

Wayne County Fair Association  
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2023

President Rod Schalte called the December 7, 2023 meeting of the Wayne County Fair Association Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Cody Stryk to accept the agenda with corrections. Motion carried.

**Roll Call – Directors Present:** Jim Budd, Kim Foster, Melissa LaForest, Paula Mullins, Dana Rudnicki, Deb Schalte, Rod Schalte, Sherill Schalte, Cody Stryk, Kendra Stryk, and Linda Willman

**Directors Absent:** Paul Robakiewicz (N), Sue Robakiewicz (N), Frank Rochowiak, and Brandy Wise (N).

**A Quorum was present.**

**Members and guests present by documentation:** Ashleigh Apel, Miriam Corvino, Dana Franklin, and Kyle Wellner.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Cody Stryk to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Kim Foster to approve the minutes with any corrections. Motion carried.

**People to be heard:** None

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by Linda Willman with support by Jim Budd to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Invitation from the Romulus Chamber of Commerce for a Christmas Dinner gathering. Received 3 free tickets for an Elvis Fest from the Eagles in Romulus.

**President's Report:**

**Fair Planning:** Recommendation from the Fair Planning committee to bring back the Micro Wrestlers if they are available with price not to exceed 15,000. Motion by DS with support by Kim Foster to hire the Micro Wrestlers with a price not to exceed \$15,000.

**4-H Report:** Next week, a free science and craft night on Thursday Dec, 14 from 5-7pm at Flat Rock Library. Rabbit show at MSU January 27, 2024 with preregistration for showmanship.

**Up Coming Events:**

Dec. 2	Birthday Party	9am-5pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 4	CDRC Republican Group	5:30pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 5	4-H Livestock Developmental	7pm	Abbott Building
Dec. 7	Fundraising Meeting	5:30pm	Dining Hall
	Fair Planning Meeting	6:pm	Dining Hall
	Grounds and Improvement	6:30pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 8	Fair Association Meeting	7:00pm	Dining Hall
	Outstanding Livestock Meeting	6pm	Abbott Building
	Four Seasons Meeting	6pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 9	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party/Alcohol	1pm-9pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 16	Chevelle Club of Michigan/Alcohol	3pm-11pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 18	Kevin Johnson	2pm-10pm	Dining Hall
Dec. 23-25	Closed		

**Standing Committees:****Entertainment:** Nothing new

**Advertising, Public Relations, Fund Raising:** Discussed the Wild Game dinner but decided not to hold it this year. We will be doing the Irish Dinner on March 16 at 6pm. Tickets will be sold at the door. Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Linda Willman to hold the Irish Dinner. Motion carried.

**Budget and Finance:** Waiting for audit to come back.

**By-Law Committee:** Nothing

**Equine Committee:** Would like to hold the Tack Sale on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 11-3pm with set up the night before. Requesting a heater for the patio.

**Grounds and Improvements, Equipment:** Recommendation to purchase 11 pens for the sheep barn. Pens would be 5x8, with a budget of \$10,800.00. Pens would have vertical bars. Pens would have back panels. Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Jim Budd to purchase sheep pens. Motion carried.

**Health, Safety and Security Committee:** Nothing

**Livestock Committee:** In Beef, we will add a Heifer class. For Swine, we will be going back to the old rules about pigs (no change occurred in Fair Book). Rabbits, Pocket Pets were removed. Motion by Dana Rudnicki with support by Kim Foster to approve the Fair Book changes as presented for Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, and Rabbits. Motion carried.

Motion by Linda Willman with support by Cody Stryk to purchase the Grand and Reserve fabric banners to replace the missing banners. Motion carried.

Discussion about replacing trophies with vinyl banners for the exhibitors.

Livestock Committee meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month. Most will be Zoom beginning at 7pm except for the April meeting.

On May 18, 2024 the 4-H Livestock Developmental committee will be holding a clinic on the fairgrounds with set up the night before.

**Main Gate and Parking:** Nothing

**Organization and Membership Committee:** Motion by Linda Willman with support by Deb Schalte to accept the membership application of Elizabeth Jerome. Motion carried.

**Other Committees:**

**Youth Building:** None

**Community Arts:** None

**Carnival Contract:** Taken care of

**Contract – Employees:** Joe Stachowski is no longer working for us.

**Fair Book:** Meeting on January 20 at 10am.

Pullorum testing certification. We need to have several people certified.

**Fair Entry:** There will be a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> following the fair book meeting.

**Grants:** None

**Ribbons:** Have all been counted. Once new fair book comes out we need a list of all of the trophies and ribbons needed by each Superintendent.

**Old Business:** None

**A. WCFA History Committee:** Meetings on Wednesdays.

**New Business:** None

**Volunteer Recognition:** Thank you to everyone who turned out for the parade and all of the work done by Scherill Schalte. Thank you to Ann Richendollar for videotaping the parade and fair entry float.

**NEXT MEETING: January 4, 2024 @7:00pm. Pre-Meetings starting at 6pm.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Deb Schalte with support by Jim Budd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_