

Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2007

Meeting Call to Order

President Leo Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Pledge was said.

Roll Call

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

Others Present

Secretary's Report – Kari read the minutes from December 12, 2006, Abby made motion to accept minutes as read, Melisa seconded.

Correspondence-Kari sent a letter to the Commissioners requesting the grounds for fair week and also the twilight shows. Mid Michigan Recycling sent a letter about recycling horse manure, Leo is going to look into it. Leo contacted Butterfly Fun House, they are booked for our dates this year but we will contact them next year. The Bay County Board of Commissioners sent a letter of approval for our dates and they have extended the three year contract. They have also informed us that they reserved the 2008 fair dates. We need to work with Rick Pablis for the Twilight Shows.

Treasurer's Report – Melisa read the Treasurers report from 12/1/06 through 2/10/07. The Citizen's Scholarship fund balance is \$239.25. The Citizen's premium account beginning balance was \$28.04 ending balance is \$16.54. The ChemFlex beginning balance was \$75,488.03 ending balance is \$75,982.59. Chemical General account beginning balance was \$3,538.75 and ending balance is \$ 1,564.79. Kari made a motion to accept the report as read, Dan seconded, motion carried. Abby made a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from the ChemFlex account to the General account on February 20th. Dan made a motion to allow Melisa to stay on the account to sign checks so that nothing looks fishy, Patti seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input –Spaghetti dinner for Livestock, Thursday, February 16th, 2007. The Livestock Association also applied for the MDA grant. Last week the Superintendents met to start making changes the premium book. 4-H advisory council is going to reimburse us for the 19 and over children. 4-H advisory council has voted to allow premiums to be paid for Dilbert McGillen until he is 26.

Committees

Midway- Granpa Cratchet contract is signed and returned. Leo talked to South East Michigan Reptile Rescue and he would like to come to fair, he does four shows a day and for only three days. The cost is \$900.00 for the three days. Kari made a motion to get South East Michigan Reptile Rescue, Melisa seconded, motion carried. Abby talked with The Great Little Bear Show. They would like to come to fair also for \$4,700.00. Duane made a motion to get The Great Little Bear show for \$4,700.00, Melisa seconded, motion carried.

Merchant Building – The vendor contract is on the website. If it is a non profit organization coming to fair they can still come for free but they have to volunteer 15 hours.

Horse Show – Melisa is working on judges. Melisa asked permission to use the announcing system for the Bits-n-Pieces Horse Show. Duane made a motion for \$100.00 toward stamps and copying.

Signs – no report.

Outdoor Exhibitors- no report.

Security- Dan is calling around for prices.

Grounds Committee – Dan and Leo are working with Lee Wood for prices with dirt. Leo was quoted \$600.00 for a water pump for the out field. Dan is going to look into some costs.

Derby- Figure 8 dates May 19th, June 16th, August 8th, August 11th, and September 22nd. Meylan is going to donate time and equipment to help us prepare for the Bump & Grind.

Tuesday & Friday – SCJ is not coming back this year. They have relocated to the Dow Diamond. Bay Med is 95% sure they are coming back this year.

Contributions – Abby has prepared sponsorship letters. She is planning to send out letters and start applying online to companies.

Senior Citizens Day – no report.

Advertising – Abby took a logo to a graphical artist, waiting to hear back from him. Website is updated as far as it can go.
Youth Activities Area – Letters are being sent out to local schools, dance companies, boy scouts, etc inviting them to perform.
Clean up – no report.
Premium book- no report.
Concession Wagons- Abby is getting hits for volunteers and chair people. Abby will chair the committee until someone steps up. We are going to need a license for both wagons for fair week.
Parking- we need a chairperson. We are going to continue with the food drive. Duane is going take care of parking for fair week. We still need people for the events not during fair week.
Camping- no report
Mud Drag- Jay has signed the contract.
Volunteers- no report.

Old Business

By-Laws- We reviewed the by-laws and we have made a few changes. See attached.
Convention- Kari made a motion to pick up the cost for two people to go to the convention, Frank seconded, motion carried.
Annual Report- We reviewed the annual report numbers and made sure everything was ok before Annette and Melisa sent it out.
Break-in- Jay got a call from Amanda Farver; she told him that the petting zoo doors were open. Leo came down here and checked it out. He called the BCPD and made a report. He also repaired the door and lock.
501C3- Annette is sending out the forms to Harvey H. for him to complete, the cost last year was about \$185.00

New Business

Blue Ribbon Update-Kari called about the program update. Annette is going to call Cinda to see what the Michigan changes were to the program. Then we will decide if we need to upgrade or not.
Admission Change- Abby made a motion to change the age from 12& under to 10&under, Dan seconded, motion carried.
Pony Pulls- Jay got a contract from the pony pullers they want us to pay up to 12th place. Tabled.
Board Member Addresses- We would like to update information so we have GREAT COMMUNICATION!!!
Reimbursements (Website, Convention, Chamber membership)- Leo has registered with the fair board with the Chamber of Commerce. Kari made a motion to reimburse Leo for the \$165.00 membership fee for the Chamber, Melisa seconded, motion carried. Abby and Leo have been reimbursed for convention and the website fees. Per prior minutes.
Rodeo- Tabled until next year.
Weekly Grandstand Pass- Abby brought up the idea of a \$30 fee for the week. Tabled.
Committees and Superintendents- Tabled.
Drug Testing/On Call Vet- We do not enforce the drug testing the rules, they are going to be taken out of the book and it will state, “The Fair Board reserves the right to Drug Test any animal for any reason.”
Premium Book Cover Contest- press release is sent out and entries can only be taken until March 16th.
AG Day- Duane talked to Bay County Farm Bureau and he needs more information before he can make final plans with them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectful submitted,

Kari VanOchten
Secretary

Next Meeting will be held March 13, 2007.