

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION  
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”  
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MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Stephanie Zabavski. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Directors present: Stephanie Zabavski, Debbie Glover, Steve Serdel, Ken Tomsa Sr., Gary Consford, Colleen Burke, Brian Rumsey, Corey Conklin, Iris Swift, Paul Garrod, and Melva DeVries and Sharon Harrell.

Visitors: Janice Zerbe

President, Stephanie Zabavski, asked for approval of the Agenda. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to accept the agenda. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting. Corey Conklin moved to accept the minutes. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: None.

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer’s report as of 4-6-2020.

Checking and Savings	\$159,309.27
Prepaid FIT	\$ 3,221.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$838,999.45

President, Stephanie Zabavski placed the treasurer’s report on file for audit.

Old Business:

Janice Zerbe presented a proposal to revise the educational requirements for the 2020 Fair due to changes by the 4-H organization restricting her ability to provide in-person educational classes. YQCA would be available on-line only at a cost of \$12.00 for all exhibitors. 6 and 7 year old exhibitors would not be able to take the online class. The proposed revision was presented and discussed. Colleen Burke moved to accept the proposal. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. The motion passed. Janice Zerbe will prepare a revised flyer. Copies will be sent to Gary Consford for posting on the VBYF website and Face Book page.

Janice Zerbe informed the Fair Board she cannot do the Science Blast or any other 4-H functions at the Fair under the new 4-H guidelines issued due to COVID-19. All exhibitors will have to register as “Open Class”. Still exhibits will have to be displayed by category not by 4-H Club. Any 4-H sponsored events cannot be held as a 4-h event.

Janice will still do packets for Superintendents, judges, etc. There will not be any insurance for exhibitors through 4-H as they will all be considered open class. Janice will not be able to receive the May 1<sup>st</sup> forms. Forms can be emailed to the fair email –

vanburenyouthfair@gmail.com, mailed to the Fair address or dropped off in a drop box at the Fairgrounds.

Janice reported all judges have been hired except two (2) Poultry judges. She is working on Sweepstakes Judges and Still Project Judges.

Building Repairs – Steve Serdel announced the plans for Building 12 were in stall mode due to the COVID-19 mandates in Michigan. Steve has contacted Morton Building concerning the Hog Barns repairs but has not yet received a reply.

Grounds Rental Agreements – Iris Swift

- a. American Dairy Goat Association – August 7-9, 2020 – Iris Swift presented 2020 contract and moved to approve. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Amish Consignment Auction – August 20-24, 2020 – Iris Swift presented the 2020 contract. Colleen Burke moved to accept. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Midwest Energy and Communications – Member Appreciation Day – September 13, 2020 – Iris Swift moved to approve the same contract as 2019 as the event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Fair Signs – Tabled

POA Show – Melva DeVries has not received any more information from Harry Chestnut regarding his request for a May 2, 2020 show.

Advertising – These items were put on hold until the May meeting.

Fair Book Printing – Iris Swift moved to not print the Fair Book for the 2020 Fair but to post it online due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 mandates. Advertisers will be offered refunds or credit for the 2021 Fair Book. Colleen Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Iris moved to post the Fairbook no later than Monday, April 13, 2020 even if we do not have the Trophies and Banners completed. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Events Scheduled at the Fairgrounds – The following events have been cancelled or postponed:

1. Boat Storage Takeout – April 4, 2020 - Cancelled with a new date to be announced.
2. Rate of Gain – April 25 and 26, 2020 – Cancelled – Event to be discussed.
3. Vaccines – May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> – to be determined.
4. Ag Awareness – 4-H event – May 12-14, 2020 – cancelled.
5. Shamrock Shakers Lamb Show – Need to reach out to Karen Kubiszak to discuss.

Ken Tomsa, Sr moved to adjourn the meeting, Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next meeting is May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris Swift, Secretary