

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”
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MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Stephanie Zabavski. The meeting was held at the Van Buren Youth Fair, Hartford, Michigan.

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

Visitors: Margie Godines, Julie Rumsey, Gerri Fleetwood, Colleen Overacker, Dan Hostetler, Janice Zerbe, Taylor Streit, Steve Hostetler and Tina Streeter. Special guests: AJ Brucks and Emily Hickmott of the Van Buren Conservation District

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

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the August 5, 2019 meeting. Corey Conklin moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: Iris Swift read thank you notes from Cayley Hostetler, Natalie Reidenbach, Addison Gumpert and South Haven Jaydees.

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer’s report as of 9-9-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$173,719.84
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$840,124.78

Brian presented an explanation on the detail of income and expenses.

The report was placed on file for audit.

Old Business:

Amish Consignment Auction – Steve Serdel reported the auction went well and there were no damages to the property.

Hartford Old Engine Show – Steve Serdel reported the show was okay and there were no damages.

Teske Memorial Cross Country Meet – Steve Serdel said the weather was beautiful. The meet was good. There were no damages.

2020 Superintendents – Iris Swift presented an updated contract for superintendents for the 2019-2020 contract period. Colleen Burke moved to approve the contract as presented. Gary Consford seconded. The motion passed.

Iris Swift asked the directors if there should be a contract signing meeting. A discussion ensued on whether we should have a meeting or should email and/or mail the contracts to the superintendents for signing. Colleen Burke moved to not have a contract signing meeting and to email the contracts to the superintendents. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Iris Swift made a motion to approve Kevin Novotny as Horse Barn Superintendent and Beth Brindley as Horse Show Superintendent for the 2020 Fair as recommended by the Horse Committee. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion passed with 10 - Yes votes and 1- No vote.

Colleen Burke made a motion to approve the SMAC recommendation of Megan Miller as the Poultry Superintendent. Gary Consford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Van Buren County 2020 Recycle Collection – Special guests AJ Brucks and Emily Hickmott presented information on their request to use the Van Buren Youth Fair Grounds for the recycle collection scheduled for June 2020. Three dates were suggested – June 20, 27 or 13. All dates were on Saturday. After a discussion and questions and answers Colleen Burke moved to allow the Van Buren Conservation District to use the fairgrounds for this project on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. June 18th and 19th would be trailer drop off days and Monday, June 22, 2020 would be trailer pickup days. Gary Consford seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 yes votes and 2 no votes.

VBYFA Annual Meeting and By-Law Amendments – Iris Swift presented proposed amendments for the Van Buren Youth Fair Association’s By-Laws in the following areas:

1. Article II – Section 3 and Section 4
2. Article III – Section 9 and the addition of Section 11 and Section 12.
3. Article VIII – Sections 1, 2 and 3.
4. Addition of Article X
5. Change the Date of Amendment.
6. Code of Conduct – Changes in paragraph 1.

Each proposed amendment was reviewed and discussed. Colleen Burke moved to accept the proposed amendments as changed during discussion for presentation at the Association’s Annual Meeting on October 24, 2019 for review and membership vote. Gary Consford seconded the motion. The motion passed. Secretary, Iris Swift, will mail the proposed amendments to each association member at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting date as required in the By-Laws.

2020 Bike Giveaway – Iris Swift moved to have the Bicycle Giveaway for the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair with the same number of bikes and helmets as in 2019. Gary Consford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fall Zone 1 Meeting – Iris Swift informed the Directors the Zone 1 meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. Tour of the grounds begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and meeting begin at 6:30 p.m. RSVP is due no later than October 7th.

Directors and Officers Policy – Iris Swift read an email from Koop & Burr Insurance regarding the renewal of the Directors and Officers Policy. Brian Rumsey moved to proceed with the Directors and Officers policy as in past years. Iris Swift seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fair Book Changes – LLC – Colleen Overacker presented a change approved by the LLC to allow exhibitors to participate in carcass class without having a live exhibit during fair week. Colleen Burke moved to not approve this change. Gary Consford seconded the motion. Motion passed. This change will not be allowed.

The following recommendations were presented for Large Livestock Superintendents:

Barn: Matt Butler - Superintendent

Tim Schipper and Chad Terry – Assistant Superintendents

Swine: Pat Burnell - Superintendent

Steve Hostetler, Travis Gumpert, Nick Mead and Bev Rajzer – Assistant Superintendents

Beef Cattle: Jessy Terry – Superintendent

Jared Dykstra – Assistant Superintendent

Feeder Calf: Marcia Stickels (Siebert) – Superintendent

Still needed – Assistant Superintendent

Sheep: Katie and Craig Klett – Co-Superintendents

Heather Burleson – Assistant Superintendent

Dairy: Angel Wold – Superintendent

Colleen Overacker – Assistant Superintendent

Carcass: Carisa Hostetler – Superintendent

Danelle Rickli – Assistant Superintendent

Rate of Gain: Karen Kubiszak – Superintendent

Marcia Stickels (Siebert) – Assistant Superintendent

Sweepstakes: Bev Rajzer – Superintendent

Taylor Curtis – Assistant Superintendent

Auction Support – Gerri Fleetwood – Superintendent

Ag Olympics – Lori Alexander – Superintendent

Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to approve the recommendations. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Debbie Glover announced that Boat and RV Storage dates are as follows:

October 12th and 19th are take in dates.

April 4, 2020 is take-out day.

Prices are the same as 2018.

Open Comments:

Janice Zerbe suggested to have guests moved to the beginning of the meetings.

Steve Hostetler stated the directors were doing a wonderful job. Thank you.

Dan Hostetler – Said, “Good Job”.

Steve Serdel thanked the Streeter’s for everything they do.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. reported that camp space is open if no deposit is received by January 1st except for Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.

Colleen Burke says thanks for everything. Chicken Noodle Dinner is Saturday, October 5th.

Gary Consford made a motion to adjourn. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Van Buren Conference Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Iris Swift
Secretary