

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”
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MEETING MINUTES – May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Stephanie Zabavski. The meeting was held at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, Michigan.

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

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

President, Stephanie Zabavski read the minutes prepared by Iris Swift from the April 8, 2019 meeting. Ken Tomsa Sr. moved to accept minutes. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: None

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer’s report as of 5-6-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$181,730.86
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$846,672.02

The report was placed on file for audit.

Old Business:

Septic System – Steve Serdel reported we have a proposal from Jensen’s for \$15,390.00 for pumping the holding tanks during the Fair for 2019. Jensen’s has a meter which is a requirement from the Dept. of Health. Gary Consford moved to accept the proposal. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

MEC Appreciation Day – The contract for the Fairgrounds rental has been sent to MEC for signature.

Cornerstone Cross Country Meet – Colleen Burke has not had a return phone call. The \$500.00 rental fee may be too steep.

Advertising – Paul Garrod reported he had emailed the brochure to Stephanie Zabavski, Iris Swift and Colleen Burke for proofreading. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to approve the advertising for WMU, Cosy and Channel 3 TV. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed

Monster Truck Contract – Steve Serdel stated we need to sign the contract. The time has been changed from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Corey Conklin moved to sign and return the contract. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Ag Awareness – Janice Zerbe requested the use of the LLC area in case of rain. The LLC is okay with this. The dates are May 15 and 16 with setup on the 14th.

Janice Zerbe informed the Board that the judges for dogs and cats need to go down a judge: 2 judges for dogs and 1 judge for cats. Gary Consford moved to approve this recommendation. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Janice Zerbe spoke of the need to increase the payment for the Dairy judge. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to allow the payment to increase from \$100.00 up to \$150.00. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Superintendent and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to have the dinner on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

LLC Veterinarian Campsite – Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to provide a free campsite for the large livestock vet for fair week. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Pocket Pets and Rabbits t-shirts – Gary Consford moved to allow the sale of the t-shirts for \$10.00 youth sizes and \$12.00 adult sizes. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Open Comments:

Margie Godines stated the article about Norm Popp in the Fair Book was great.

Beth Brindley says the Fair Book is awesome and the graphics are nice.

Terri-Tripp Novotny announced the Horse Clinic is June 29 and 30, 2019. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved that camping is \$20.00 per night and there is no charge for horse stalls. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

Matt Butler stated he feels it is unfair for the veterinarian to have a free camp spot as her kids are showing. A lot of other people are putting in time and effort.

Steve Hostetler feels like it is a slap in the face. He has been out giving vaccines and working on other things. Superintendents only get \$20 to \$30 off. He has vaccinated 176 pigs over the last two weekends.

Colleen Overacker says she has spent Saturdays at the library doing secretarial work, taking minutes, and working on Fair Book changes.

Travis Gumpert requested a Fair Book for Norm Popp's granddaughter. He suggested we might have a two weekend fair – discussion for the future.

Paul Garrod stated the Paw Paw High School Robotics Team would be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Steve Serdel mentioned the tent for LLC.

Brian Rumsey says he is glad to be a part of a group of people who like to donate their time.

Colleen Burke announced that sponsorships are going.

Gary Consford requested a list of the music for the Community Tent during Fair.

Corey Conklin asked, "Why can't we put the meeting minutes online?" No reason. Colleen Burke moved to put the minutes online. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Melva DeVries announced that as soon as the trophy/banner money comes in we will be done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Zabavski and Sharon Harrell and typed by Iris Swift.

The next meeting is June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fair Grounds.