

**Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2007**

Meeting Call to Order

President Leo Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Pledge was said.

Roll Call

Matt Bauer (E)	Abby Bouchard	Dan Bouchard(E)	Leo Bouchard
Gordon Dubay	Patti DuBay	Bonnie Gleason	Melisa Lisk (A)
Frank Lynch	Duane Scheuerlein(E)	Jay VanOchten(E)	Jennifer VanOchten (E)
Kari VanOchten	Steven Yankee (A)		

Others Present

Ryann Kruse	Bill Sutton	Judy Swank
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Secretary's Report – Kari read the minutes from September 11, 2007. Changes need to be made on the report. Tabled until next meeting.

Correspondence- Thank you letter from Jeff Mayes, for inviting him to the Officials dinner. Thank you letter from Bay Area Catholic schools, thanking Leo for allowing the school to set up a booth in the merchant building. Letter from Joe Cramer letting us know that he would be available to judge dairy cattle for the upcoming fair. Dawn Klida sent an apology letter for not being available to attend the Elected Officials dinner. MFEA sent a letter stating that Patti Dubay was chosen to receive a scholarship for the Convention taking place in November. This scholarship includes two nights of lodging and registration. MAFE sent a nomination letter for a volunteer of the year award. MAFE sent letter about future convention dates; January 10-12, 2008, January 8-10, 2009.. MAFE sent a donation request letter for the convention on January 10th-12th. Leo sent a letter to the Valley Farmer Printing Company stating the decision of the Board, which was not to pay for the premium books, and also letting Dave know that we would like to still work with this company next year. Letter from Teri Oltman stating her opinion about the Final Figure 8. MAFE sent an entry form for the Communications Award, which is a contest for advertising our website, the deadline is November 15th, Abby will follow up with it.

Treasurer's Report – Abby read the Treasurer's report from 9/01/07 to 9/30/07. The Citizen's Scholarship fund balance is \$239.25. The Citizen's premium account beginning balance was \$16.54 ending balance is \$16.54. The ChemFlex beginning balance was \$53,366.52 ending balance is \$53,706.25. Chemical General account beginning balance was \$36,099.05 and ending balance is \$26,128.85 . Tabled until next meeting.

Public Input – EJ Brown handed out a treasurers report for MAFE. He brought us up to speed with what is happening with the State of Michigan Budget. Premiums from the state seem to be on the safe side. Matching Funds for 2008 do not look secure. EJ presented a Directors' & Officers' Liability insurance policy. This policy would protect Board Members and Volunteers from being sued. The projected cost is about \$650.00 to \$700.00 per year. EJ mention that MAFE is working out the details of an Animal Wellness seminar. He will keep us up to date with the event.

Committees

Advertising – Abby reported that we lost a few signs at the last derby other than that she is under budget this year.

Camping- no report

Clean up- no report

Company Picnic Day –no report

Concession Wagons- The wagons need to be winterized.

Contributions – Check from SC Johnson for sponsorship of the Petting Zoo.

Derby- no report

Grounds Committee-The tile is finished in the infield.

Horse Show – no report.

Merchant Building- no report.

Midway- A check was sent to Doug Schmidt from The SC Johnson Company to cover the cost of the picnic.

Mud Drag- no report.

Outdoor Exhibitors- no report

Parking- no report

Premium book- no report.

Security- No report.

Senior Citizens Day– no report

Showcase Tent– no report

Volunteers- no report.

Old Business

Convention- Registration is \$125 for the first person \$100 For a spouse and \$109 a night for the room. Jay motioned to allow two board members to attend, Duane seconded, motion carried.

RJ Recording- Leo talked with Bob and he stated that the proposal was still in effect. He is just waiting to hear back on the Board decision.

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce- Kari made a motion to renew to membership \$165.00, Bonnie seconded, motion carried.

Entertainment- The Butterfly House is willing to come and is making up a contract and will mail it to us when they have it ready.

Elected Officials Dinner- We are still getting good feedback.

Spit Pit- Kodiak contacted Abby about possibly handing out samples of their product at the Derbies, the board decided that it was not a good idea. Abby will let them know.

4-H Suggestions- Jodi brought a list of the suggestions that were collected during fair. She just wanted everyone to look over them.

Hand Wash Units- Leo purchased hand sanitizers for the Bay Med employees, Leo will get the cost and turn it in.

Pig- The pig donated by Schmidt Amusements is going to roasted Friday night before the Final Derby Abby made a motion to pay Patti \$150.00 for care of the pig, charcoal and slaughter fee. Kari seconded, motion carried.

New Business

Website- Abby needs payment for the website fee. Tabled.

Leo Reimbursement- Tabled

Appreciation Dinner/ Driver Appreciation- Abby brought up the ideas of two separate dinners for volunteers and also for our derby drivers. Tabled.

Matching Funds- Leo is looking into portable bleachers for next years matching funds.

Policy Manual- Abby has been working on this manual, she would like to get a rough draft to everyone before the November meeting so that we can give changes to Abby at the November meeting. Then at the December meeting we can vote on the changes, and on the complete manual.

Patti Reimbursement- Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectful submitted,

Kari VanOchten
Secretary

Next Meetings will be held December 11, 2007