

**Cass County Fair Association
Pre-Fair Meeting
Gregarek Building
July 16, 2024
Minutes**

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

Present: President Dave Bratton, Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Mike Frushour, Jim Teter, Shane Harris, Zelda Cloud, Daryl Keesler, Rodney Waldschmidt, Rob Carpenter, Neil Bowman, Alex Wilson, David Gleason, Ben Waldschmidt, Jerry Zackary, Sara Johnson, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Kaitlyn Hicks, Arin Johnson, Lily Russell, Shane Hetchler, Crystal Hetchler, Bridget Teter, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Karent Wright, Janice Fonseca, Roslyn Fonseca, Heather Burchfield, Nikita Mehaney, Tim Miller, Julie Tyrakonski, Kathy Jamerozen, Brady Toth, Lucy Palamaki.

Absent: Executive Secretary Brenda Smego.

Public Comment:

- Kaitlyn Hicks voiced the financial hardship that her family is experiencing and reasoning behind missing the registration deadline to submit coggins test. The coggins test was completed on the horses, but after the deadline.
 - President Dave Bratton responded that the board has to uphold the rules and denied the 4-Hers to participate at the fair due to missing the deadline.
- Lily Russell shared that the fair was a highlight of her childhood. To hear the excitement in the children expressed that they may still have a chance to show at the fair due to late submission of coggins test.
 - President Dave Bratton responded that it's not a fair board rule, that it is a state rule and an inspector comes to the fair and checks on the tests.
- Crystal Hetchler: Shared that horses have to have the coggins test complete before coming off the farm. Horses were taken to two prep shows. All forms were submitted by June 13, but coggins was not attached to registration. Tests were submitted three days late.
 - President Dave Bratton responded that the board has to follow state rules.
- Director Sara Johnson confirmed that the coggins test was not attached to the registration form.
- Bridget Teter thanked Director Daryl Keesler and to whom helped him complete a task in the poultry barn.

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- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright reported that the assistant superintendent resigned and would like to recommend Haily Jones to step in the position.
 - Sara Johnson moved to approve Hailey Jones as assistant goat superintendent, Rob Carpenter supported. Motion carried.
- Janice asked for permission to haul in her daughter's horse late Sunday at 8:00pm and load up early, due to another horse show.

Rob Carpenter moved to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m., supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Shane moved to adjourn the closed session at 7:47 p.m., supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Youth Exhibitors Not able to show in 2024 list for each species, supported by Sara Johnson. Motion carried.

- President Dave Bratton reported that many projects have been completed.
 - Painting still needs to be done.
 - Add items that can be completed after the fair.

Old Business:

- Vice President Gail Peterson suggested offering \$5,000 (5-\$1,000.00 each) scholarships to be awarded to five eligible current seniors and previous year seniors.

Gail Peterson moved to approve 5 \$1,000.00 scholarships totalling \$5,000.00 to be awarded to current seniors and previous years seniors that apply, supported by Mike Fruhsour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

8:21 p.m.

Zelda Cloud, moved.

Rob Carpenter, supported.