

Floyd County Fair Society Annual Meeting
July 17, 2022

President Kelsey Uetz called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

45 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, and Rod Schmitt.

Election of officers: We have 6 names currently added to the ballot with 5 openings. Kelsey called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Ballot was accepted as read and with names of Ryan Wegner, Kiersten Heim, Ron Hillegas, Kurt Thorson, Rod Schmidt, and Ben Kisch. Kiersten and Ryan introduced themselves to the group. Mike Quade shared that Ben was not there because he was helping chase cattle by Charles City and that he had been a dedicated fair board member for many years. Ballots were distributed and those that will be serving a 3 year term will be Ryan Wegner, Kiersten Heim, Ron Hillegas, Kurt Thorson, Rod Schmidt. Thank you to Ben Kisch who has served the fair for many years.

Secretary report: Secretary report was read by Jen. Motion was made by Renee to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Matt. Motion passed

Treasurer's report: Report was given by Melissa. Mike made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Amy. Motion passed.

Fair Wrap Up: Thank you for your patience with our 2021 Fair as we continue to rebuild from the tornado. We have made great progress in a short amount of time because of generous donors and volunteers. Special thank you to our superintendents, Fair Board families, and our FFA for putting in extra volunteer hours to get the grounds ready for fair. Thank you to all who volunteered their time in our grandstands, little hands and concerts, we could not have done fair without you.

Old Business: Updates and improvements-

1. Swartzrock Community Center is completed.
2. West Parking Lot finished
3. Sidewalks
4. Grain bin gazebo
5. Sod
6. Landscaping
7. New Ground Sound System

New Business:

1. Open discussion and suggestions:
 - a. Fair board members felt garbage went great with having someone dedicated to picking it up, the bathrooms and grounds stayed very clean. Thank you to all that helped.
 - b. The basketball hoop gravity wagon was a great addition for everyone.
 - c. Consider a late shift for parking to help people leave after grandstand events.
 - d. Consider a window in the south SCC door.
 - e. Many, many families thanked the board for the free inflatables and other free activities.

- f. A porta potty on the west end of bucket bottle area was requested.
 - g. Comments on how nice our bathroom facilities are now.
 - h. The Little Hands Building is amazing and always full of kids, consider a couple more volunteers and more seating for parents and extended hours.
 - i. Put a speaker east out in the pits.
 - j. Outlets in food court
 - k. Beer blankets for beverage gardens
 - l. Concrete in pioneer pavilion/meat stand
 - m. Shower heads in Little Hands Building may need to be looked at to see if they are working correctly.
 - n. Consider a different area for beef pictures as the area is hard to move through following classes.
2. Discussion was held on fair board commitment. Troy Jaeger made a motion to make a change in the bylaws to read that fair board members will be expected to attend at least half of the meetings and 1 full work night. Seconded by Brett. Motion passed.
 3. A thank you from Bruce Koebrick on how beautiful the fairgrounds look and the work that went into getting it ready for the fair.
 4. A motion was made by Matthew Stille to destroy the ballots from the election. Seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. Ballots will be destroyed immediately.

Fair dates for 2023 will be July 19-22

Luke Paplow will be showing the 2022 Governor's Steer.

Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Renee. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jen Schmitt