

Greene County Fair Prep Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

7:00 pm at the Fair Board Office in Jefferson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Amanda Allen. Those in attendance were Carly Tiffany, Lori Gordon, Linda Hedges, Susan Fray, Jeff Gilley, Craig Peterson, Jeri Hedges, Alene Betts, Gary Betts, Billie Jo Hoskins, Rod Wolf, Kristy Stoner, Bob Allen, Kyle Niles, Don Niles, Becky Schmidt, Mark Kenan, Cassady McNichols, Doug Hawn, Craig Hertel and Amanda Allen.

Livestock Entry Process reminder: Any animals that were identified by May 15 are eligible to be entered in the Greene County Fair. Fair entry forms are available from club leaders, online or at the extension office and are due to the office by June 15, 2009. Entries turned in between June 16—30 will be charged a late fee of \$25/family. No entries will be accepted after June 30, 2009. **Change in bedding for 2009:** Hogs and sheep will be provided with ONE bag of wood chips per pen instead of two like in previous years. Rabbits and chickens will receive one bag per exhibitor per 6 cages. (Cattle will remain the same as previous years.) This was done to keep costs down for fair entry and to avoid families having to purchase more bedding than they need. Bedding will NOT be sold on the fairgrounds during fair week. Please let club members know of this change so they are prepared for fair week.

Review of Schedule: The printed schedule is due to be available to the public by Bell Tower weekend. No major changes in the schedule this year. Fair setup remains to be on the Sunday before fair (July 5) at 1:00 pm. In addition to club assignments for setup, the fair board would like to have the barricades painted white, and 4-H has offered to help out. If a club would like to decorate a barricade with their club name, etc., before that weekend, please contact Doug. In this case, the Fair Board will supply the white base paint. Any additional colors the club would like to use should be supplied by the club.

Superintendents reports: Each division superintendent had opportunity to share. **Swine:** No vaccinations are required for swine for the H1N1 virus, although the state 4-H office and state fair recommend getting your swine vaccinated before fair. **News releases:** News releases will be handled differently this year. Instead of doing one large fair tabloid three weeks after fair is done, we will be sending out fresh, current news releases as shows end during the fair week. *It will be extremely important to make sure your clerks take VERY GOOD, LEGIBLE notes and fill out the page for winner announcements* because that is the information we will send to the media.

Club leaders: Leader packets and fair books were distributed to leaders. Leaders were also able to sign their clubs up for fair setup and tear-down duties, as well as Clover Café and Clover Hall shifts.

Any special requests for the June newsletter or fair newsletter should be sent to Amanda by Friday. The June newsletter will be posted online as usual. The fair newsletter will be sent out in hard copy to all families as well as posted on the website.

Other business: The fair board will be selling alcohol (at grandstand events only) at the county fair this year. The beer tent will be at the north end of the grandstand and will not be run during any 4-H events. Strict enforcement will be put in place to ensure that the only place where there is alcohol on the grounds is in the designated area during the designated times.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 for superintendents to check out their respective facilities and equipment.