

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION  
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”  
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MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Stephanie Zabavski. The meeting was held at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, Michigan.

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

Visitors: Julie Rumsey, Colleen Overacker, Janice Zerbe, Pat Burnell, Meredith Overacker, and Heather Oxley.

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

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: Iris Swift reported we have received the “return receipts” from the certified letters sent to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius.

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer’s report as of 10-7-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$188,221.30
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$854,626.24

Brian presented an explanation on the detail of income and expenses. The income from Boat Storage is \$22,660.00. President Stephanie Zabavski placed the report on file for audit. Brian reported the budget for 2020 is ready for review.

Old Business:

VBYFA Annual Meeting – President Zabavski presented the election results for Directors at the Annual Meeting held on October 25, 2019: Stephanie Zabavski, Paul Garrod, Debbie Glover and Iris Swift were each elected for a three (3) year term. Colleen Burke was elected for a one (1) year term to fulfill the remaining term for Norm Popp. Officers were elected and are the same as 2019: Stephanie Zabavski – President, Sharon Harrell – Vice President, Brian Rumsey – Treasurer, Gary Consford – Assistant Treasurer, Iris Swift – Secretary.

Fair Book Changes –

Draft Horses – Iris Swift presented proposed changes for Dept. 17 Adult Draft Horses and Dept. 18 Youth Draft Horses submitted by Tina Streeter, Superintendent. Both departments will show on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 instead of having the Adult show on Wednesday and the Youth show on Thursday. This would require only one judge instead of two. The Open Draft Horse

Hitch would still be on Saturday. Iris Swift moved to approve the proposed changes as in the email received from Tina Streeter. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Differently Abled Show – Iris Swift read an email from Denise Noble requesting a change of day and time for the Differently Abled Show. Denise would like to move the show from Friday at 1:00 p.m. to Thursday at 10:00 a.m. She would also like to hold the show in the 4-H Still exhibit Building in the area on the Bicycle Give Away which is completed on Wednesday. Colleen Burke moved to approve both changes. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Domestic Animal Committee – Denise Noble sent an email requesting two corrections: one for cats on page 30 to put check-in at 3:30 p.m. and one for dogs on page 70, item 17 to say “slip or buckle” collars not just “slip” collars. Iris Swift moved to approve these changes. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

SMAC Guidelines – Iris Swift presented a request from Mary Darling for approval for changes in the Small Market Animal Committee Guidelines for 2020. The guidelines would be revised due to a meeting location change and a date change for the April. Colleen Burke moved to approve the revised guidelines. Iris Swift seconded. Motion passed.

2020 Superintendents –

LLC Assistant Feeder Calf - The LLC is requesting the following for the Feeder Calf Department: Marcia Sieber – Superintendent, Taylor Streit – Assistant, Pat Burnell – Assistant. Ken Tomsa Sr. moved to approve the recommendations. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Swine Superintendents: The LLC is requesting the following for Swine Superintendents: Steve Hostetler – Co-Superintendent, Travis Gumpert – Co-Superintendent, Nick Mead, Bev Rajzer and Pat Burnell – Assistant Superintendents. Colleen Burke moved to approve these recommendations. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Boat Storage Take-In – Debbie Glover reported the income at \$22,660.00

New Business:

4-H Club Booths – Janice Zerbe presented a request to change the days and times for 4-H Club Booth setups for 2020. She would like to have multiple days and times to allow clubs more flexibility. The dates suggested are July 10 through 18:

July 10 – 4 to 9 p.m.	July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
July 11 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	July 18 – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
July 12 – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	

Sharon Harrell moved to approve the request. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

4-H Carnival and Awards – Janice Zerbe requested the date of Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this event. Sharon Harrell moved to approve the date. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Horse Judges – Janice Zerbe presented a request from the Horse Committee to allow the Committee to generate patterns for classes requiring a pattern rather than having the judge

submit a pattern. Corey Conklin moved to approve this change. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Debbie Glover presented a request from the Horse Committee to add Versatility Belt Buckles to the list for trophy sponsors. Iris Swift moved to add the buckles to the list for sponsorship requests with the stipulation that if sponsorships were not secured the Horse Committee would pay for the buckles out of their funds. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Swine ID NUES Tag Order from MDARD – Iris Swift read a notice from MDARD regarding ordering the tags for 2020. Janice Zerbe volunteered to order the tags as in the past. Iris Swift moved to have Janice order the tags. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed. Iris will pick up the tags at the MAFE Convention.

Boy Scouts – Corey Conklin asked to have the Boy Scouts come back and camp at the Fair as they have in past fairs. A discussion was held about what days and times and where would they camp. Corey is to get more information.

Outside Vendors – Electric Charge – Steve Serdel presented information on current electric charges to outside vendors as well as information on what electric costs the Fair. Steve moved to increase the charge by 33% for the 2020 Fair which would increase the cost to vendors from \$1.50 per ampere to \$2.00 per ampere. Gary Consford moved to approve this increase as presented. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed. Melva DeVries will update the Outside Vendor’s contract to reflect the new charge.

Iris Swift presented an email from Jim Charon of the Van Buren County Posse to use the fairgrounds for a night-time training exercise on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. There would be no buildings involved. Brian Rumsey moved to approve the event. Sharon Harrell seconded. Motion passed with one “no” vote.

Comment [IS1]:

Open Comments:

Gary Consford announced he would be meeting with Todd Sorenson of T & T at the MAFE Convention to receive a quote for the 2020 Fair.

Brian Rumsey asked the Directors to take a budget form home for review.

Sharon Harrell said she would like to find some way to pay gate workers. Please look at budget. Several suggestions were made. Brian Rumsey has concerns about doing this. We will discuss at convention.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Iris Swift seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting is on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iris Swift, Secretary