

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

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

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

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Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:

Areas Represented:

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

Areas Not Represented (excused):

Areas Not Represented (unexcused):

Dairy, Dog, Horse, Poultry

Others Present:

Diane Brown, Ron Wenger, Elaine Haines, Jim Steketee, Maruszka Hufstader, Pat Mager, Jeff Haase, Dawn Haase, Monica Burt, Gary Cavanaugh, Rory Kidder, Nancy Kidder, Gord VanLaan, Bill Bowers

Call to order

The January 9, 2008 meeting was called to order by President Jason Hofman at 7:32 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with 12 directors present and 1 member excused.

2008-1-1 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Gary Jonker to accept the minutes of the December meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Savings – \$3385.73

Premium Checking – \$2775.81

Checking – \$10,934.41

Livestock Checking - \$654.00

All sale checks are now in. We have cashed in one of the CDs.

2008-1-2 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jim Crosby to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

2008-1-3 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Nicki Patterson to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Extension:

1. Upcoming Workshops at Kett. Center

Jan. 26-27- Citizenship, Leadership & Service Workshop

Feb. 16-17- Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update (@KBS)

Feb. 22-23- Vet Science Teen and Adult Leader Workshop

Feb. 23-24- Beef, Sheep, and Swine Teen and Adult Leader Workshop

2. Reminder: Animal Diseases at Fairs & Exhibitions Workshop will be held Jan. 31 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. To register, email Ken Geuns at: geuns@msu.edu.
3. Volunteers are needed to help on some afternoons in Feb. and March for Urban Fair Site Judging. Also, the main event date for the Fair is May 17, from 9:30-1:00. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these dates, contact Morgan at the 4-H Office
4. There are some awards from Leader Recognition Night that have not yet been picked up. See Rob at the end of the meeting to see if any belong to your club.

Committees:

The following had no report – Nominating, Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Still Exhibits, Camping, Parking, Safety, Technology, Dairy, Dog, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Sheep, Swine

Sponsorship/Commercials – Monica Burt

The sponsorship information has been updated on the website. We have an entertainment tent sponsor.

Fair Manager/Buildings & Grounds/Midway – Ron Wenger

We were able to get 7 cafeteria tables that fold up for \$20 each. Working on routine maintenance and getting ready for the convention.

Publicity – Bill Bowers

Mary Muzik from Regent Radio contacted Beth about doing something for a Hispanic Celebration. The event was sponsored by a Hispanic radio station. Bill and Beth were able to pull together a petting zoo and had handouts to distribute. They expected 2500 kids but had many more than that. We have been asked to do it again for another celebration the end of April. It is the day of Children and will be at Woodland Skating rink.

Entertainment – Dawn Haase

The Chainsaw carver wants to be here an extra day. They will be looking at convention. There are a lot of entertainers that want to come back to our fair.

Livestock - Kay Grinage

The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 14.

Finance – Jessica Marks

We have our convention badges but a few people still owe the fair for their registration. You can not have your badge until you pay for it.

The Grant went in but we will not hear anything until probably February.

Beef – Jim Steketee

The Mandatory Beef meeting is January 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the King Building

Goat – Maruszka Hufstader

The Goat Fun Day is scheduled for March 29 at the Extension Office.

Public Comments:

Gary Cavanaugh had some questions regarding the weighing and i.d.-ing of Beef which were answered by the minutes of the November meeting and referred back to Jim Steketee and the Beef Developmental committee.

Diane Brown thanked Rory Kidder, Nancy Kidder, Tom Grinage, Kay Grinage, and Tony Grinage, and others for the silent auction donations for convention. It is a John Deere pedal tractor and wagon with other John Deere items and is valued at \$525.00. All was donated.

Old Business:

Release Time – It was recommend by the Livestock Committee to allow the release of auction sheep, swine, and beef at 10:00, everything else to remain at 11:00. The animals only would be allowed to leave at 10:00, signs, decorations, etc are to stay in place until 11:00. The earlier release is to allow for the trucks to get in and out earlier so the congestion from everything going at once will be alleviated.

2008-1-4 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Dean Olin to allow the release of auction sheep, swine, and beef at 10:00 with everything else remaining until 11:00. Motion carried with 11 for and 3 against.

New Business:

Committee List – **2008-1-5** Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the committee list as presented. Motion carried.

Leaders Meeting – Nicki Patterson

The dates are Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Holiday Party – January is very busy. In the past, the meat and beverage have been provided and we all brought a dish to pass. Jason Hofman said he could donate some turkey.

2008-1-6 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Nicki Patterson to have a potluck dinner on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Parking – The Boy Scouts will still staff the parking booths.

Reading for Rides – Bruce Doll

The Kent District Library has 16,000 kids. We can take bookmarks to the Libraries and they will distribute them. We would like to have 1/2 price arm band or a drawing for a prize as a reward for reading. Last year we only offered 1 free ride or 1 free popcorn. We need more to draw them in. We will talk to the carnival during the convention.

Brochure – Bruce Doll passed around a brochure about the fair that can be mailed and passed out. It is based on our website. Bruce is looking into prices to have it printed.

Air Guitar Contest – Bruce Doll

Bruce brought up the possibility of having a Guitar Hero Contest. There would be an entry fee for the event and number of participants would need to be limited. Songs would be selected for each round to keep it fair. Initial placement would be by the score they receive. There are three levels, easy, medium, and hard. The final would be held in the evening where a selected number would go head to head. The top three in each level would be announced the winners. We would have to watch for cheaters, kids who should be in the hard level competing in the easy level to win, etc. Donations will be sought for the play stations that are used and given as top prizes. We will look at music and video stores as sponsors. The college group at Impact Church is interested in running the whole event. We would probably have some entertainment in-between the final groups. Official rules still need to be written. This would help us to market the fair in a new way.

Bruce also mentioned that 2009 will be the 75th Fair. What about a contest for a new logo? The logo should say Kent County Youth Fair on it and ours currently does not. Bruce is working on a 75 year history for the website. We should form a committee to work on specials for our 75th.

Pet Expo – Bill Bowers has tried to contact Clear Channel Radio about the Pet Expo but they have not received any calls back. The Expo is scheduled for April 5 – 6.

Lowell Expo – We will be having a booth at the Expo which is scheduled for March 22.

Letter of Resignation – A letter of resignation was received from Jason Hofman. Jason has decided to resign as President of the Fair Board but will continue with his term on the board. His resignation will be effective at the February meeting.

2008-1-7 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Kay Grinage to accept Jason Hofman's resignation as President with regret. Motion carried.

This means that Dennis Brown will step into the Presidents position as he is our Vice President. He will take the role of President at the February meeting.

2008-1-8 Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Jim Crosby to table filling the position of Vice President until the position is officially open. Motion carried.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Congratulations to Jim Crosby on his acceptance to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. He will be majoring in Diesel Technology.

2008-1-9 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Dennis Brown to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Patterson, Secretary