

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Sr. and Jr. Directors Present:

Ben Barkow, Dave Bielema, Dennis Brown, Bruce Doll, Jason Hofman, Kevin Haase, Rory Kidder, Nicki Patterson, Jim Crosby, Tom Pfaller, Patricia Wallington, Lindsay Bielema, Steve Vickers, Cara Haines, Dave VanderBoon

Sr. and Jr. Directors Excused:

E.L. Phelps, Kay Grinage, Dawn Haase, Gary Jonker, Jessica Marks, Morgan Olin

Areas Represented:

Beef, Cavy/Rabbit, Dairy, Horse, Poultry, Dairy

Areas Not Represented:

Dog, Sheep, Goat, Swine

Others Present:

Pat Mager, Brenda Blough, Elaine Haines, Jim Steketee, Ron Wenger, Kim Hart, Mary Crosby, Jeff Haase, Diane Brown, Bill Bowers, Beth Bowers, Paul Meyer, Dave Simmonds, Nancy Kidder

Call to order

The March 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 15 directors present and 6 members excused.

2006-3-1 Moved by Dennis Brown and seconded by Ben Barkow to accept the February minutes as presented. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

There was no treasurer's report.

Ron Wenger did report that the regular bills had come in and that the City of Lowell is looking at raising their water and sewer rates. Standard rates are expected to go up 20%. However, rates for a 2" meter (which we have) are expected to go up about 69%.

Extension Report:

Training Sessions coming up at Ket Center:

March 18-19 – 4-H Family Weekend

April 7-8 – Poultry Volunteer

April 21-23 – Dairy Conference

April 22-23 – Companion Animal Workshop

May 13 – AT MSU – Animal Judges Session – speaker from Kansas State

Spring Training Series – flyer available

Scholarships available:

High School Seniors for MSU in the animal field.

Knisely Scholarship is available. Preferred to Dairy but is available to others as well. See Rob Vonk for more information.

Planning another workshop for Beef and Swine next year.

The following committees had no report:

Sponsorship, Commercial, Exhibit Building, Trophies/Ribbons, Still Exhibit Judging, Parking/Shuttle, Safety, Entertainment, Guest Services Office, Financial Committee, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Sheep, Swine

Committee Reports:

Fair Manager/Buildings and Grounds/Midway – Windows were broken in the St. Pats booth. Glass has been ordered. Nothing was taken.

Fire Station-still negotiating. Will have a retaining wall if they do the expansion.

Talked with Bob Wallington on sound system.

Debbie with AJ Carl is still planning on coming. We will have another individual popcorn wagon and another shuttle coming too.

Camping- Dennis Brown presented the new camping form which states that parking is \$60 and will no longer include a parking pass.

2006-3-2 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Trisha Wallington to accept the camping including a spelling change. Motion carried.

Publicity – Pet Expo is March 25-26. Our space is 50 X 100. Set up on March 24, 8a.m. – 10 p.m. Need volunteers to help. Sat. 9:30-1:00 and 1:00-4:30, Sunday 11-2, 2-5, and 3:30-7. Pony rides coming. Will charge \$4/ride, \$3 for picture on pony. Rides to cover cost and after that proceeds to go to the Fair. Pet Expo info on www.B93.com.

Livestock – will be meeting soon. If you have any issues please bring them to a committee member so they can be discussed.

Beef – The clinic at the Extension office had a good turnout. About 35 participants for Beef and 75 participants for Swine. Thanked the extension staff for putting the clinic together. It was very informative even for those that have been involved in years past. Beef Development meeting to be week of March 13. They will be working on having a Spring Preview which will be in May or June.

Public Comments:

Elaine Haines – The feeder calves were voted down; if we vote in the Cow/Calf class do we vote in the feeder calf class? Open Livestock meetings so that public can voice their opinions. Cow/Calf could go in Children's barnyard if class is voted down.

Dave Pachulski – Suggested have people listed on the agenda so that meetings go more smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS

Swine – The sale of 1 hog for a fundraiser to the swine area.

2006-3-3 Moved by Ben Barkow and seconded by Lindsay Bielema to allow the Swine area to sell one hog. Motion Carried. This is a one time request.

Resales will go to the swine area but commission will be taken on each sale.

Leaders Meeting – Was brought up if anyone knew why the Trailer Reservation form was put together or if it had any benefit to us.

2006-3-3 Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Nicki Patterson to eliminate the Trailer Reservation Form. Motion Carried

Lowell Expo – Ron and Jason to help with set up on Friday evening, March 24. Expo on Saturday, March 25, 9:00 – 3:30.

GODismovin Concert – Bringing in a National Headliner that is getting radio play. Still negotiating though.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cow/Calf Class – **2006-3-4** Moved by Lindsay Bielema and seconded by Ben Barkow to add a cow/calf class to the Beef Show on Wednesday. Following much discussion, Motion Carried.

This will be a one year trial basis with no premiums to be paid. Lindsay Bielema agreed to help Jim Steketee with the class and logistics.

Discussion points:

No room in Beef Barn. Counts are at or slightly above last years.

Could use Dairy Barn but animals would have to be out before the Dairy Cows come in for Friday. (Thursday at the latest). Would come in the same time as the rest of the Beef Cattle.

Can they fit all of the classes in on one day and still do it justice.

5-15 kids are interested in the class.

Logistics with bringing in and out.

Safety issues, the animals will act differently.

Lamb and Swine Clinic – There will be a clinic held and sponsored by Caledonia Farmers Elevator in March.

E.L. and Wannatah have sold their cows. They only have feeder calves. They did overcome the power outage.

Correspondence – Read a thank you card from the Jim Cook family for the poinsettia planter that was sent in memory of Jim. Agreed to invite Berdie back to help clerk our Livestock Sale.

2006-3-5 With no further business before the board it was Moved by Thomas Pfaller and seconded by Lindsay Bielema to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the King Building at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Patterson, Secretary