

Fair Board Minutes
Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025
7pm – Alcester

At 7:00 p.m. meeting was called to order by Vice-President Paulette Vanderham. Present were Tom Noll, Christa Hamann, David Smith, Sadie Bottorff, Paulette Vanderham, Peggy Ustad, Nick Wieseler and Shawn Tabke.

Minutes were read and approved.

Budget

year-end projections were discussed with approximately \$12,300 surplus year end projected. We also looked at handout on P&L and profit/loss by event detail.

Old Business:

Fair events were discussed. A new event will be tried in 2026 as it was agreed to discontinue the rodeo after a five-year trial. Discussions of a new event were centered on demo derby. The event could be Friday of fair without causing problems for Tractor Pull. Shawn said he had reached out to demo derby companies with varying services and dates available. He will work on bids for next meeting.

Fence – Shawn presented picture of fence options to narrow down what was needed for a bid. After discussions, the bids needed were chain link fence (that you could not see through via slats or shade netting) and 24' cattle panels. Shawn will bring back bids.

New Business

Bleachers: Bleachers are available From Strive Fitness in Beresford. Three are available for asking prices of \$3500 each or \$10,500 total. Board thought we should offer \$7,000 in total and offer some fair advertising. If a number other than \$7000 is negotiated, Shawn would email the Board for approval and check with the auditor for any additional process necessary.

Discussions were held on what to do with any additional year-end budget money. It was agreed that electrical work was the next highest priority.

Shooting Sports. Dave presented a materials bid for a proposed 100x36 insulated shed. He will also get construction bids. Materials presented totaled \$53,686.27.

Donations. Shawn food vendors were helping fair attendance. He stated he has pushed for more donations to the 4-H Leaders to offset their decrease in Food Stand revenue. He has done so by greatly increasing the number of Leader donation letters and is hoping for the best. Fair donation letters go out in March.

Fair malt beverage permit. It was agreed that both the demo derby event and the tractor pull would be requested for malt beverage permit. The dispensing area most desirable would be the entire fair grandstand area. Additional discussion centered on the how we sell. Shawn will contact the Alcester Fire Department to see if they would be interested in serving the event for a cut of proceeds.

Church services have been requested at the Fair. 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning service after fair cleanup followed by pancake breakfast would be desirable. Shawn will follow-up with Teen Leaders for their interest in serving the pancake breakfast. This will be put on the next agenda.

Shawn checked on several carnivals and had no results to report.

Election of Officers – Motion to keep the present officers in their current position and cast a unanimous ballot was made by Sadie, seconded by Christa. Motion carried.

Next meeting was set Tuesday January 20th to be held in Elk Point at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Shawn Tabke
Fair Manager