

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”
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MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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., Paul Garrod, Gary Consford, Colleen Burke, Brian Rumsey, Sharon Harrell, Corey Conklin and Iris Swift. Melva DeVries was excused.

Visitors: Janice Zerbe, Colleen Overacker, Harold Canaga, Sarah Mottinger, Bill Yankovich, Candace Yankovich, Mary Darling, Kevin Novotny and Terri Tripp-Novotny.

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

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Ken Tomsa Sr. moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Sharon Harrell seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: None

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer’s report as of 6-3-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$170,867.03
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$837,271.97

The report was placed on file for audit.

Old Business:

MEC Donation: Steve Serdel reported that MEC is donating \$5,000.00 to the Van Buren Youth Fair. \$2,000 is for rental of the Van Buren Youth Fair grounds in September for the MEC Customer Appreciation Day. This gives the Fair \$3,000.00. The donation will be presented to the Fair by Lori Ruff of Midwest Energy and Communications at the appreciation dinner on June 27th.

Bike Giveaway: Iris Swift reported we have all the bicycles and helmets except for the 4 tricycles.

Cornerstone Cross Country Meet – Colleen Burke stated she has not received a return call.

Advertising – Radio – Paul Garrod. Sarah McHugh a former 4-H exhibitor at the Van Buren Youth Fair now works at Midwest Broadcasting. Sarah is offering a program called 99 days of summer through Live 99.9 for a cost of \$750.00. The program would include 21 radio commercials plus 25 extra radio commercials normally at a cost of an additional \$625.00. We will discuss later.

Superintendent and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Iris Swift announced the dinner is scheduled for June 27, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fair. There was a discussion about the caterer. It was suggested we contact other caterers especially the one we have a \$100.00 gift certificate donated to us. Iris Swift was not in favor of this for 2019. The dinner is only 14 days away. Country Kitchen Catering has already been contacted and a date has been reserved for the dinner. Iris Swift moved to have Country Kitchen Catering provide the dinner for 2019. Sharon Harrell seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Senior Citizens Day – Iris Swift reported everything has been scheduled. The Senior Citizens Service of Van Buren County will provide Bingo and Jeff and Jim will play.

Fair Membership – Iris Swift reminded everyone that Fair Membership applications and the \$15.00 fee is due by June 15, 2019. Colleen Burke moved to have the deadline extended to June 17th as the 15th is on Saturday and the date will correspond with the extended date of June 17th for the June 15th Fair forms. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to close the receipt of all forms on June 17th at 9:00 p.m. Sharon Harrell seconded. Motion passed.

Equipment Repairs – Steve Serdel reported the commercial refrigerator in the Habitat kitchen is not working. Gary Consford moved to allow \$200 to \$500 for repairs. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Suicide Prevention Program – Iris Swift reported the Van Buren County Mental Health Dept. will have a booth at the Fair.

Ag Olympics Superintendent – Iris Swift presented a request from the Large Livestock Committee to have the Ag Olympics chairman position changed to a Superintendent's position with Lori Alexander serving in that position. Colleen Burke move to establish the position of Superintendent for LL Ag Olympics and approve Lori Alexander as the Superintendent. Corey Conklin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brian Rumsey and Gary Consford met with PNC to discuss new card swiping equipment. The current card machine accepts chip cards but works best on a wire connected line to the internet. The new equipment would cost \$650.00 if we purchase the equipment. The equipment has better capability and will work with the hotspot device. 30-day increments for use would cost \$15.00. The Fair Board will meet to discuss further.

Open Comments:

Terri Tripp-Novotny requested permission to have a shaving cream event in the horse complex on fun day.

Bill and Candace Yankovich asked the Board if we want to have the Barrell Train this year for Wednesday, Kid's Day, and Thursday. Hours would be 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. They have insurance through the club this year. Iris Swift moved to have the Yankovich's run the Barrell Train for two days: Wednesday, Kids Day from 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to give the Old Engine Show a discount on their fairground's rental over Labor Day. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

Margie Godines would like to meet with Iris and Stephanie after the meeting.

Terri Tripp-Novotny confirmed these dates:

1. Horse Clinic – June 29th
2. Qualifying Show for the State 4-H Horse Show – June 30th

Janice Zerbe announced there were 800 1st and 2nd graders in attendance at the Ag Awareness Program.

Mary Darling thanked the Fair Board for allowing Pocket Pets and Rabbits to sell t-shirts and sweatshirts. Last day to order is June 17th.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. says there are 15 campsites left.

Colleen Burke is excited about Honor Credit selling Circus tickets, etc.

Gary Consford reported the Van Buren Youth Fair website has been redesigned and it looks great.

Sharon Harrell announced the flowers are planted by the 4-H Building and she has contacted greenhouse for donations of hanging baskets.

Corey Conklin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting is July 1, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fair in Hartford, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Swift
Secretary