

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION  
“THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE”  
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MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Margie Godines, Julie Rumsey, Colleen Overacker, Dan Hostetler, Janice Zerbe, Taylor Streit, Sabrina Streit, Pat Burnell, Matt Butler, Terri Tripp and Kevin Novotny.

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

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting. Melva DeVries moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills:

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

Checking and Savings	\$171,850.22
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$838,255.16

Brian presented an explanation on the detail of income and expenses. Brian also reviewed some new features for the PNC checking account.

The report was placed on file for audit.

Old Business:

VBYFA Annual Meeting – Iris Swift reminded everyone the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence. There will be an election for four directors for three-year terms and one director for a one-year term. The proposed by-law amendments were mailed as required to each association member before the 30-day deadline and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Fair Book Changes – Iris Swift presented requested changes from Heather Oxley, Goat Superintendent. Iris Swift moved to approve the changes as presented. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

2020 Superintendents – Iris Swift reported she had received a recommendation for a Feeder Calf Assistant Superintendent – Taylor Streit. This recommendation will be presented to the LLC for consideration.

Fall Zone One Meeting is October 14, 2019 in Coldwater. Stephanie Zabavski and Iris Swift plan to attend.

Boat Storage Take-in – Debbie Glover reminded everyone the dates are October 12 and 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Prices are the same as 2018.

New Business:

Election Committee – Stephanie Zabavski asked the directors to volunteer for the Election Committee for the Annual Meeting. Sharon Harrell, Gary Consford, Corey Conklin and Ken Tomsa, Sr. will be on the committee. Janice Zerbe will assist with the ballot counting.

MDARD 120 Day Report – Iris Swift asked the other directors for assistance in compiling the information needed to complete the required report.

Ag Awareness Days – Janice Zerbe requested the use of the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds for Ag Awareness Days beginning on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 and ending on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Cleanup would be on Friday, May 15, 2020. Iris Swift moved to approve this function. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Iris Swift presented a request from Karen Kubiszak to use the Fairgrounds for the Shamrock Shakers Jackpot Lamb Show on Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Iris Swift moved to approve this function. Gary Consford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pat Burnell, Chairman of the Large Livestock Committee requested permission for the LLC to sponsor a Beef Jackpot Show on Saturday, May 16, 2020. They would need to use the Large Livestock Barn and the Large Livestock Show Arena. There would not be any feeders only full sized market beef. Corey Conklin moved to approve the function. Sharon Harrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corey Conklin reported he has contacted KOI Drag Racing. They are available for Thursday, July 23, 2020 or Monday, July 20, 2020. The Directors will meet to discuss further.

Open Comments:

Margie Godines read an article in the MEC County Lines announcing the \$5,000.00 donation to the Van Buren Youth Fair.

Terri Tripp Novotny asked if we were going to allow 2 horses per exhibitor for 2020.

Heather Maxam Oxley will pickup 6 dozen doughnuts and 4 gallons of apple cider for the Annual Meeting.

Colleen Burke says she loves Chicken Noodle Dinners

Iris Swift requested a short meeting with the directors after the meeting adjourned.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Swift, Secretary

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