

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

Meeting Call to Order

President Leo Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Pledge was said.

Roll Call

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

Others Present

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| Heather Basner | Beverly Basner | Chris Wazney | Jodi Schulz |
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Secretary's Report – Kari read the minutes from February 13, 2007, Abby made motion to accept minutes as corrected, Dan seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence–Received a promotional package for Thunder Fall, they would like to work with us in many areas and would like to give us free passes. We will look into it. Summit Rock Wall sent a promotional package. Leo is going to look into prices. Menard's sent a letter stating they received our sponsorship request letter and they are working on what they can do for us. Leo talked with EJ Brown, EJ has heard that the State of Michigan is proposing that there will be a 2% tax on all sales; we will keep our ears open for anything. Letter from Chamber of Commerce asking us to donate items for their silent auction.

Treasurer's Report – Abby read the Treasurers report from 02/01/07 through 2/28/07. 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 \$75,982.59 ending balance is \$74,238.12. Chemical General account beginning balance was \$1,564.79 and ending balance is \$ 1,933.72. Kari made a motion to accept the report as read, Melisa seconded, motion carried.

Public Input –Chris Wazney wanted to let us know that they are making an update to the Livestock barn; they want to put in a new guard rail. Instead of the wood they would like to use pipe. The Livestock association is going to pay for it. Shaggy Spring Horse Show April 28th, 2007. Livestock did not receive the MDA grant they applied for. Jodi is going to collect the logo contest entries and Kari will pick them up from her.

Committees

Midway- we have the signed contract back from the Big Little Bear Show. We are tossing the idea around about moving the kid's activities more to the north end of the fairgrounds. Abby has been talking with Nick's kids show, he does a children's involvement show. Duane talked with LaCrouiner's and he is interested in coming back this year; Leo is going to call and make final plans.

Merchant Building – no report.

Horse Show –no report.

Signs – no report.

Outdoor Exhibitors- no report.

Security- Dan has been in contact with Keye's security, he has a contract stating \$9.00/hour per guard and the supervisor free. Melisa made a motion to sign the contract with Keye's Security, Jennifer seconded, motion carried.

Grounds Committee– Dan has been in contact with Al Robinson from Lee Wood Contracting, Al has offered us 8,000 yards of dirt. Dan is going to call him back and make sure that they deal is still a go. Leo got a price from Ferguson of \$506.00 plus \$60.00 for shipping for the hydrant for the infield. Heather Basner is going to Horse Council and asking them if they want to pay for all of it or go in half with Fairboard.

Derby- Kari has sent out the flyers to all of the derby drivers.

Company Picnic Day –Bay Regional Medical Center is going to be returning. They are looking into a different size tent due to cost cutting measures on our end. They are requesting more hand sanitizers around the grounds, and also another teenager ride.

Contributions – no report

Senior Citizens Day–Bonnie is going to organize they music and ice cream.

Advertising –no report.

Youth Activities Area–MSU Extension is working on different events for each day of fair. They would like to be relocated closer to the youth activities tent. Duane is still working out the details for Ag day. He will let us know.

Clean up– no report

Premium book- Kari has all of the changes finished in the premium book but not in the Blue Ribbon Program. Jodi is going to proof read and return.

Concession Wagons- Abby is donating \$100.00 gift card from GFS that she won at convention. Abby needs volunteers!!!

Parking- still need someone to do parking to Derbys.

Camping-no report

Mud Drag- no report

Volunteers-no report

Old 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- Leo has the contract and is going to sign and send back, Kari has made the necessary changes to the premium book.

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 adults for the week and \$15 fee for children 10&under, no refunds. Dan made a motion to accept the proposal, Jennifer seconded, motion carried. Dan motioned \$100 for a family of 4 weekly pass, Bonnie seconded, motion carried. Melisa made a motion to include the \$5 parking fee in the \$100 weekly family pass, Jennifer seconded, motion carried.

Committees and Superintendents- Gordon Dubay has volunteered to be the Fairboard Livestock Superintendent, Patti Dubay has volunteered to be the Fairboard Canteen Superintendent.

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.

New Business

Budgets- Everyone needs to go through their expenses and come up with a reasonable budgets.

Popcorn Machine- BRMC wants to borrow a popcorn machine. Everyone agrees that it is ok. Bonnie is has asked for use of the office and a popcorn popper for the Shaggy horse show. Everyone agrees that it is ok.

Donation for Chamber of Commerce- Duane made a motion to donate a weekly pass the Chamber of Commerce, Abby seconded, motion carried.

Parade- Our position is #107. Leo and Kari are working out the details. Abby would like to be reimbursed \$41.17 for parade decorations. Melisa motioned to repay Abby, Gordon seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectful submitted,

Kari VanOchten
Secretary

Next Meeting will be held April 10, 2007.