

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION  
"THE FAIR WITH A FUTURE"  
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MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 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., Melva DeVries, Gary Consford, Colleen Burke, Brian Rumsey, Sharon Harrell, Corey Conklin and Iris Swift. Paul Garrod was excused.

Visitors: Ben Cargill, Harold Canaga, Margie Godines, Julie Beeching, Melinda Burnell, Pat Burnell, Julie Rumsey, Matt Butler, Tina Streeter and Beth Brindley.

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

Secretary, Iris Swift, read the minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting. Gary Consford moved to accept minutes with the corrections. Ken Tomsa, Sr. seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence and Bills: Iris Swift read a thank you from the Van Buren Tech Center for Ag Awareness. A letter was received from SMAC - Auction information.

Treasurer: Brian Rumsey, Treasurer presented Treasurer's report as of 7-1-2019.

Checking and Savings	\$179,213.59
Prepaid FIT	\$ 1,463.78
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$845,618.53

The report was placed on file for audit.

Brian Rumsey reported he had transferred \$15,000.00 from Sturgis Bank and Trust to PNC account. He presented a breakdown of money needed during Fair and a proposed transfer of funds from savings to checking. Iris Swift moved to approve the proposed transfer based on the breakdown. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

MEC Donation – Steve Serdel reported Midwest Energy and Communication presented the Van Buren Youth Fair with a \$10,000.00 donation at the Superintendent's dinner. The Fair Board extends a huge "Thank you" to MEC!!!!!! These funds will be used for electrical upgrades.

Fair Sign – Gary Consford reported he has completed the lights on the bottom half of the Fair sign on Red Arrow Highway. He is working on the lights for the top half.

Advertising – Channel 3 – Iris Swift announced the television ad has been approved and will begin on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Iris Swift reported the dinner was well attended. The food was great. Everyone seemed to have a great evening.

Fair membership – Iris Swift reported the Van Buren Youth Fair Association membership for 2019-2020 is 70 total – 45 paid members and 25 life members.

Volunteers for cash registers – Sharon Harrell announced she needs volunteers for the front gate for daytime and the grandstand for evenings.

Iris Swift presented a request from Deanna Fritz for the American Dairy Goat Association to have the option to camp on Saturday night after the show on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone approved.

Gary Consford reported on the success of this year’s Facebook boosts and the number reached for each boost:- 4405

Demo Derby – 1774	Cincinnati Circus – 2466	Monster Trucks – 3116
Bike Give Away – 3166	Kids Day – 2996	Skerbeck’s – 4405
Armed Forces Day – 2460	Magic Cloud Balloons - 3323	

#### New Business:

Amish Consignment Auction – The contract is not signed to date. Dates are August 17 for the auction and August 14-16 for set up. Clean-up is Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fair Office Staff – Iris Swift asked for volunteers to work in the Fair office during Fair week. There are three shifts – Wednesday from 1-6 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to closing.

Melanie of Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan emailed a request to distribute literature on Senior Citizens’ Day. Iris Swift moved to approve the request. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed,

#### Open Comments:

Matt Butler asked about having generators in the Large Livestock area the same as last year. Answer was “yes”.

Pat Burnell stated that Katie Klett has someone to paint the Large Livestock Building before Fair. Are we interested? Brian Rumsey replied that Penning and Sons may donate time to paint using the product we have on hand.

Julie Beeching of the Van Buren Health Department presented a request for the ?VB Health Dept. to offer free inoculations against Hepatitis A during the Fair. There is currently an outbreak of the virus. It is very important for everyone to wash their hands/ They have 1,000 doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine. They would like to come during lunch hour (11:00 a.m. to 1:00

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p.m.) on July 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. They would need two tables and 4 chairs and one more table for behind the screens. They will provide the portable screens. The vaccinations are totally free.

Sharon Harrell moved to allow the Van Buren/Cass Health Dept. to come on lunch hours to educate and administer Hepatitis A vaccinations. Colleen Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Margie Godines volunteered to assist with the Bike Give Away Signs. Iris Swift was happy to accept her assistance.

Tina Streeter asked if her son, Kevin Romeo, could prepare a documentary on Fair during Fair week. Gary Consford moved to allow the documentary. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Brian Rumsey asked if the Fair Association would reimburse the Royalty Contest expenses up to \$150.00. Colleen Burke moved to approve the expenditure. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Serdel said the mowing is doing better as conditions have improved.

Beth Brindley presented a map for a route for the Horse's Costume Class to parade through the fairgrounds on Friday. The route would stay west of the 4-H Building and the Large Livestock Building and Arena. Iris Swift moved to allow the Costume Class to follow this route as long as all messes made were cleaned up. Colleen Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Matt Butler asked if the gates from the NE corner of the Swine Barn to the Loading dock area were necessary. Colleen Burke made a motion not to have these gates. Gary Consford seconded. Motion passed.

Ken Tomsa, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Corey Conklin seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019 at the Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Swift  
Secretary