

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Glenn Jonker, Jessica Marks, Nicki Patterson, Dean Olin, Cody Acker, Ethan Malski, Luci Shaffer

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

Ted Mager, Ron Wenger

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

Dick Lee

**Areas Represented:**

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

**Areas Not Represented (excused):**

Beef, Horse

**Areas Not Represented (unexcused):**

Dog

**Others Present:**

Pat Mager, Paul Meyer, Dave Simmonds, Bill Bowers, Monica Burt, Brenda Blough, Mary Crosby, Sarah Crosby, Julie Blodgett, Diane Brown, Gord VanLaan

**Call to order**

The May 13, 2009 meeting was called to order by Vice President Denny Brown at 7:30 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call was taken with 12 directors present, 2 members excused, and 1 member unexcused.**

**Review of Minutes:**

2009-5-1 Moved by Kevin Haase and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Balances**

Savings - \$390.29

Premium Checking - \$197.33

Checking - \$5474.82

Livestock Checking - \$844.16

Petty Cash - \$35.15

2009-5-2 Moved by Nicki Patterson 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 – Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Camping, Parking/Shuttle, Safety, Nominating, Livestock/Sale, Guest Services, Rodeo, Still Exhibit Judging, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Shooting Sports

**Finance – Kay Grinage**

Please see attached report.

2009-5-3 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Jessica Marks to accept the Finance Committees recommendation to hire Dave VanKeulen to operate our sound for the week of fair. His bid was for \$2000 and it covers his services and equipment for the week. Motion Carried.

**Fair Manager / Buildings & Grounds / Midway – Denny Brown in Ron's absence**

Storage is out and we have brought in about \$5000 in prepayment for next season.

Farmer's Market starts Thursday, May 14.

Blue Grass Festival is this weekend.

There is a tractor pull this Saturday, May 16.

**Entertainment** - Lane Cooper will do our Pedal Pull but he does want some help with it.

**Sponsorship/Commercial** – Monica Burt

All of the day sponsorships are sold. There are some other sponsors pending.

**Publicity** – Bill Bowers

The committee will be meeting.

**Technology** – Bruce Doll

The software will be updated on Friday, May 15.

**Brochure** – Bruce Doll

The brochure was laid out at the meeting. Please take a look at it and verify times, etc and note any changes on your way out.

**75<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Bruce Doll

Invites have been sent to all fairs to join our parade. Some can not make it but some can. Information is on the website.

**Leader Meeting** – Nicki Patterson

The meetings went well. Thank you to everyone who helped. There was still some confusion on the date change but everything worked out. In the past we have been more relaxed about not requiring superintendents to be there but after an issue that arose this year it is recommended that superintendents once again be required to attend.

**Fairbooks** – We still have plenty of fairbooks available for \$5 each.

**Goat** – Julie Blodgett

We are putting the finishing touches for the show and will waive the late registration fee.

The change regarding i.d. by microchip was only corrected in one spot in the fairbook. They are not allowed as a form of identification. An addendum will be published and the information will be put on the website and relayed to all Goat leaders.

**Horse** – Not all of the changes for the horse area were made in the fairbook and some classes were inadvertently deleted. An addendum will be published for this and the information will be put on the website and sent to all horse leaders.

**Sheep** – The Blue and Gold Show is May 30. There will be one class just for kids from Kent County.

**Swine** – Gord VanLaan

Declarations are due this Friday, May 15. Most of them have already been turned in.

### **Old Business:**

**Button Sales** – The buttons are here and they are \$5 each. Please help us to sell them. There are two sizes available. Back Water Caf\_ is offering a free cup of coffee with the purchase of a button at their restaurant on various days. This can be a huge fundraiser for us.

**Sub Sale** – Slips need to be turned into the Fair office, not to Bill Bowers. There are seven kinds at \$3 each. The pizza sub is highly recommended. The top sales person will win an IPOD. Clubs will get .25 for each sub they sell.

**Zone 3 Meeting** – There was a speaker at the zone meeting that talked about having people greet visitors and welcome them to your event. We need to make sure we have happy customers.

We are not getting any money from the State this year for premiums, and, probably will never get this money again. The Finance committee and the board will be looking at any options we may have.

### **New Business:**

**Ice Cream Social** – 2009-5-4 Moved by Nicki Patterson and seconded by Kay Grinage to accept Milky Way's offer to take over the Ice Cream Social and move it to 2:00 Saturday afternoon. Motion Carried.

**Public Comments:**

Dave Simmonds – WMBMA May Fest is here. Looking forward to a great weekend. Thursday is the potluck and free jam session. Friday at 4:00 the Fair Grill starts up and there is music Friday night, all day Saturday, and Sunday. Help is needed at the Fair Grill.

**Correspondence –**

No correspondence.

2009-5-5 Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jessica marks to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Patterson

Secretary

**MSU Extension Report  
May 2009**

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**Last PQA Training**

**Wednesday, June 17-** MSU Extension Office

6 p.m. Beginning Level, ages 9, 10 and 11

7 p.m. Intermediate level, ages 12, 13, and 14

8 p.m. Senior level, ages 15, 16, 17 and 18

Please be sure to call Glenda at (616) 336-3273 to reserve a spot. It is very important to arrive at the correct time. There are three youth age levels. Each of the levels begins at a separate time. If you arrive at the wrong time, you may miss your class, or you have to wait an hour or more. Please read the above times carefully.

If you are 19, please call Glenda to set up an appointment for your training. If you are age 9 to 18, need to be PQA certified, and can not attend either of the workshops above, please contact Glenda at (616) 336-3273 or email her at [kilpatri@msu.edu](mailto:kilpatri@msu.edu)

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**Sweepstakes Showmanship Clinic**

Ottawa County is hosting a "Supershowmanship" clinic on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Berlin Fair grounds in Marne, MI. This event is called the Showmanship Sweepstakes at the Kent Youth fair. This clinic is free to all 4-H members, leaders and their families and friends. Presenters are industry professionals. If you plan on, or would like to participate in the Sweepstakes, this is a great learning opportunity.

Please share this information with your families and invite them to come for all or part of the day.

We will have demonstrations on ten different species!

Here is a link to the flier: [https://www.msu.edu/~wellselz/events/2009\\_Flyer.pdf](https://www.msu.edu/~wellselz/events/2009_Flyer.pdf)

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**  
**April 28, 2009**

Attendants: Ron Wenger, Nicki Patterson, Kay Grinage, Bill Bowers, Beth Bowers, Dennis Brown  
Guest: Bruce Doll, Mary Crosby

1. Bruce presented a bid from Dave VanKeulen (last year's sound tech) for \$2000 that includes his services and equipment for the week of Fair. Other bids received were from: the company servicing Blue Grass = \$7,000; C&S Sound = \$4,800; Grant Freelink = \$8,000 (which included a discount). It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the bid of Dave VanKeulen. We were happy with his services of the 2008 Fair. Bruce questioned if there was a need for us to have our own complete sound system, possibly we could apply to the Lowell Cable Television Fund for a grant to purchase the equipment (see attached sheet). The applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Fund Committee would make it's decision in September. The committee decided not to apply at this time.
2. Mary Crosby asked if she could order ribbons and trophies for the Fair. She will use what she has from last year, where she can, to save costs. The committee gave her the ok to proceed with her order.
3. The Finance Report for April was presented for review to the Committee.
4. Ron reported that we will be able to get both large and small 75 year pins that we can sell for \$5 ea. Our cost for 10,000 is \$2,750 (we were given a \$800 discount). They will be here in time for the Leaders Meeting. Bill Bowers checked with Frandale Fundraising about subs. They have 7 choices, they do all the packing and deliver them to the Fairgrounds. Our cost is \$1.75 each/ 1,000 and over; \$1.85 each/under 1,000. If we sell 400 subs delivery is free. We will sell them for \$3.00 each and will present all the information at the Leaders Meeting. Ron noted that we will need everyone's help...leaders, parents, exhibitors.
5. The last trophy donor for 2008 Fair paid their outstanding invoice and gave a \$35 donation also.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Grinage  
Treasurer