

KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2017

Members Present: Paul Harrison, Jackie Stasevich, Rod DeVries, Marion Hill

Members Absent: Robert Barnard, Robert Gibson, Ruth DeBoer

Staff Present: Josh Gower

Citizens: Pam VanDongen representing Horse Council

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Room C and was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairperson, Marion Hill.
2. **Roll Call** – Roll was taken and quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Minutes - September 27, 2017 Meeting** - Members reviewed the minutes. **Motion:** Stasevich moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by DeVries. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizen's Time (Items not on the Agenda)** - None
5. **Communications**
 - a. **4H Leaders Council Update** – Rod Devries
 - a. Christine Chase was voted to replace Cheryl Booth on the Superintendent Committee.
 - b. DeVries asked that the Superintendent Committee gets back with leaders council on Mary Wilkes as Fashion Review Superintendent before November's Leaders Council Meeting.
 - c. Leaders Council voted to donate \$1500 towards the 2018 Premiums.
 - b. **4H Livestock Association Update** – Jackie Stasevich
 - a. LSA has been looking at the premiums and where they are in relationship to each other.
 - b. They tabled the discussion on a biosecurity plan until after the MAFE convention in January where there will be an informative meeting on the subject.
 - c. **4H Horse Council Update** – Pam VanDongen
 - a. Horse Council will match the monetary amount that LSA donates towards the 2018 premiums not to exceed \$2500.
6. **Old Business** - None
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Nominations & Elections of Officers**
 - a. Hill suggested that Gower takes over doing the minutes at future meetings stating that on most councils it is not a member of the group that does this. Discussion was that this would allow consistency from month to month in the minutes.

- b. **Motion:** Harrison moved to table the elections of officers until the November meeting due to low attendance at the meeting. Seconded by DeVries. Motion carried by voice vote.

b. October Joint Meeting – Update

- a. Members reviewed the summary. Gower recapped the meeting.

c. Strategic Plan 2018 – Discussion/Approval to recommend to Parks Commission

- a. Discussion included connecting with both KVCC's cooking schools and brewing schools.
- b. **Motion:** Stasevich moved to table the vote to finalize the plan until the November meeting. Harrison Seconded it. Motion carried by voice vote.

d. 2018 Fair Council Meeting Schedule – Distributed

e. 2018 Premium Book - Distributed

- a. Gower explained some of the changes and asked everyone to review the books so that they can be voted on at the November meeting.

8. Member's Time

- a. DeVries – Cavies and Critters weren't invited to the joint meeting
 - a. Gower responded that it was an oversight and that they are in the Rabbit Department of the premium book, who were represented.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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