

Wayne County Fair Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2023

President Rod Schalte called the November 2, 2023 meeting of the Wayne County Fair Association Board of Directors to order at 7:42 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion by Melissa LaForest with support by Jim Budd to accept the agenda with corrections. Motion carried.

Roll Call – Directors Present: Jim Budd, Kim Foster, Melissa LaForest, Paula Mullins Paul Robakiewicz, Sue Robakiewicz, Frank Rochowiak, Dana Rudnicki, Deb Schalte, Rod Schalte, Sherill Schalte, Cody Stryk, Kendra Stryk, Linda Willman, and Brandy Wise

Directors Absent: None

A Quorum was present.

Members and guests present by documentation: Ashleigh Apel, Donna Budd, Jenna Budd, Joe Stachowski, Ed Zellner, and Mary Zellner

Election of Officers:

President: Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Kim Foster to elect Rod Schalte President. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

Vice President: Motion by Kim Foster with support by Dana Rudnicki to elect Jim Budd Vice President. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

Secretary: Motion by Deb Schalte with support by Jim Budd to elect Linda Willman Secretary. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Motion by Linda Willman with support by Kim Foster to elect Deb Schalte Treasurer. No other nominations were put forward. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Brandy Wise with support by Paula Mullins to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandy Wise with support by Kim Foster to approve the minutes with any corrections. Motion carried.

People to be heard: Mary Zellner addressed the issue that were brought up at the September meeting. She asked for the names of the youth that she berated during the goat show so that she could apologize. Names were provided to her. The issue of her speaking poorly about one livestock judge to another was addressed. She also informed the board that the bylaws on the website could not be printed and that the website said that the Annual meeting started at 6pm. Deb Schalte said that she would check on those issues.

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

Correspondence: None

President's Report:

Fair Planning: Nothing new on Fair Planning.

4-H Report: Finishing up signing up clubs and youth for this year. Expanding on the Ag. Education and expanding the program. Hopefully bringing those youth into 4-H.

Up Coming Events:

Nov. 2	Annual Meeting	6:30pm	Dining Hall
	Reg. Fair Board Meeting	7pm	Dining Hall
Nov. 4	Storage Intake	9am – 2pm	Whole Grounds
Nov. 7	4-H Livestock Developmental	7pm	Abbott Building
Nov. 9	SW Democratic Club	6pm	Dining Hall
Nov. 10	Outstanding Livestock Club	6pm	Abbott Building
Nov. 15	Farm Bureau	6pm	Dining Hall
Nov. 18	Orr Family Dinner	3pm-11pm	Dining Hall
Nov. 21	WCFA Equine	6pm	Abbott
	WCHP	7pm	Abbott
Nov. 23	Closed for Thanksgiving		

Standing Committees:

Entertainment: None

Advertising, Public Relations, Fund Raising: There have been inquires about the Wild Game dinner. Date would be January 20, 2024. There will be a pre-meeting to discuss at 5:30 on December 7th.

Budget and Finance: None

By-Law Committee: None

Equine Committee: Picked up ribbons there were needed but maybe missing one. Deb will check with ribbon company for possible mistakes on order.

Grounds and Improvements, Equipment: Frank asked why we had a new fuel tank in the back. Rod said it was not new it was the one from up front that was moved to the back.

Health, Safety and Security Committee: None

Livestock Committee: There will be a meeting on Nov. 29th in the Abbott Building at 7pm. There will be a Zoom option. Discussion on livestock issue and auction will take place.

Haulers are on board for next year's livestock auction. They would appreciate if we had the same clerk for all large livestock shows for consistency in reporting.

Motion by Dana Rudnicki with support by Kim Foster to have the same person clerk all of the large animal shows. Discussion about topic. There are two people willing to work together to clerk the shows. Motion carried.

Paula brought up that we need to redesign the podium due to the height. Discussion about a table or something that could be used instead of the tall podium.

Pig barn superintendents would like to go back to youth selecting their best individual of their 3 hogs and then the other 2 being their pen of 2 if they are all in the same weight class. This was discussed at the 4-H Livestock meeting and will be discussed at the next Fair Board Livestock meeting on Nov. 29th.

Discussion about speakers for the Pavilion and Equine area took place. We have the speakers from Pinnacle but need a plan on how to place. Melissa brought up that we need to be some way for the front speakers to be heard at the back arena. Also needs to be a way to override the speakers from the back arena in case of emergencies which have happened in the past.

Main Gate and Parking: None

Organization and Membership Committee: Motion by Kim Foster with support by Brandy Wise to accept the following applicants for membership in the Wayne County Fair Association:

Amy Harris
Lin Harris
Lori Orsette
Jaclynn Behrendt
Miriam Corvino
Steven Cloutier
Morgan Galindez
Brianna Goff
Zackary Franklin
Katie Tsouris
Kelly Coan
Nicole Cumbo

Motion carried.

Other Committees:

Youth Building: None

Community Arts: None

Carnival Contract: Taken care of

Contract – Employees: All set

Fair Book: Changes must be in by December 1st

Fair Entry: There will be a meeting in January.

Grants: None

Ribbons: Will need to be resorted and counted.

Old Business:

- A. WCFA History Committee:** Mary said that they have about 10k words to start. Meetings are on Wednesdays now.
- B.** Sherill said that the theme for the Float is “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. Decorating will take place on November 11 and 12 from noon to 4pm at the fairgrounds. Additional dates if needed will be November 18 and 19. Parade is December 2nd.

New Business: None

Volunteer Recognition: Thank you to all of the volunteers who parked cars at the Finders Keepers. We had several members of the Republican club volunteer to park cars during the event.

NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2023 @7:00pm. Pre-Meetings for Fundraising, Grounds and Improvements, and Fair Planning will be at 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30 respectfully.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Linda Willman with support by Deb Schalte. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Accepted: _____

President: _____

Secretary: _____