

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION  
"THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE"  
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MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 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, Sharon Harrell, Corey Conklin, Iris Swift and Paul Garrod.

Visitors: Margie Godines, Pat Burnell, Julie Rumsey, Matt Butler, Colleen Overacker, Craig Klett, Katie Klett, Gerri Fleetwood, Travis Gumpert, Kevin Novotny, Terri Tripp-Novotny, Bill Yankovich, Candis Yankovich, Dan Hostetler, Carisa Hostetler, Deanna Fritz and Mary Darling.

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 July 1, 2019 meeting. Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: Iris Swift read thank you notes from Live 99.9, Julie Beeching of the Van Buren/Cass Health Dept., Jacob Fritz, Kyle Fritz, Ron DeVries, Brandon DeVries, Jackson Hunter, and Trenton Bigelow.

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer's report as of 8-5-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$194,247.55
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$860,757.49

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 is on Saturday, August 17, 2019. The contract has been signed. Items will start arriving on Wednesday.

Jensen's Pumping Report – Steve Serdel presented a report on the pumping of the two 6,000 gallon septic tanks during fair week. The peak day was Wednesday, July 17 with 5,944 gallons being pumped. The total cost of this pumping service plus Pride Septic is \$16,401.45.

Hartford Old Engine Show – Steve Serdel announced the show will be held on Labor Day weekend. We still need to sign the contract.

#### New Business:

Teske Memorial Cross Country Meet – Steve Serdel presented a request from the Hartford Public Schools to hold the Teske Memorial Cross Country Meet at the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 5, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending around 8:00 p.m. Approximately six (6) schools will participate. Ken Tomsa, Sr moved to approve this function. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

2020 Superintendents – Iris Swift announced it is time to do contracts for Superintendents for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. We need recommendations from the different committees for their area of interest.

Health Alert – Van Buren/Cass Health Dept. – Stephanie Zabavski presented a letter received from the Health Dept. This letter has been sent to all exhibitors at the 2019 Fair involved in the livestock areas.

#### 2019 Fair Revue:

Colleen Burke is living the dream.

Gary Consford had a blast.

Brian Rumsey said, “Thanks to everyone helping”.

Paul Garrod said it would not be fair week without hot weather and rain.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. – Thanks to our superintendents. There would be no fair without them.

Stephanie Zabavski is beyond grateful to superintendents, directors and parents. She likes the fair.

Sharon Harrell – Thanks to all the volunteers.

Iris Swift thanked the superintendents, directors and the office staff.

Corey Conklin thanked the superintendents. He says being a director is challenging.

Debbie Glover – Everything went well.

Melva DeVries – Thanks to superintendents and Fair Board. She has the best job – collecting money.

Steve Serdel – Thanks to everyone.

#### Other:

Margie Godines says there are lots of complaints about Pride pumping the campers not on the same day as requested. Stephanie Zabavski says she will have a conversation with Pride.

#### Open Comments:

Candis Yankovich – Reported the number of riders on the barrel train were down. She and Bill helped on Tuesday and Saturday with the tractor pulls. Wednesday and Thursday were for the barrel rides. The heat this year took a toll. They need some help.

Bill Yankovich – Everyone works together. He is excited to come back.

Pat Burnell – Thank you for the support to the LLC.

Matt Butler – It was a successful week. Thank you to everyone.

Kevin Novotny – Thank you to Benny. Everything was good.

Margie Godines – Wishes we had more spectators for the horse pulls. Pulling teams had 13 teams on Monday, 14 on Thursday. The Mini Horse pull was cancelled due to extreme heat.

Travis Gumpert – Everything was good.

Katie Klett – Good Week

Colleen Overacker – Thank you to Stephanie Zabavski.

Dan & Carisa Hostetler – Very good week.

Mary Darling – Thank you for letting them sell t-shirts.

Deanna Fritz reported the ADGA Show had 317 goats and 18 campers. She received lots of compliments on the set-up and cleanliness of the fairgrounds. She sprayed the barns after the show. Stephanie Zabavski heard lot of positive feedback. Sharon Harrell said it was very family oriented. There were 30 kids in showmanship.

Katie Klett would like to have a Beef Show around May 16<sup>th</sup> or after the Lamb Show. Stephanie will check with 4-H wording, etc. LLC may be able to do it.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Van Buren Youth Fair at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Swift,  
Secretary  
Van Buren Youth Fair Association.