

**KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING**  
**September 9, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Bruce Doll, Kay Grinage, Kevin Haase, Jason Hofman, Glenn Jonker, Jessica Marks, Nicki Patterson, Dean Olin, Ron Wenger, Cody Acker, Luci Shaffer

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

Dennis Brown, Ted Mager

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

Dick Lee, Ethan Malski

**Areas Represented:**

Beef, Cavy / Rabbit, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Swine, Sheep, Shooting Sports

**Areas Not Represented (excused):**

**Areas Not Represented (unexcused):**

Dog, Horse

**Others Present:**

Patricia Haase, Terry Iler, Pat Mager, Glenda Kilpatrick, Julie Blodgett, Diane Bieneman, Tim Bergy, Rory and Nancy Kidder, John Hawkins, Ray Hawkins, Monica Burt, Jim Steketee, Maruszka Hufstader, Carl and Brenda Blough, Paul Meyer, Ross Rudd, Bill Bowers, Susan Merriman, Gord VanLaan, Cathy Acker, Christy Van't Hof

**Call to order**

The September 9, 2009 meeting was called to order by President Ron Wenger at 7:34 p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call was taken with 11 directors present, 2 members excused, and 2 members unexcused.**

**Review of Minutes:**

**2009-9-1** Moved by Kevin Haase and Seconded by Luci Shaffer to accept the July 8, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Balances:**

Savings - \$4241.21 (\$665 is Marie Timmers Memorial)	Premium Checking - \$3833.23
Checking - \$147,489.65	Livestock Checking - \$116,855.16
Petty Cash - \$135.15	

See report \$10,300 was paid in September to the line of credit.

**2009-9-2** Moved by Jessica Marks and seconded by Bruce Doll to accept the treasurers report. Motion Carried.

**Extension:**

See attached report.

Fair Info – Explorer awards went very well. Lots of parents and grandparents enjoy the kids being recognized that way.

Buyers dinner went much better – 450 people were served and we did not run out. They stayed open until 8:30 p.m. Council had a great donor – Pinkney Hill.

Please do not print the ice cream social in the program for the explorers. Some people think it is for everyone when it is just for the explorers.

**Committees:**

The following had no report – Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Brochure, Leader Meeting, Horse

**Finance** – Kay Grinage

Profit and Loss for August is in finance packet that was handed out.

Shows mega passes of \$26,000 but they were actually \$5,000. Amount from the carnival was \$21,568.38. See the attached report from the August 25 committee meeting. For the full financial report, it will be attached to the original set of minutes filed in the secretary's files.

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

Everything will be put away before the Blue Grass Fall Fest starts. Clean up went good.

Midway – We had no complaints on the carnival during the fair but then after fair we received an e-mail complaining that the carnival put a 6 year old on the Zipper by himself and he came out of the harness during the ride. Per Elliott's, they do not put anyone on the Zipper by themselves.

Thanks to every one for all your help and hard work.

**Sponsorship/Commercial** – Monica Burt

We did not have many complaints. Everyone seemed happy. We already have some back for next year.

**Camping** – It was muddy but everyone did get out.

**Parking** – Jason Hofman

There were not very many complaints on the parking pass increase. There were still a lot of cars on the side street. We have heard that the Boy Scouts may not come back but we need to confirm with Judy and Dirk. We had no issues with the Shuttles.

**Safety** – Tim Bergy and Ron Wenger

Went really smooth this year. They all worked together and it went really well. Police did a good job too.

**Entertainment** – Tricia Haase

Went very well. Talent Show and Karaoke filled the tent. The others didn't bring in very many.

The Children's Adventure Theatre liked being here and would like to come back. She says we had a very nice and clean fair.

**Publicity** – Bill Bowers

We got really good coverage. The Buyers Guide really went all out. We had great coverage in the Press and on TV. Great commercials on the radio. There was even an editorial on our fair in the Press.

**Technology** – Bruce Doll

We really did not have any glitches. The sale went well. The projector did die due to a plug coming out.

**Nominating** – Jason Hofman

One name for sure – Doug Ford. Denise Stain – with Digital Image – Bruce Doll has talked too.

Shelly Irwin is considering it per Bruce Doll. Jeff Haase may be interested per Jason Hofman.

If you know anyone who is interested, please let Jason Hofman know.

**75<sup>th</sup>** – Bruce Doll

The parade went well. We are looking at doing it again next year.

**Livestock Sale**

Bill Bowers was impressed with how many resales went through during the small animal sale.

Jessica Marks – Small animal resales brought in \$1770 for the fair.

Ron Wenger – We had average prices of:

Poultry - \$116, Goats - \$148, Rabbits – \$59, Sheep – \$2.78 / lb, Swine – \$1.84 / lb, Feeder calves – \$1.29 / lb, and Beef – \$1.45 / lb

Gord VanLaan – 8 hours is a long time for buyers to be at a sale. Gord feels it is time for 2 sale rings. He heard complaints from buyers who have been here for 30 years. What can we do to keep the buyers happy? How long do other fairs take. He likes the sale and thinks it's a great thing. The kids did great especially with the economy like it is.

**Guest Services** – Luci Shaffer

Only fair kids got lost. Two were brothers. One girl was twice but we knew the parents.

**Fair Book** – Jason Hofman

Changes are due at the October meeting.

**Rodeo** – Ron Wenger

We were down a little and some sponsors couldn't do as much as they have in the past. We did still make a profit though.

**Still Exhibits** – Tricia Haase

Everything went well. Tricia will be taking over for 2010. There are some issues to work out but next year should go smoother.

**Beef** – Jim Steketee - Everything went well.

**Dairy** – Paul Meyer - We had a good year. There were about 18 explorers and about \_ of them will be back next year as 9 year olds.

**Dog** – Ron Wenger - Thanked everyone for working with the rain showers. Everyone just went where they needed to go. Ron Wenger did talk to the Dog group and they were happy.

**Goat** – Julie Blodgett - Everything went smoothly. There were a record number of meat goats. The Vet check went smooth. There was one case of lice but it was taken care of. There were no issues with ear tags / id. Everyone was in compliance. Julie Blodgett would like to have market goats tagged by using a chain around their neck so as to not interfere with other id's required. They would like to change the quiz bowl to be modeled after the state show.

**Poultry** – Diane Bieneman - Everything went well. Thank you to the Fair Board for their work. There were a couple of casualties due to stress. There is a big group of explorers coming through.

**Rabbit / Cavy** – Bill Bowers - We were down on numbers but not on exhibitors. We lost a couple due to the heat in the first couple of days. The shows went well. Rabbit showmanship was done before dark.

**Sheep** – Tim Bergy - We were down a few in numbers. The average of the sale was impressive. The Sheep leaders will be meeting on September 30 at 7:00 at the King Building.

**Swine** – Gord VanLaan - The numbers were about the same as 2008. The weigh in went good. There will be a meeting for leaders and they will discuss shortening the weigh in time some more. Thankful for the pig that was sold, they did well.

**Shooting Sports** – Terry Iler - We made it through the first one. The kids did have fun. We got lots of great ideas for next year. One complaint was space issue. There was not enough room in the King Building. Maybe after the horse area is done in the arena they could use it for the events that were held in the King Building on the Saturday starting fair. It would help it to go faster. Other than that there were no major issues. There were about 39 kids at fair and about 22 that participated in the meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

**Fair Review** – Pat Mager

The swine leaders meeting will be on September 22 at the King Building.

**Reading for rides** – Bruce Doll – See attached report.

**Pedal Pull** – Rory Kidder

Was unable to get the boat or make the phone calls. Didn't get it pulled together.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR WORKING TOGETHER. WE HAD LOTS OF GOOD COMMENTS ON OUR FAIR.

### **New Business:**

**Blue Grass** – September 18 – 20

We will have a food booth there and help is needed. Ted Mager's surgery has been delayed so Pat Mager is hoping to be here for the food booth but may not be. The Kidder's will help.

Please see Pat Mager or Rory Kidder if you can help. Times are: Friday 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Pork Dinner** – Thank you to the Kidders for doing the Pork Dinner! It was delicious.

**Sparta Town & Country Days** – Rory Kidder.

Helped at the Sparta Town and Country Days and had a great time. He and Nancy checked ids. You should help to if you can.

**Club Ambassadors** – Christine Van't Hof

Please see attached report.

**2009-9-3** Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Luci Shaffer to allow Christine Van't Hof to pursue the youth ambassador program as the coordinator. Glenda Kilpatrick will talk to Christine Van't Hof about getting the letter out. Motion Carried.

All items will come to the board in written form for approval.

**2010 Fair dates:** August 9 – 14

**2010 Theme** – Bring ideas to the October meeting.

**Showmanship Sweepstakes** – Kay Grinage

Kay Grinage has enjoyed doing sweepstakes for years and has enjoyed watching the kids grow and learn from it, but it is time to step down. We talked with Maruszka Hufstader about stepping in as chairperson. Pat Mager and Nicki Patterson will stay on the committee.

**2009-9-4** Moved by Kay Grinage and seconded by Jason Hofman to appoint Maruszka Hufstader as the chairperson for Showmanship Sweepstakes. Motion carried.

Thank you Kay!

**Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Chuckin** – Bruce Doll

The Harvest Festival is on October 10. There will be Apple chuckin for the little kids. There were 42 people at the trebuchet workshop during fair. Kids can build a small one for the apple chuckin.

**Livestock Checks** - What is the status on the kid's livestock checks? Livestock sale money is coming in good. We have gotten more money in since the report was reprinted. We found a couple of glitches with the premium check and we will be going back in to fix them. We want to try to send all checks together. The premium checks will go out by the end of the month.

**Outstanding Livestock Buyers payments** – Kay Grinage

We are still proceeding on last years buyers that have not paid. We have some more information to gather on one of them. He has not shown up in court for any of the hearings and the judge is issuing a bench warrant for him.

**Public Comments:**

Carl Blough – Met a lot of new people who had never been here before.

**Correspondence:**

We received cards and letters of Thanks from the following:

Wannetah Phelps, 4-H Council, Mel Trotter, Mary and Darlene Riegling, Get-R-Done 4-H Club, and Stephanie Marsman

We also received a letter of Thanks with a donation of \$150 for the Premium Fund from Thomas Doll and Justin Doll who were part of Ron's crew this year.

**2009-9-5** Moved by Dean Olin and seconded by Jessica Marks to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Building.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicki Patterson  
Secretary



### Fall 4-H Workshops

Each fall and winter Michigan 4-H Programs conduct informative workshops in various project areas. The workshops are wonderful places to get new ideas, new information, and have an enjoyable weekend get-away. The workshops are held primarily at Kettunen Center, a 4-H leadership development facility in Tustin, near Cadillac. The costs of these workshops are underwritten by the Michigan 4-H Foundation, thereby keeping the cost down. Registered Kent county leaders and 4-H members are also eligible for partial scholarships from the Kent 4-H Council. For more information and complete descriptions, call the MSU Extension office or visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>  
Don't let these opportunities pass you by!

Oct. 17–18	4-H Clothing & Textiles Volunteer Workshop
Oct. 24–25	4-H Crafts, Visual Arts & Performing Arts Volunteer Workshop
Oct. 24–25	4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update
Nov. 6	Natural Helpers Volunteer Leader Training
Nov. 13–14	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
Nov. 21–22	4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference
Jan. 8–10	4-H Horse Show Judges & Managers Conference
Jan. 23–24	4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference
Feb. 26–27	4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
Feb. 27-28	4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
March 6–7	4-H Poultry Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
March 19-21	4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Volunteer Workshop
March 19–21	4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop
April 16–18	Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
April 22–25	4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop
April 23–25	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
May 15–16	4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

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### We're Looking for a few good youth – To receive county medal awards!

Once again it's time to recognize the members in your club for their 4-H club work. Please take a few minutes and think about your club members, their experiences and accomplishments over the past year.

Awards can be given to signify a job well done, to encourage youth to strive for more, and to reward a child for successfully overcoming obstacles along the way. County medals can mean a lot to a young person.

Effort, willingness to learn, and personal growth experiences should be taken into consideration. Please encourage your members to apply!

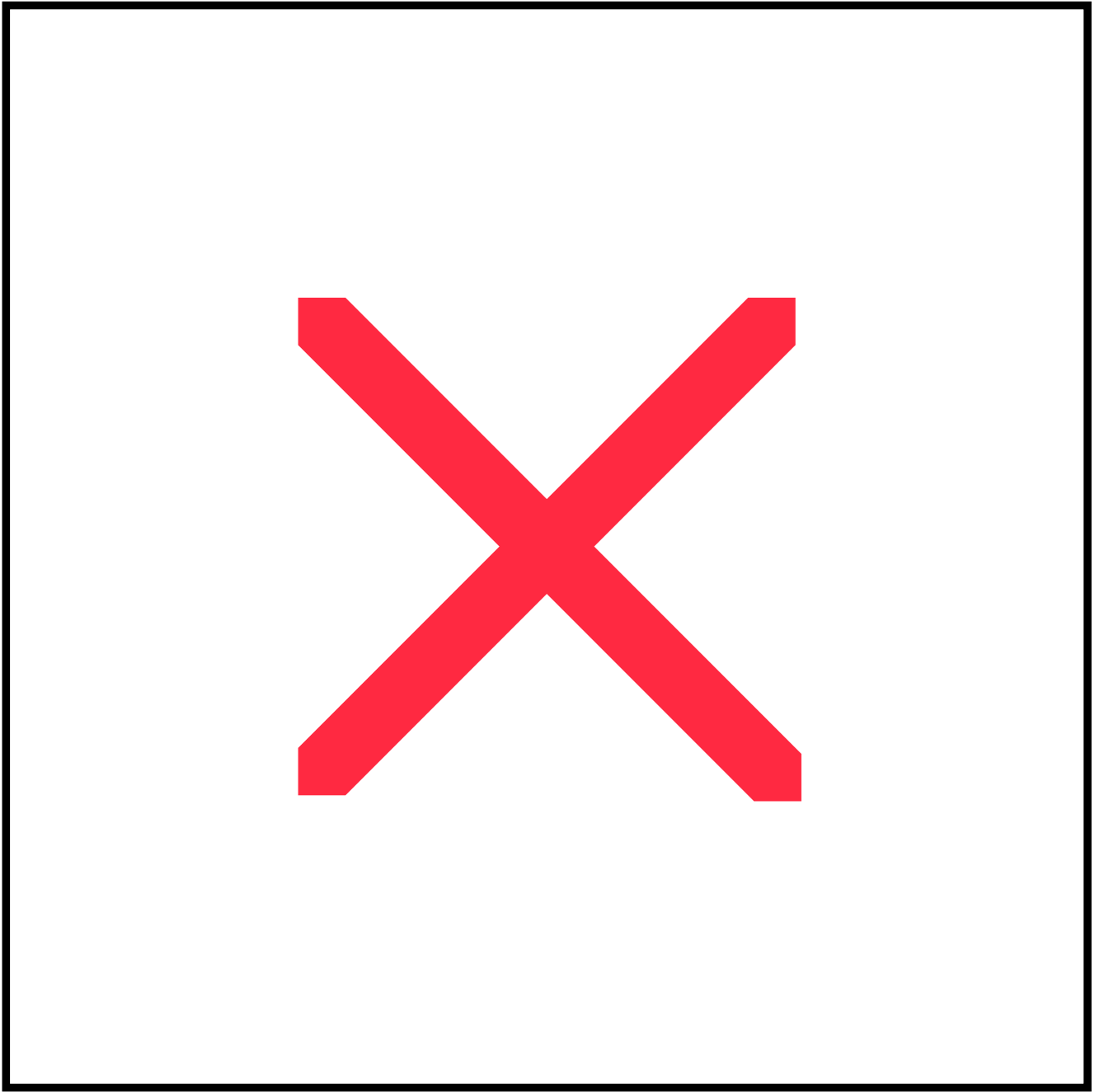
Medal recipients must be at least 12 years old and have completed at least three years of 4-H membership.

Members who have completed a community service project may apply for the community service award. Older teens may apply for the Michigan Key Club award and/or the Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership award. Applications are available by calling the MSU Extension office at (616) 336-3265 or on line at [www.msue.msu.edu/kent](http://www.msue.msu.edu/kent). All County 4-H Medal applications must be received at the MSU Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on September 30. Please review the application before signing. Encourage your members to fill out and return applications. If you have any questions, please call Glenda, 336-3273.

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### Annual Fall Leader's Kick Off Meetings

The annual Kick Off and Enrollment Meetings will be held on October 10, October 20 and October 29. All 4-H club leaders should plan on attending one of these meetings. Locations are being finalized currently, but we plan to have one at the MSUE office, one in the north part of the county and one here at the fairgrounds. Plan now to have your club represented, and to pick up your 4-H club enrollment materials.



Ada	49301	84
Alto	49302	78
Belding	48809	24
Belmont	49306	15
Byron Center	49315	15
Cedar Springs	49319	35
Clarksville	48815	16
Comstock Park	49321	19
Conklin	49403	1
Coopersville	49404	1
Coral	49322	3
Dutton	49316	25
East Grand Ra	49506	18
Freeport	49325	5
Fruitport	49415	2
Georgetown Tp	49428	6
Grand Ledge	48837	5
Grand Rapids	49504	52
Grand Rapids	49505	20
Grand Rapids	49507	24
Grand Rapids	49525	41
Grand Rapids	49546	24
Greenville	48838	2
Howard City	49329	4
Hudsonville	49426	3
Kentwood	49512	18
Lowell	49331	317
Marne	49435	1
Middleville	49333	4
Newaygo	49337	1
Pierson	49339	5
Rockford	49341	60
Sand Lake	49343	9
Saranac	48881	26
Sparta	49345	4
Unreadable	00000	56
Walker	49534	23
Walker	49544	14
Wyoming	49418	4
Wyoming	49503	4
Wyoming	49508	45
Wyoming	49509	6
Wyoming	49519	11

Reading for Rides

Total number of cards distributed 16,000  
 Total cards redeemed 1,130  
 Percentage of return 7.06%

Program cost:  
 Printing 630.00  
 Carnival 1,000.00  
 Drawing 150.00

cost per child is \$1.57 1,780.00

Sponsorship  
 Amway 1,000  
 Kidz Roomz 600

1,600 (\$180)

Approx cars parked 376 (1130/3)

x 6

2,256 2076 approx income

