

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING  
January 7, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:**

Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Glenn Jonker, Ted Mager, Nicki Patterson, Ron Wenger, Cody Acker, Luci Shaffer

**Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:**

Jessica Marks

**Sr. and Jr. Directors Unexcused:**

Dick Lee, Dean Olin, Ethan Malski

**Areas Represented:**

Beef, Cavy / Rabbit, Goat, Swine, Sheep

**Areas Not Represented (excused):**

**Areas Not Represented (unexcused):**

Dairy, Dog, Horse, Poultry

**Others Present:**

Glenda Kilpatrick, Mary Bloom, Pat Mager, Julie Blodgett, Kristi Caine, Trisha Haase, Dave Simmonds, Jim Stekettee, Brenda Blough, Tim Bergy, Bill Bowers, Beth Bowers, Gord VanLaan, Sara VanLaan, John VanLaan, Monica Burt, Cathy Acker, Terry Iler

**Call to order**

The January 7, 2009 meeting was called to order by President Ron Wenger at 7:30 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call was taken with 11 directors present, 1 member excused, and 3 members unexcused.**

**Review of Minutes:**

**2009-1-1** Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Kevin Haase to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Savings – \$390.09

Premium Checking – \$2,385.73

Checking – \$417.27

Livestock Checking - (\$3,830.82) (negative)

Petty Cash - \$144.15

**2009-1-2** Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Kevin Haase to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

**Extension:**

See attached report.

**Committees:**

The following had no report –Sponsorship/Commerical, Exhibit Building, Trophies and Ribbons, Camping, Parking / Shuttle, Safety, Entertainment, Technology, Brochure, Nominating, 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Livestock, Guest Services, Leader Meeting, Fairbook, Still Exhibits, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Sheep

**Finance – Kay Grinage**

We met with a new accountant and are very impressed with her. We do have problems but according to the accountant they are not insurmountable. She figures everything could be cleaned up within two months and it would cost us less than \$1000. She will also show us how to do some stuff on the computer. Every month she will get a disc to review to help make sure our books are in order. She came very highly recommended by Curt at the bank.

Money has been donated to purchase anniversary stickers.

**Fair Manager/Buildings & Grounds/Midway – Ron Wenger**

Ron Wenger attended the IAFE convention in Las Vegas. He obtained some good information that pertains to us, including developing a business plan.

Midway – We will be talking to them this weekend at the MAFE convention.

**Publicity – Bill Bowers**

The Day of Kings Celebration is January 11 at Woodland Skating Rink from 11:00-3:00.

Monica put together a hand out with fair information on it. This event is promoted by the Hispanic station. It is a great opportunity to promote the fair. If any one with small animals is able to help, please contact Bill Bowers.

**Rodeo – Ron Wenger**

We will be signing with Flying Star Rodeo this weekend. We have won Rodeo of the Year 3 year's straight now.

**Beef – Jim Steketee**

The mandatory Beef meeting will be on January 31 at 10:00 a.m at the King Building.

**Swine – Gord VanLaan**

The Developmental Committee met tonight and voted in officers. Pat Mager is President.

They are going to give \$400 towards the manure pit. They would still like to know what is owed and will square up with us after the sale of the pig.

March 1 is the date for leaders to turn in the number of tags they need. There is going to be a \$1.00 charge for each tag. After March 1 they will be \$2.00 per tag.

March 28 is the PQA meeting at the King Building. The meeting will be 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., a leaders meeting at 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and another PQA at 11:00 a.m. for the rest of the kids who need it.

**Shooting Sports – Tery Iller**

Caledonia Sportsman's Club is interested in hosting the Shooting Sports event but they need to know how many kids. Rockford Sportsman's Club and Madison Square are also interested.

There is a lot of interest so far. Ages for the kids are 7 – 19. Country Cowboys has 12 kids meeting once a week. They are required to compete at the County level in order to compete at the State level. There will be training in April

**Public Comments:**

**Gord VanLaan** – Would like the board to come up with a plan to get out of debt.

**John VanLaan** – There are a lot of cars that park on the side streets and then people walk in without paying for parking. What about charging a gate fee to collect more revenue? Could the City make “no parking” signs for the side streets?

**Old Business:**

**Holiday Party** – Saturday, January 31. Social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. Invitations will go out next week. Meat, beverages, and table ware will be donated. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Convention** – Bruce brought the photo that he is donating to the MAFE Silent Auction.

**New Business:**

**Committee List** – 2009-1-3 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Bruce Doll to accept the committee list as presented.

**Price Increases** – See attached proposal.

Due to the increased costs to operate the Fair, we are proposing various price increases. Please see the attached proposal.

2009-1-4 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jason Hofman to table the proposed price increases to the February meeting.

**Fairbook and CD order form** – All of our printing is going out to bid. Each club will get one hard copy and on CD free. Any additional will be \$7.00 for hard copy or \$2.00 for a CD. The CDs are not copy protected so you can make more copies on your own. The Fairbook will also be on the website and can be downloaded at no charge.

2009-1-5 Moved by Kevin Haase and seconded by Dennis Brown to charge for the fairbooks and CDs and to get the order forms out. The deadline is April 1.

2009-1-6 Moved by Jason Hofman and seconded by Kay Grinage to amend motion 2009-1-5 to change the \$7.00 charge to “at cost”. Motion carried.

2009-1-5A Motion carried as amended.

**Correspondence** –

No Correspondence.

2009-1-7 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Nicki Patterson to adjourn. Motion Carried. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Nicki Patterson, Secretary

**MSU Extension Report**  
**January 2009**      Happy New Year!

Tickets are still available for the fourth annual MSUE 4-H Youth Day at the Lady **Spartan's Women's basketball game** at 2 p.m. on **Sunday January 25, 2009**. **Ticket price:** FREE for 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and families! It does cost \$5 to park.

**Time:** Game starts at 2 p.m. The gates open at 12:30 p.m. for the general public however Gate D will be open at 12 p.m. for our group, to allow a little extra time for groups, clubs and families to sit together.

**Promotional Information:**

Please visit our web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/member/cool.html> for a copy-ready promotional flyer

**Attire:** Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H and/or Extension apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!

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**Central Region 4-H LeaderMeet                      February 7, 2009      Mt. Pleasant**

Time is running out to sign up for LeaderMeet 2009! LeaderMeet is a regional training held every other year for 4-H volunteers, teens and parents. Join 4-H folks from 17 different counties and learn about many different projects and programs, as well as club management. Cost is just \$35 for the day, which includes lunch. Hurry, the deadline to sign up is **Friday, January 23**. For more information contact Glenda at 336-3273 or [kilpatri@msu.edu](mailto:kilpatri@msu.edu).

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**Teen Awards Celebration                      January 17, 2009                      Celebration Cinema**

We are trying something new this year – a recognition program just for teens! After the awards, the teens will be treated to a current movie and popcorn! Teens may bring one friend, must register by January 9 (this Friday). We hope to make the awards a more fun and popular event for our teens.

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**State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show – January 31, 2009      MSU Pavilion**

The 2009 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show will be held on Saturday, January at the MSU Pavilion. This show is open to all Michigan 4-H members age 9 to as of January 1, 2009.



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For the first time, there will also be non-competitive events for 4-H Explorers, age 5 to 8 as of January 1. Exhibitors must own the animals they are showing and must be present to participate.

There is no pre-entry required; you may enter the day of the show. Entry fees of \$2.75 a class must be paid in cash at the time of entry. For complete information contact the MSU Extension Office.

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**4-H Communications Day on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** (registration is due January 21<sup>st</sup>).

Communications Day is a one day event where youth can competes in public speaking, demonstrations, job interview, photography, art, exhibits, cookery, graphic design, web design, citizenship and more. (a scorecard is published in the info. booklet). Each person will receive a Gold, Silver, Bronze or participant medal for each event they participate in.

Also - this year the youth have an opportunity to earn \$100 ! Every youth who enters at least 3 events and receives at least 3 silver medals will be entered into the drawing – and they will be giving out 5 of the \$100 checks.

For registration contact the Extension Office.

## Proposal to increase funding for 2009

### Parking

Monday	531	\$6.00	3184	
Tuesday	754		4524	
Wednesday	966		5796	
Thursday	1034		6204	
Friday	943		5658	
Saturday	794		4764	
Weekly	580	\$18.00	10,440	
Prepay	329	\$18.00	5922	
			46,492	
		2008	38,342	
	Projected Increase			8,150

### Camping

		\$80.00	21,920	5478	
		\$90.00	24,660		8218
Campsites	274	\$100.00	27,400		10,958
		2008	16,442		
	Projected Increase				

### Commercial Merchants

Inside	19	\$200	3800	
Outside	7	\$400	2800	
		2008	5100	
	Projected Increase			1500

### Independent Vendors

		\$750 Plus		
	8	Elec.	7300	
		2008	6141	
	Projected Increase			1159

### Livestock Sale

	1% Increase		3650	
	Credit Card Surcharge 3%		3000	
	Projected Increase			6650

### Rodeo

	Advanced	\$12.00		
	Gate	\$15.00		
	Kids	\$6.00		
		2008	12386	
	Projected Increase			1585

**Still Exhibits**

5000 @ .50	2500		
2008	977		
Proposed Increase		1523	
<b>Total Projected Increase</b>		<b>26,045</b>	<b>28,785 31,525</b>

- Entry Fees:
- Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy – from \$5.00 to \$7.00
- Dog – from \$2.00 to \$3.00
- Goats – from \$3.00 to \$5.00
- Rabbits/Cavy/Poultry – from \$2.00 per cage to \$3.00 per cage.