



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

August 1, 2019

R. Paulson	Bob	Cindy Wood
Joe Farrell	Wade Wagon	Tommy
Mark Cefst	<del>Jeremy</del>	N. Adams
Joe Slansky	S.D.	
Michael A. Peplowski	Jerry Merhar	
Joe		

Caretaker: David Amon

Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

### Minutes: August 1, 2019

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** There were no financials to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Volunteer Resignation: Michelle Byram reported that a letter of resignation letter was received from Colleen Babcock resigning as a volunteer for the hatchery.

- Metal Detector: Michelle reported a gentleman called asking permission to use a metal detector on the grounds. It is policy that no metal detectors are to be used on the fairgrounds.

- Book Writing: Michelle reported a woman stopped in that is writing a book and asked permission to include the Lake County Fair in the book. There were no objections to this.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Roof Request: Wade Crofoot reported that the start of the Merchants Building roof should start next week.

- PY19 CDBG: Wade reported that we have not heard anything on the grant yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fair Summary: Bob Dawson reported the website report shows we had just under 21,000 hits on the website. The highest demand was for the parade, followed by the demolition derby and then Jungle Terry. There was a high search that took place on mobile devices. Mike Peplowski stated that the crowds arrived later in the day. Cindy reported that the number for the rides seemed high on Friday. Bob stated that we need to tighten up on our free events.

- Fair Changes: Each director is asked to submit three changes for the next fair. These changes will be compiled and reported at the next meeting. Mike submitted and reviewed the comments that he had turned in. Jerry Merhar commented that Directors should get preferred parking passes for the director lot, since it seems a lot of other cars are parked there.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**-Advertising: Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported he thought 1330, WKKY and the News Herald did good jobs. We received approximately \$41,000 in sponsorship. We do not have a sponsor for Saturday and Sunday. It is hard to find one for Latino Day. Sam suggested contacting the Nursery Growers Assoc. for a Sunday sponsor.

**-Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Rich Van Pelt reported the barn was fuller than expected. Becky Gee came. The Butlers may come back next year.

**-4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor reported the auction raised over \$173,000. This is the second highest sale. There were complaints about the sound. Sam stated they will look into installing more speakers for next year.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported most vendors seemed happy. Cindy felt the ride company did a good job. Randy Kissel had some suggestions for the upcoming years. They are willing to work with us on any sort of promotions. Suggested closing at 10 instead of 11 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cindy felt the weakest point is the buildings.

**-Culinary-Farm-Dairy:** Dave Wilcox reported the fan made a huge difference. Thank you to Ladies Auxiliary and Joe Slansky. Dave stated that he was discouraged with the display but it is due to the time of year. Dave liked moving the auction to the Entertainment Tent.

**-Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported overall the fair was good. The attendance was down in the grandstands. Sam reported that Pine Lakes had their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during fair, so this could have attributed to some lower attendance on motocross night.

**-Fine Arts:** Jerry Merhar reported he appreciates the building being painted. His manager has leukemia and was not able to be at fair. Jerry will need another building manager for next year.

**-Flowers:** Joe Slansky reported the shows were down in entries. Suggested that maybe contact some garden clubs to see if we can get some more participation.

**-Foundation:** Jim Farrell reported the annual meeting was held prior to the Fair Board Meeting.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported money had to be put into the tractors prior to fair.

**-Draft Horse:** Wade Crofoot reported the pulls were down 2 exhibitors. The mini show was great. They had the largest crowd they ever had. The draft horses were down this year due to a conflict with state fair.

**-Saddle Horse:** Cindy Woodman reported it went well overall. Cindy was disappointed in the Saturday morning show entries. The Triple Crown and Sunday open show went well.

**-Voice of the Fair –** Jerry Merhar reported he had a good group of people announcing.

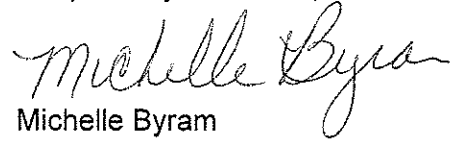
**-Volunteers:** Jerry Merhar reported there were no court volunteers.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller was not in attendance.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Wade reported we need to find a replacement for Paul our sound guy. Joe Slansky thanked the Board for inducting him into the Hall of Fame. Sam Taylor wanted to add a kudos to Mike Peplowski for fixing the fence in the armory after it was snagged by a hitch on a truck and taken down. Thank you to Dick Parker and Bob Dawson for getting a replacement chainsaw carver at the last minute.

Joe Slansky made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Mike Peplowski, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Byram".

Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 5 @ 7:30 p.m.**