

NCAFA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2012

Members Present: Nancy Boverhof, Robb Breen, Chris Cook, Kathy Cook, Paul Folkema, Prudi Foster, Todd Gilliland, Kelly Graves, Jim Hines, Alice Kempf, Matt Kempf, Mark Kukal, Terese LaPree, Phil Monroy, Jim Sneller, Becky Stroven, David Westenfelder, Marta Yeaky

Members Absent: Alice Carson, Bruce Deur, Lynda Dobrowolski, Jason Dunning, Joette Gillespie, Elise Kempf, Kim Sytsema

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Terese LaPree moved to add items to the agenda: Old Business items #4 Annual Meeting Update, #5 Ag Expo, New Business items #5 Spare Change and #6 Draft Horse barn proposal, supported by Alice Kempf, motion carried.

Kelly Graves added Bruce Deur to board members in attendance at the December board meeting and Alice Kempf added Ag Expo to Old Business. Prudi Foster moved to approve the minutes with the changes supported by Becky Stroven, motion carried.

Matt Kempf handed out a "Rules of Engagement" sheet which outlined processes followed at a board meeting.

Treasurers Report

Chris Cook reviewed the financial reports. She noted the \$200 income to the draft line item is because they were refunded \$200 for a lottery/gaming license that was not used. Chris noted the \$1207 deduction from Market Livestock was to replace two checks. That will be returned to the Market Livestock Fund when the account summary is returned from Choice One. Deductions from Youth Barns are for metal on the horse barn.

David Westenfelder asked Chris to check if the sky track rental was entered twice for Fremont Rent-All as it appears to have been on the financial statements. Kathy moved to approve the financial reports supported by Kathy Cook, motion carried.

Chris and Matt handed out the proposed 2012 budget. We may be voting on this budget next month. Chris noted:

- No sawdust for bedding was allotted for in the budget
- Colt breaking is not in the budget
- \$2,000 was added for excavating and fuel in contracted services

If anyone has any questions, please present them to someone on the finance committee.

Kelly moved to review the proposed budget for potential approval in February, supported by Kathy, motion carried.

Announcements

We received a thank you from Fremont High School Escape committee for our donation.

Advertisement for the youth seats on the board ran in the Flashes
Kelly thanked Chris and Dave Cook for their hard work in cleaning, organizing and putting shelves up in the fair office.

Committee Reports

Sandy Risedorph introduced the new county 4H Coordinator, Renee Carroll. Renee earned her BA at Northern Michigan University in Elementary Education and has been involved in Girl Scouts and with LOVE Inc.

The sheep committee has selected Jennifer Price to be the superintendent. David moved to approve her as superintendent, supported by Terese, motion carried. Jennifer will talk with Becky about ML and Kelly will get any notes she can from Katie Courtade.

Alice Kempf asked for approval to fair book changes handed out at the November meeting. Becky and Prudi said that some items should not be approved as they were not taken through the respective committees first. Alice moved to approve changes except for those mentioned supported by Kathy Cook, motion carried.

Alice said the awards committee is looking at bids from three vendors. She will have pricing soon for review.

Strategic Plan Update

Matt said a grant through Consumers Power is being worked on.

Ideas

Matt presented a Fruit Farming & Agriculture proposal from which an "orchard" would be established on the grounds. David moved to have Buildings & Grounds do a feasibility study to bring back to the board supported by Kathy, motion carried. Also find out if there is a potential to partner with the school.

Old Business

The executive committee reviewed the Mittlanders proposal. We did not offer a partnership but did offer them grounds rental for their event. They will need to respond by January 15th if they would like a rental agreement.

Convention is Thursday-Saturday. Participants meet Matt in the Pantlind lobby at the hotel for tickets.

Alice moved to allow the president and contract administrator to sign necessary contracts at convention supported by Jim Hines, motion carried, two opposed.

Matt said he just received the MSU Extension office contract. The rental is \$6,900 per year for 5 years. We will be setting funds aside for preventative maintenance on the building.

Annual Meeting Update

Three bylaws did not pass as indicated at the meeting. The approved bylaw changes will be submitted to the state.

Ag Expo

Terese would like to propose a 2013 expo and needs one other person to help her coordinate. She would like species superintendents involved. Anyone interested see Terese. Chris also asked that a budget be submitted.

Fair dates

Alice moved that the 2012 fair dates be August 4-11 supported by Kathy, motion carried, one opposed.

Events

Matt presented the list of potential events for the week of fair

- Saturday-Antique Tractor Pull
- Sunday-Draft Horse show/Wagon 8
- Monday – Demo Derby
- Tuesday – Autocross
- Wednesday – Motocross
- Thursday – Horse Pull (have sponsor), Concrete Tractor Pull, ML Auction
- Friday- Truck & Tractor Pull
- Saturday-Mud Run

Some suggested pro events for children's day on Wednesday

- Red Barn Express (\$700/day 3 shows)
- Pig Racing (awaiting pricing)
- Puppet shows (awaiting pricing)
- Live musicians (awaiting pricing)

David moved to approve the proposed evening events (not children's day events) if we can get dates and contracts supported by Robb Breen, motion carried.

Alice Kempf moved to keep the 2011 event pricing supported by Jim Hines, motion failed.

Pending contracts for the shows below, the 2012 prices are:

???	Antique Tractor Pull
\$3 general admission	Wagon 8
\$10 adults, \$5 kids	Demo Derby
\$10 adults, \$5 kids	Auto Cross
\$10 adults, \$5 kids	Moto Cross
\$3 general admission	Farm Olympics (show arena)
\$5 adults, \$3 kids	Horse & Cement Tractor Pulls
\$10 adults, \$5 kids	Truck & Tractor Pulls (Friday)
\$10 adults, \$5 kids	Mud Run

Tom Pell asked if the 4H wristbands provided income for the fair and expressed concern that those youth are taking seats from paying customers. Chris said that they generate about \$1,200 to the general fund. We will have those wearing the wrist bands sit in the west bleachers on busy nights.

Matt presented the 2012 Rental Fee Schedule put together by the executive committee.

Matt asked that we consider a Spare Change Project where a jar is passed at board meetings to be filled with spare change to be used for the fair.

Draft Horse Proposal

Matt handed out drawings of a potential draft horse barn to be built in memory of Ron Nelson. He explained that the items on the wood materials list would be donated as would all of the labor. The committee would be asking for up to \$5,500 from the general fund for concrete, windows, hardware and steel.

Mark Kukal moved to approve the proposal supported by David. Kelly expressed concern that there are no dollar amounts on the proposal except for what is being asked for from the general fund, the total cost of construction is unknown and there have been no donations so far, although the committee is expecting some, nothing is in writing or concrete.

David moved to amend the motion to approve that the draft committee explore erecting a draft barn and come back to the board with a full proposal with funding details, supported by Marta Yeaky, motion carried, one opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Graves". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kelly Graves