

Floyd County Fair Society Annual Meeting  
July 23, 2023

President Kelsey Uetz called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

47 members were present.

Board Members present were: Jen Schmitt, Mike Quade, Dustin Howe, Kurt Thorson, Jeff Harris, Amy Staudt, Kelsey Uetz, Matthew Stille, Drew Mitchell, Renee Knapp, Melissa Merriss, Ron Hillegas, Kiersten Heim, and Ryan Wegner.

Secretary Report: Report was given by Jen Schmitt. Minutes from the 2022 Fair Society meeting were read. A motion was made by Renee and Seconded by Melissa to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Melissa gave a report on the balance of the current general fund. Mike made a motion to approve the treasurer report, seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

Taylor Quade shared about fundraising for the governor's steer this year and is looking forward to representing Floyd County.

Election of Officers: The current board would like to add one additional board member this year as our fair is growing and more help is needed. Our bylaws state that we have the option to add an additional board member, and after further board discussion the board would like to proceed with 16 total board members. We have 6 names currently added to the ballot.

Discussion was held on adding an additional member. John Ruzica made a motion that was seconded by Bruce Koebrick that fairboard members must be available to work on the grounds from Sunday before fair to Sunday close of fair. Stephanie Koebrick made a friendly amendment to add that fairboard members are expected to have a presence on the grounds from Wednesday-Sunday of the fair. A raise of hand vote was held and this motion passed. Fair Society bylaws will be amended to add that each fair board members are expected to have a presence on the grounds daily Wednesday-Sunday of the fair.

Up for re-election – Kelsey Uetz, Jen Schmitt, Mike Quade, Matt Stille, Drew Mitchell Rich Tynan and Ben Kisch have signed up to have names on the ballot. President Kelsey Uetz called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were given and a paper ballot vote occurred.

Fair Wrap up: Special thank you to our Fair board, their families, our FFA and 4-H for putting in extra volunteer hours to get the grounds ready for Fair. We would like to thank Jim Lundberg for his years of service and would like to welcome our new FFA advisor from Charles City, Michelle Dohlman.

Old Business:

1. It was brought up that a sponsor list would be appreciated to give families to patronize and thank you. There are some printed out for your viewing and also on our website.

Updates and improvements:

1. Sidewalks
2. Show arena bleachers
3. Landscaping
4. New show arena/barn sound system
5. Shade structure in horse area for spectators
6. 10 tables/25 Chairs donated to LH by Kevin & Kim Kingery and Lori Aird  
Family memorial for Andy
7. 6 additional memorial benches
8. Additional driveway to ease traffic flow following grandstand events

New Business:

1. Open Discussion- A recommendation was made to have the CERT volunteer stand further back on the east parking area as congestion occurred on the road when people were entering.
2. Early release for animals/livestock- Discussion was held on this and fairboard will work with superintendents to ensure everyone is following the fair book.
3. Likes/dislikes/opinions/feedback/suggestions-
  - a. There is a need for more rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows for exhibitors.
  - b. Need dust control for the livestock driveway next year
  - c. How can we improve lighting, seating, and sound in the grandstand (sound in pits)
  - d. Could a gate be added in the show arena that would go straight to the picture area? Or do we consider a different picture area that includes all species?
  - e. Consider TVs scrolling in SCC with winners and daily events.
  - f. Great comments on the fairgrounds, inflatables, and events.
  - g. Need more security in the evenings as our events grow, we did work with the sheriff's department on this, but it needs to continue.
  - h. A big thank you from fair society on all of the options available for food.
  - i. Laura Paplow brought up the need for improvements in the horse area. She stated that several years ago a new horse barn was part of the discussion at a "dreaming session" that was held. She stated that there were currently 30 horses at the open fun show that were utilizing the grounds and asked that the board work with the horse exhibitors and Double C Saddle Club to discuss this. Melissa Merriss shared that she feels like it would be a great idea for representatives from those entities to attend a fair board meeting for discussion.

Following open discussion results of the election were read: Rich Tynan, Kelsey Uetz, Matt Stille, Jen Schmitt, Mike Quade and Drew Mitchell will serve 3 year terms on the board.

A motion was made by Matt to destroy the ballots, seconded by Drew. Motion passed.

Fair dates for 2024 will be July 17-21

A motion was made by Matt to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Melissa. Meeting adjourned by Kelsey at 1:51 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jen Schmitt