about 8 items in storage. Price is \$10.00/square foot. Financially we are even with last year due to the increase for non-prepaid storage.

Livestock – Next meeting is February 13 at the King Building. Minutes from the November 1 Livestock meeting were sent out with the agenda for the November meeting. They are attached to these minutes in the secretaries files.

Finance – The minutes from the November 6 Finance committee meeting were sent out with the November meeting agenda. They are attached to these minutes in the secretaries files.

Technology – Bruce Doll

The website has a new design. The communications award presentations have been sent out to MAFE.

Public Comments:

Rory Kidder – Pancake Supper is Saturday, December 1. We will be serving from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. 325 people were served at last year's pancake breakfast. People volunteered to bring various items for the supper. Need to be at the King Building at 12:00 to set up and get the sausage started.

Old Business:

Lease – The lease has been completed and signed with the City. There were only 2 changes they wanted to make to what we had sent back to them. The City wanted the amount of Liability Insurance to be \$2million rather than the \$1 million. It cost us an additional \$302 per year. They also wanted a sentence adding that the athletic fields can be used by the dogs.

The whole park is included in the lease. The City is willing to work with us through the year on the use of the Foreman Building. The electrical panel and North doors have been replaced.

Fair Book Changes – Each area was covered individually.

Livestock Projects – Proposed addition of “You may NOT participate in a showmanship in a livestock project area unless you own, or are leasing your own animal for exhibition in that project area at fair. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the appropriate project Superintendent on a case by case basis.

2007-11-3 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jim Crosby to accept the addition. Motion carried.

Rabbits/Cavy - General Rules (pg 61)

Add: All rabbits and cavy exhibits must be removed by Sunday at 11:00am of ending fair week. Section 54 (pg 62) Remove all references to meat rabbit record book and rate of gain.

2007-11-4 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jim Crosby to accepted the changes for Rabbits/Cavy as presented. Motion carried.

Dairy - Will need to change dates in class numbers 1 – 33 where applicable

2007-11-5 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Goats - Fair Exhibit Requirement (pg 54)

Item #1: Each exhibitor must exhibit their own project and follow the barn rules on the declaration form.

2007-11-6 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Dawn Haase to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Beef - Deadlines (pg 40)

Add: Official identification marking and weigh in of Market Steers – February 9, 2008

Add: Cattle stalling count and fees due to Beef Superintendent – July 1, 2008 (No stalling counts will be accepted after July 1, 2008)

Fair Week (pg 40)

Ultrasounding of all Market Steers on Monday, 8:00 AM

Fair Exhibit Requirements (pg 40 & pg 41)

All cattle must be dehorned, horns may be no longer than 1” in length.

Add: #26 Market Steer or Feeder Steer may not be shown at any other 4-H Fair of the current fair year.

Add: #27 Beef Superintendent has the option of checking cattle at exhibitor’s premises.

Add: #28 Stall fee of \$10 per head due to Beef Superintendent (this is separate from fair stalling fees). (Fees will be used for stall bark, ultrasounding, supplies, repairs and improvements in the beef area).

Market Steers (pg 41)

Section 6 – ANY OTHER BEEF BREED (registered breeds that are not in any other section)

Beef Breeding Cattle (pg 42)

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Beef Showmanship (pg 42)

All exhibitors are expected to participate with one beef animal. Judge will visit with each exhibitor to discuss what has been learned with the project. **Exhibitors are expected to show their own animal unless approved by the Beef Superintendent.**

The Beef Project area recommends to change the Generator start time to 7:00 AM. The reason being that there are shows that start at 8:00 AM, this would help in giving exhibitors and parents more time to prepare.

2007-11-7 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the proposed changes with the exclusion of the last statement regarding generators, item #26, and to have dates changed to a generic form so they do not have to be changed every year.

There was much discussion regarding the February 9 identification marking and weigh in. Concerns were based on the possible cross contamination of animals and then bringing them back to the farm. All efforts will be made to not have any of the cattle intermingle. The other concern is that if there is bad weather on February 9, there should be an alternative date. Item #27 could be used as an “out” for those not comfortable with bringing their market steers to the I.D. and weigh in.

2007-11-8 Moved by Dave Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to amend item #27 to read “Beef Superintendent or exhibitor has the option of checking cattle at exhibitor’s premises with permission.” Motion carried.

2007-11-7A Motion carried as amended.

2007-11-9 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to change the generator start time to 7:00. Motion carried.

Poultry - Change Section 6 (pg 59) to read OTHER FOWL

Class # 755 would read: Pigeons – pair of birds – male and female

Add: Class # 756 Guinea Fowl – pair of birds – male and female

Add: Class # 757 Pheasants – pair of birds – male and female

Add: Class #758 Quail – pair of birds – male and female

Eliminate Section 7 and renumber the rest of the sections

Eliminate Class # 750 (in Section 5–Exhibition Birds), that class was moved to Section 6

2007-11-10 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Dave Bielema to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Swine - Fair Exhibit Requirements: (pg 48)

Item 12: You may use a feed pan. These pans must be a manufactured feed pan. These pans cannot be left in the pen unattended.

2007-11-11 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Horse - Fair Requirements (pg. 51):

#1 should read – See Kent County 4-H Horse Project Requirements and Recommendations (Revised 11/2007) for the complete and detailed project guidelines. Following is a brief summary of those project guidelines.

#3 should read- (A.3) It is required in addition, all youth shall complete with a minimum of 80% correct (in each of the areas-written, dismounted, & mounted), a minimum of the Novice Horsemaster Book requirements of the Kent County 4-H Horsemaster Project in July (date to be determined in the Spring) prior to their participation in the Fair. (rest of paragraph is correct).

Section 3 – Horse Showmanship (pg 52):

Champion and Reserve Champion will be the 1st and 2nd place of Section 3. Remove “and will receive a trophy”. All references to a trophy should be removed from this section.

Section 4 – Horse Horsemanship (pg. 52)

Champion and Reserve Champion will be the 1st and 2nd place of Section 4. Remove “and will receive a trophy”. All references to a trophy should be removed from this section.

2007-11-12 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Dawn Haase to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Dog – Add:

Rally Novice A - For new handlers. A handler in this class has never put a CD at 4-H level or any other registry on any dog. The handler must not be showing the current dog in regular obedience at Novice level or above.

Rally Novice B - For all other handlers that have not earned a RN title at the 4-H level on their dog or handlers that have a qualifying score in Rally under any registry.

Rally Advanced A - For handlers that have completed the RN title at the 4-H level or any other registry and have not earned a RA leg under any registry.

Rally Advanced B - For handlers that have earned the RN title or CD at 4-H registry or have a qualifying score in RA under any registry including 4-H.

Rally Ex A - For handlers that have completed the RA title at the 4-H level on their dog or handlers that have not received a qualifying Score in Rally Excellent under any registry.

Rally Ex B - For handlers that have completed the RA title at the 4-H level or any other registry, or have earned a CD under any registry.

RAE - Class = For handlers that have completed the RE title 4-H or any registry, must show in both RA and RE at B level and qualify in both.

CLASSES

Rally Novice A 12 and under

Rally Novice A 13-19

Rally Novice B 12 and under

Rally Novice B 13-19

Rally Advanced A

Rally Advanced B

Rally Ex A

Rally Ex B

2007-11-13 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Still Exhibits –

Cultural Arts (pg. 90)

Department 33 – Performing Arts

Section 1 - **Dance**

It has been suggested that we add a class for Hip Hop. It seems to be a growing interest.

Department 49 - **Club Booth**

Wording for class 1992 would be the requirements for Club Booth

New wording for class 1992: 16' & under Booth

Add class 1993: 24' & over Booth

Add to Department 39 - **Leisure Education**

Shooting Sports/Archery Fair Exhibit Requirements

Add: item 4 A shooting Sports Tournament may be organized, if a sufficient number of youth and adults request one.

2007-11-14 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Dennis Brown to accept changes as presented. Motion carried.

Carnival Contract – The contract we signed last year was a 3 year contract. They are going to provide a ride list to us. Ron did talk to them about a penalty if they back out or do not bring the rides agreed upon. They understand where we are coming from.

New Business:

Committee Sign-Up Sheets – Please fill one out and turn it in asap. The board will be setting committees and giving the list to the chairpeople for them to look over.

Goodsearch.com – This is a search engine that can help raise funds for the fair. Go to Goodsearch.com and put in Kent County Youth Agricultural Association as the organization. Every search gets the fair .01. Purchases made from the vendors shown on Goodsearch.com provide a percentage of the proceeds from the sale to the fair. You need to use the link from Goodsearch for the money to go to the fair.

Children's Barnyard – It was suggested that the children's barnyard do the scavenger hunt again. They are planning on it.

Convention Fees – Registration fees are due to Jessica as soon as possible. \$65 for board members and \$50 for guests/spouses.

Correspondence – The following were received:

Thank you card from Steve Vickers for the goodie basket, visits, and prayers during his illness.
Note from MAFE that Sally Griffis with Jackson County Fair has retired after 18 years as their manager.

Information from MAFE regarding the Michigan Dept of History Arts and Library Cultural Economic Development Online Tool.

Information from MAFE regarding the Michigan Equine Conference.

2007-11-15 Moved by Jim Crosby and seconded by Jessica Marks to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Patterson, Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

MSU Extension Report November 14, 200

Leader Recognition Banquet tomorrow

Adult volunteers and youth will be recognized for their contributions.

Kent County 4-H Plat Book

The 4-H Council is putting the final touches on their platbook. The new books should be available in mid-December

Educational Resources

The participation fees collected last year are being used for educational resources. If you know of a book, video, DVD, teaching kit or other materials that would be useful for 4-H clubs, please contact Glenda at the MSU Extension office.

Last Call for Scholarships!

Several 4-H Scholarships are due December 1. If you know of a college-bound high school senior that plans on applying, please encourage them to hurry up!

Michigan 4-H reaches 100 year milestone!

In 2008, Michigan 4-H will reach its 100 year birthday! The new logo/slogan will be "4-H Forever". There will be various events throughout the year to help celebrate.

January 5th 4-H Basketball Game

Come cheer for the MSU Women's Basketball team as they play Penn State on Saturday, January 5th at the Breslin Center at MSU. Free admission to 4-H volunteers, members and their families. Show your 4-H pride by wearing your green or white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. We'll kick off the new 4-H Forever campaign, lead the Breslin Center in singing "Happy Birthday", have from-the-floor 4-H giveaways and more! Don't miss the fun@!

Decemeber Committee Reports:

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY
December 4, 2007

Attendees: Jason Hofman, Jessica Marks, Kay Grinage, Bill Bowers, Beth Bowers
Others: Ron Wenger

The Finance Committee met on December 4, 2007 to discuss the final details for the grant application for the L.A.C.F.G.C. Jessica will give the necessary information to Beth for submitting with the application. We will be asking for \$26,900 to support payroll for Bob McWhinney and for ½ of the office salary cost for Monica Burt. (The other ½ of her salary is supplied from the commission she receives for obtaining sponsorship for the Fair). We will also be asking in addition for \$4,694 to improve the pens within the Goat Barn.

Tentative plans continue to apply for monies from the L.A.C.F.G.C. in April 2008 to construct a new Small Animal Barn.

Jessica is working on the 120 day report. Because the proposed 2007-2008 Budget was tabled until the December 2007 meeting, she will not be able to include that in the 120 day report as requested but will need to send it as a supplement once it is approved.

With no further business coming forth the next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7pm. (Being that the first Tuesday is New Years Day, we will meet the second Tuesday).

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Grinage
Financial Secretary