



# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

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**August 28, 2017**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Green Lake County Fair Youth Exhibit Committee Meeting on  
Thursday, September 7, 2017:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the July 18, 2017 meeting
- 4) Letter from Merrill's

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## Youth Exhibit Committee

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Green Lake County Government Center Training Room

571 County Road A

Green Lake, WI 54941

6:00 pm — 7:00 pm

1. Call to order
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (Discussion and Approval)
3. Secretary Report from the July meeting (Discussion and Approval)
4. Review 2017 Green Lake County Fair Exhibitions (both animal and non-animal)
5. Recommendations for the 2018 Green Lake County Fair related to Youth Exhibitions
6. Discussion and action on Cody Merrill request.
7. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary
8. Adjournment

**Note: The meeting time and date were changed by the Chair and Vice Chair in order to increase the number of Youth Exhibit Committee members who could attend the meeting.**

- *The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition.* ●

# Youth Exhibit Committee Minutes

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Berndt. Present at the meeting Alyssa T, Dan B, Pam A, Gary A, Nate G, Connie B, Chumly M, Heather H, Kim B, Julie C, Emily S, Jerry B, Joanne K, Joanne G, and John D.
2. Introductions- just read the name cards
3. Agenda was approved by Chumly and seconded by Connie.
4. Secretary's Report was approved by Connie and seconded by Joanne G.
5. The recommendations made by the group in August went to the fair board and were approved. If we want to change anything we need a 2/3 vote.
6. There was 1 request to miss the mandatory meeting, but that was denied.
  - a. Any request for carcass contest were due to State Fair and Dan approved them.
  - b. It was brought to our attention that there may have been a few families that think they are showing, but never got registered.
7. Releasing judges names before the show- There is no policy, but Kim doesn't release the names when asked.
  - a. Office will continue to not release names, but if people find out it is what it is. Chumly motioned to keep as it currently is and Gary seconded.
  - b. There was a recommendation made to have the office make a courtesy call to the judges with the time of the show and to check that they are still coming.
8. YEC Meetings at the Fair- There was a change in the bylaws that we need 50%+1 in order to make any decisions or the chair has the authority. During the fair the bylaws now state that the chair makes the decision, but if unable to will call a meeting of 50%+1
9. Dairy exhibitor fast pass- Connie motioned and Nate seconded to except a fast pass for dairy exhibitors to be able to go to the front of the line in the exhibit building on Thursday.
10. Rule Enforcement by Superintendents- It is expected that rules are followed and the office will support the superintendents.
11. Wish Lists and Donations-Health and safety stuff will be done with through the fair office. Improvements/wish list will be given out at the fair and reviewed in August, looking for paths to be resolved.
12. Mandatory meeting- If you have any changes that you want made to your section let John know so he can change it on the master sheet.
  - a. Non-Compliance report- new form for superintendents to check tags/ID's
13. Chumly motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Emily.

*Submitted by Kim Burk, Secretary*

August 21, 2017

Dear Youth Exhibit Committee,

My boys have just completed their 12<sup>th</sup> year of being 4-H members of the Country Clovers 4-H Club. 4-H has provided so many positive opportunities and learning experiences. One of their main projects is their swine project which they are looking forward to participating in for one more year, which will be their graduation year of 4-H. There are obvious financial investments in an animal project and their pigs are usually purchased in March or April. The boys will be able to complete all necessary requirements for this project for showing and selling at the 2018 fair, but this is where we may come into a situation. Cody is going to be finishing his senior year at Ripon High during the 2017-2018 4-H calendar year. His plans for after high school are to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and has already completed some the process at this point. At this point, we have no idea as to when his departure date would be. We are definitely hoping to have it set up for the mid to end of August of 2018, but as we know with the military, they can change that at any given minute.

The question that I have is this, Cody really wants to finish his 4-H career and his swine project with this upcoming 4-H year, but if by some chance the USMC doesn't allow him to show his pig at the fair, would his brother (Hunter Merrill) who will also be finishing his 4-H career this upcoming 4-H year be able to show and sell Cody's pig? By some chance if Cody's pig and Hunter's pig were to be in the same weight class, could his cousin (Seth Otto) or another Country Clover 4-H member do it? I would be more than willing to write a short narrative as to why this is happening to be read at the beginning of the swine show as well as the auction.

Again, I am not sure that this will even be the situation, but I just want to check out the possibility early rather than wait until it happens and try to scramble and have this committee make a last minute decision.

Please let me know if there is anything else that we can do for you to take this possible situation into consideration.

Thank you.

Traci Merrill

*Traci Merrill*  
*Cody Merrill*