

## December 6, 2022 Van Buren Extension Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Will Whitaker.

Members present – Will Whitaker, Steve Duke, Jenny Gardner, Sarah Tedrow (7:06pm), Tim Gilchrist, Kathy Noll, Sandi Coffman, and Chrissy Westercamp.

Members not present – Twyla Peacock

Staff present – Tonya Irvin, Jennifer Plowman, Cindy Hall

Guest present – Blaine and Rachel Smith representing the Van Buren Fair Board

Tim Gilchrist made the motion to approve the agenda and Chrissy Westercamp seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

No public forum.

A motion was made by Kathy Noll and seconded by Steve Duke to accept the secretarys report with modifications to name spellings. Passed unanimously.

Checks from 006451 to 006492 for a total of \$8387.36, electronic funds transfers for a total of \$2136.13 (IPERS and FICA), and direct deposits for a total of \$4893.11 (2 pay periods) and total expenses of \$15,416.60 were motioned to be approved by Chrissy Westercamp and seconded by Kathy Noll. Passed unanimously. All financial statements were moved to be accepted by Chrissy Westercamp and seconded by Kathy Noll. Motion passed unanimously.

### Reports-

Jennifer Plowman announced Mike Anderson had resigned effective Jan 1, 2023.

Cindy Hall, regional director, announced the committee and she would be working on the budget and that the new council member training would soon be held virtually.

Fair board report was given by Blaine and Rachel Smith instead of Cale Plowman who was unable to attend. There will NOT be a herdsmanship award in 2023 due to confusion in grading the stalls. The fair board will purchase 2 pallets of bedding for the exhibitors to use at no charge. Stall fees will remain at \$5 for large animals and \$2.50 for small animals. They are looking for suggestions on handing out premium money. After some suggestions and discussion, it was suggested that the fairboard make up envelopes with the exhibitors name and put their cash premiums in the envelope for the extension office to hand out. Exhibitors would have 60 days to pick up their premiums. After 60 days, the money would be given back to the fairboard and be used for the next years premiums.

The herdsmanship money from 2022 has still not been awarded to the clubs. Steve Duke had emailed Cale Plowman about the money on November 13, 2022 to inquire why it had not been sent out. He reported there was some confusion but would soon be sent out. (This was reported during our meeting Dec 5, 2022)

Chrissy Westercamp gave a report from The Iowa Extension Council Association. The virtual conference will be held Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2023. There will also be a fiscal workshop on Feb 28, 2023 in Washington.

A motion was made by Steve Duke and seconded by Chrissy Westercamp to accept all the reports as given.

#### Old Business –

Will Whitaker talked to Tammy Hoaglin about the SESS trailers. The trailers are in their name, not the Extensions. If we are paying for insurance they need to be in our name. Jenny Gardner also would like them to be invited to give a presentation or have a booth at the fair.

The fitting rule was discussed. The survey results were as follows – No Fit – 22, Fitting with rules – 12, Fitting with no rules- 8. 25 families responded and there are 56 families that show. Discussed followed. Fitting clinics have been offered to the exhibitors in the past, but very few participated. Taking away education, lack of rule enforcement, cost, lack of requiring record books for education were all mentioned to support an opinion. Rachel Smith from the fair board offered her opinion for allowing fitting. The board decided to table any vote until January for the new council members to have a vote.

A video was presented by Cindy Hall for civil rights training.

#### New Business

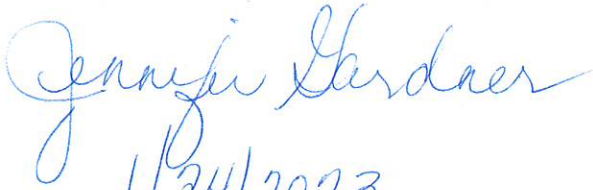
Ear tags will soon be purchased. Jennifer Plowman ask for approval to pay for the tags if they are shipped all at one time. That purchase would be approximately \$900. Steve Duke made the motion to allow the payment and Jenny Gardner seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

Leaders and volunteers can be reimbursed for mileage if the proper paperwork is filled out. Mileage is paid for those traveling to and from meetings and training at the same rate as staff. Steve Duke made the motion to allow paid mileage for volunteers. Chrissy Westercamp seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Approval of fair superintendents was discussed. According to the MOU, the council must approve all superintendents. At the January meeting, a list of volunteers will be approved and from that list superintendents will be selected.

The January meeting will be held January 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm with Kathy Noll being available on the phone if needed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jenny Gardner and seconded by Will Whitaker at 7:56 pm.

  
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