

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Gary Jonker, Ted Mager, Jessica Marks, Nicki Patterson, Jim Crosby

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

Luci Shaffer

Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Dick Lee, Dean Olin

Areas Represented:

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

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Cavy/Rabbit,

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dog

Others Present:

Pat Mager, Monica Burt, Jim Steketee, Ron Wenger, Maruszka Hufstader, Brenda Blough, Diane Brown, Nancy Kidder, Rory Kidder, Dave Simmonds, Terry Iler, Paul Meyer, Mary Crosby, Sarah Crosby

Call to order

The December 12, 2007 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 10 directors present, 1 member excused and 2 members unexcused.

2007-12-1 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

\$1325.00 was received from the pancake supper.

2007-12-2 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Nicki Patterson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Bills for fair need to be in at or soon after the fair so we do not pay them in our new fiscal year.

There are still people that need to pay for convention.

No current balances were given.

Savings –	Premium Checking –
Checking –	Livestock Sale -
CD (1) -	CD (2) -

Extension:

There will be an Animal Diseases at Fairs & Exhibitions: Reducing the Risks workshop on January 31 at the Extension office from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please e-mail Ken Geuns at geuns@msu.edu to register for this workshop. There are several other workshops scheduled but this is the only one that will be in Grand Rapids.

Election of Officers:

2007-12-3 Moved by Jim Crosby and seconded by Gary Jonker to leave all officers positions the same. Per by-laws we have to call for nominations for each position so we can not appoint officers in this way. Jim Crosby rescinded his motion with no second required.

President – Jason Hofman was nominated.

2007-12-4 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Jessica Marks to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Jason Hofman is President.

Vice-President – Dennis Brown was nominated.

2007-12-5 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Jessica Marks to close nominations. Motion carried.

Dennis Brown is Vice President.

Treasurer – Jessica Marks was nominated.

2007-12-6 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Dennis Brown to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Jessica Marks is treasurer.

Secretary – Nicki Patterson was nominated.

2007-12-7 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Dennis Brown to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Nicki Patterson is secretary.

Financial Secretary – Kay Grinage was nominated.

2007-12-8 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Jessica Marks to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Kay Grinage is the Financial Secretary.

Committees:

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

Sponsorship/Commercials – Monica Burt

The first daily sponsor has been secured. It is the Lowell Rotary. Monica would like a list of who else is getting sponsors and from where so she doesn't hit up potential sponsors twice.

Fair Manager/Buildings & Grounds/Midway – Ron Wenger

Working on a few things around the grounds. The King Building has several rentals up to the first of the year.

Trophies/Ribbons – Mary Crosby

Looking at getting rid of ribbons/rosettes that do not go directly to the kids and would like to scale down the explorer ribbons with the four different color stock. This would all help with to cut the cost of ribbons. They are also considering changing the trophy sponsors to "Award Sponsors" and increasing the sponsorship a couple dollars to help with the ribbon cost.

Finance – The Grant to help cover salaries is due next week. The 120 day report has been sent. Martech sent information on a hand held scanner that can be used in the barns for weigh-in input that can be leased. It helps to get results quicker and paperwork to the superintendents faster. It can also be used in the exhibit building. The committee is going to see if Extension will be willing to help with the cost as part of the 4-H membership fee that they get. Still need to also check on the warranty and how quick we could get another if it breaks down. If we can afford it, then it will go to the Technology Committee. We will also check at convention to see who else uses it or may want to use it.

There are still 7 Livestock Sale checks to kids that have not been cashed.

Technology – The website has been updated with the Goodsearch.com information.

Public Comments:

Cara Haines won a truck from B-93 this morning.

Ron Wenger – Thanks to everyone for the fair and for helping, especially through this tough economic time. We had 1115 kids here!

Old Business:

Committee Sheets – Please turn in between now and the January Meeting. The executive committee will be meeting to set the committees for approval in January so they can work on their various projects at convention.

Pancake Supper – From 4:30 – 6:00 there was a line out the door and down the ramp. We served 425 – 450 people. Everything was donated.

Ron has a wrap up meeting to go to for the night time parade. We would change the serving time to end at 6:00 or 6:30. We would like to do the night time parade again.

Budget – 2007-12-9 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jim Crosby to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

The budget needed to be sent with the 120 day report and because it was not approved at the Annual meeting the 120 day report had to be sent in incomplete. We would like the budget and the 120 day report posted on the website.

MAFE Silent Auction Basket – We had voted to donate a Basket to the MAFE Silent Auction. **2007-12-10** Moved by Jim Crosby and seconded by Dennis Brown to no longer donate a basket for the MAFE Silent Auction because of our financial situation.

It was left off the budget which was just approved.

2007-12-10A Moved by Jim Crosby and seconded by Jessica Marks to still do the basket with money or items donated up to a value of \$250. Motion carried as amended.

New Business:

Superintendent for Shooting Sports – Terry Iler is interested in being the superintendent for Shooting Sports.

2007-12-11 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jessica Marks to appoint Terry Iler as superintendent for Shooting Sports. Motion carried.

Mail boxes – Monica will have new labels put on the mail folders in the office for the new board members.

Correspondence – The following was received:

A Christmas card from North Kent Sheep 4-H Club.

2007-12-12 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Jim Crosby to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Patterson, Secretary

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 _ of the office salary cost for Monica Burt. (The other _ 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