

Marquette County Youth Organization Association  
Meeting Minutes - January 29, 2026

Present: Richell Kufahl, Sheena Mike, Sue Kufahl, Denise Gerbitz, Cassie Craig, Brenna Babcock, Jaxon Wolsdorf, Sheena Wolsdorf, John Bennett, Molly Groskreutz

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

John B and Sheena M approved agenda, motion carried.

Sue K and Brenna B approved minutes from the previous meeting, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: A printed copy was provided. \$64.6K in the bank. Total assets, \$76.9K. The board decided to have the barn fans in the small animal barn be listed as an expense as they are installed and don't plan to be removed. There's \$508 in premium checks yet to be cashed.

Committee Reports:

Executive & Finance: Quick Books accounting package increased \$133, the board agreed to keep the package. Sue completed the DATCP report and taxes. The camping fees will stay the same, \$100 for the weekend. \$50 for commercial trailers and \$25 for tents.

Entertainment: The fair schedule was reviewed, and a few changes were made. Most importantly, changes on **Tuesday** are as follows.

Poultry check in & weigh ins are combined from 4 pm – 7 pm

Rabbit check in & weigh ins are also combined from 4 pm – 7 pm

Sheep and goat weigh ins, 4 pm – 6:30 pm

Swine weight ins, 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Poultry show start time, 9:30 am

**Friday** changes: Rabbit show at 1030 am. The show will go junior, showmanship, then open class to give the auction committee time to update for the sale.

**Saturday** changes: 9 am start time for Dairy Show and moving Mighty Mightys to start at 12:30 pm.

**Sunday** changes: adding 10 am education session

Possible Derby on Friday night, cost would be \$13000. Possible Tractor Pull Friday night; cost would be \$12,450 for super farm. They would also put on a free Thursday night farm pull.

Molly G made a motion to have the Free Tractor Pull Thursday. Friday night pull cost of gate entry of \$15 and pit passes \$20. Cassie seconded the motion, motion carried.

No pig races, they committed to a different event. Richell K & Sheena M attended the Fair Conference at Chula Vista and brought many different ideas for entertainment. One being Bingo, Denise and Cassie will look into getting this set up. Other ideas are DJ form party, stuffed animal show and adult showmanship. Brenna volunteers to organize the adult showmanship.

Volunteers: will look into maybe creating a flier to hang up at local businesses for volunteers.

Building & Grounds: Working on putting up new lights around the arena and show barn. Also putting up eaves on the buildings.

Promotions & Technology: Sue is looking for someone to take over the advertising & marketing for the fair, working with Channel 15 & 47.

Market Animal Auction: Dani is reaching out to Derek Childs about anchoring the pig pens. There will be multiple educational classes offered. 3/1 rabbit session from 6-7 at the Montello Extension office. 3/29 poultry session from 6-7 pm at the Montello Extension office. YQCA 3-28 from 9-10 am at the Portage High School. They are still organizing the education session on Sunday of the Fair at 10 am. For the I See You award, \$6000 was approved to provide gift baskets. There are 2 - \$500 scholarships for any student attending some post-secondary training or schooling. 15 years old or older. Wisconsin River Meats is locked in as a processor. Beck's is for swine but won't be able to take any beef until the following weekend. They have a call out to Brandon's yet. Leroy Meats was suggested at the fair board meeting, Brenna will call. They purchased 15 gates from Tractor Supply at \$130 each.

Action Items:

Approval of the Tractor Pulls - contract signed.

Special Needs Livestock Show. Sheena W provided updated forms with Brenna providing additional forms from another program. Sheena will combine the 2 to ensure better verbiage and Sue will take it to the insurance company for approval. If approved, the proposed date of show will be Saturday starting at 11 am.

Judges Premium pay: a print out was provided for last year's rates. Hourly rate for non animal was \$27 and Flat Rate for animal. The board agreed to keep it the same.

Fair Entry: a set up date was tabled until the next meeting so the premium books can be updated. However, a cut off date is set for 6/7/26 with any corrections that need to be made by 6/14/26. Brenna, Richell, Hannah, Sue, and Sheena have access to fair entry. There are many features that fair entry provides for the auction, Brenna will look into more uses. Denise G and Sue K will work on updating the premium books.

Informational/Discussion only: The fairest of the fair will be out this month with a deadline of March 1. The winner will be announced at the March fair board meeting.

The intern position will be posted at the end of the month and will have a deadline of February 23 with the person being picked at the February meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 7 pm, Montello Extension Office  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm, John B made a motion, Sue K seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Gerbitz