



Marquette County Youth Organization Association

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Marquette County Youth Organization Association, Inc. May 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Marquette County Fairgrounds, Westfield

Members Present: David Timme, April Proeber, John Kampen, Brenna Bays, Victoria Wachholz, Joanne Dalton, Hannah Wolsdorf, John Bennett, Victoria Wachholz, Hannah Wolsdorf, Matt Groskreutz, Char Laney

Members Excused: Susanne Kufahl, Richell Kufahl, Mark Groskreutz, Christa Van Treeck, 4-H Youth Dev. Educator

Extension staff: Jackie Stoneman, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Brock Ashley, Char Bennett, Ben and Megan Hockerman, John Abbott , Amber Vossekuil

President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Bennett, second by Kampen; motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of April 22, 2021 meeting made by Bennett with the following correction: KAMPEN (not BENNETT) stated he needed to complete paperwork for insurance purposes for entertainment contract; second by Groskreutz; motion carried. (Megan Hockerman asked for clarification of “Non-Marquette County junior exhibitors”; answer provided by Timme and Kampen.)

This is a public meeting. As such, all members or a majority of the members of the County Board may be in attendance. While a majority of the County Board members or the majority of any given County Board Committee may be present, only the above Marquette County Fair Board will take official actions based on the above agenda.”

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Krueger reported for S. Kufahl that \$47,683.28 is ending bank balance, with \$9,080 income for the month: (\$75 – camping; \$1,405 – vendors; \$4,600 – sponsorship; \$3,000 – Compeer grant); Expenses were \$1,008.92 (\$750.00 – Fair Entry use for 2021; \$163.00 – utilities). Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Bennett, second by Laney; motion carried. (Note: money does not account for the \$140+ for 500 rack cards being delivered June 7.)

Citizen input: None.

Committee reports:

Executive and Finance: None.

Action Items:

Kayden & Keegan Hockerman – release projects early: Megan Hockerman indicated that Kayden and Keegan will be attending a show in Nebraska early Monday July 5; she asked for permission to remove the heifers prior to the usual check out time; they will also trailer the heifers in and out with no need for stalls. Motion by Groskreutz to allow the Hockermans to leave after the show as long as all is approved by the superintendent; second by Kampen; motion carried.

Brock Ashley – FFA convention conflict: Brock has applied for a Three Star Leadership Award at the State level and the time conflicts with the beef weigh-in and check-in at the fair (Thursday morning, July 8). Motion by Groskreutz to allow Brock to attend the convention as long as his animals are checked in, etc.; second by Laney; motion carried.

Amber Vossekui – Judge's meals from 4-H Food stand: Amber reported that the 4-H leaders had a meeting and would like to do the meals for the Judges and volunteers; the fair board will pay for the same. Bennett made a motion that a voucher be provided for up to 60 individuals for meals (sandwich, chips, water and a dessert); second by Groskreutz; motion carried.

Fairest of the Fair: Haley Myers from the Portage FFA and has shown at the Marquette County fair for several years, was the only applicant and went through the entire process; she was unable to attend the meeting.

Intern applicant: No one from Marquette County was interested; after discussion it was determined that the job description needs to be updated and corrected and was decided that the pay would be up to \$3,600 (\$10/hour); Laney indicated that she will interview the applicant (getting the information from Stoneman). Motion by Kampen, second by Groskreutz to approve the foregoing; motion carried.

Volunteers: Motion by Proeber, second by Laney that up to \$150 be used for a mass mailing looking for volunteers; motion carried.

Motion by Proeber, second by Bennett to spend up to \$200 for small yard signs promoting the fair; motion carried.

Proeber set a meeting for volunteer training on Saturday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Krueger will have six individuals lined up to collect money for the bull riding event on Friday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sponsors: Stoneman will send out an updated sponsor list and also ordered trophies without any sponsor names on; a list will be provided to recipients as to who sponsored the trophy.

Beer sales and insurance: John Abbott was present on behalf of the Unified Group; discussion on beer sale profits and insurance. The Unified Group would like to be covered under the Fair insurance.

Rain insurance: Kampen indicated that the following would be available for rain insurance:

\$5K for Thursday; \$15K for Friday and \$7K for Saturday, for a total of \$27K; cost is \$2,701 for up to ¼" of rain. Motion by Kampen, second by Proeber to choose the ¼" of rain for the cost of \$2,701; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive and Finance: Treasurer's report already given.

Entertainment: Proeber signed a contract with Best Practice for Friday evening from 5-8 p.m.; Thursday evening from 6-10 p.m. there will be karaoke with DJ Express and the first prize being a trip to Las Vegas. Saturday from 3-5 p.m. the Alley Cats will be performing which is a young group of students from the Briggsville/WI Dells area. Finally, the Endeavor Lions will be holding Bingo on Sunday.

Timme will be talking to the "Escape Room" to see what time slots will be available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Cost of the bull riding tickets will be children five and under will be free; ages six to 12 will be \$12 and age 13 and up \$15 each.

Buildings and Grounds: Timme reported on the work being done and going to be done on the fairgrounds; the highway department will be removing the rest of the grandstands.

Promotions and Technology: Proeber and Tori Timme will be working on this and Proeber will be working and learning from Keri Solis how to do Facebook posts so more are reached.

Meat Animal Auction: Wolsdorf reported that the committee was looking for more educational sessions at fair; 27 youth received a coupon for their YQCA certification paid for by the committee; there are 37 hogs registered. A scholarship is available. There will be a new auctioneer, Keith Kasten, and there will be two auction rings going to make the process go faster. Check-in times will be the same as posted in the fair book.

Informational/Discussion only: Proeber also indicated that rack cards are ordered.

Dog judging is June 26 at 1:00 p.m.; a clerk is needed to assist the judge; perhaps the intern can assist.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds (with cleanup prior to the meeting).

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. made by Kampen second by Laney; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Krueger, Secretary