



Newsletter

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2011 Miss Teen KY County Fair Samantha Jean Green



Representing: Mercer County Fair

2011 Miss Pre Teen KY County Fair Shelby Madison Wade



Representing: Russell County Fair

The miracle of your existence calls for celebration every day. - Oprah Winfrey

Perform every act in your life as if it were your last. - Marcus Aurelius

Patricia Parrish



2011 KAFHS President's Message:

To all KAFHS members and friends: please have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. Make your plans to attend the 2012 Convention and Trade Show in January at the Galt House. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year will happen before the convention, so have a marvelous and safe time through both holidays. After all the celebrating for 2011, the 2012 Miss KY County Fair Pageant will occur at the culmination of the Convention. Again make your plans to attend this premiere event for all the KY county fairs that have a representative participating in the pageant. I have my ticket. Do you? See you at the Galt House in January.



What you are speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say. - Ralph Waldo Emerson



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f97nHzvSB4k&feature=related>

Please view the link above for a moment of visual Thanksgiving fun.
Happy Thanksgiving to all from KY Association of Fairs and Horse Shows.



**Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows
Board of Directors' Meeting October 22, 2011
Crowne Plaza, Louisville, Kentucky**

President Patricia Parrish called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

She introduced Mr. Bob Farmer, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, who addressed the group briefly.

David Pace made the motion that the minutes of the August Board meeting minutes be approved as distributed. Al Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report – Gib Gosser – The report that was distributed included information on the 1st quarter of this year. Linda Crace made the motion that the report be accepted as distributed. Jimmy England seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Director's Report – Gib Gosser

The IRS issue continues but currently appears to be dormant. Gib has heard nothing from them in a few months.

Gib distributed the proposed changes to the KAFHS bylaws. He would like to have a set ready for the January meeting. The bylaws were reviewed line-by-line in an effort to insure they are ready for a January vote. They were revised as per the attached.

Howard Moore made the motion to present the KAFHS Bylaws to the membership for a vote at the January Annual Convention. Al Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

State Fair Admissions – The State Fair is concerned that KAFHS members are abusing their admission passes. It was just mentioned to everyone so that all will handle their passes responsibly.

Committee Reports

Auction – Mike Poynter – The committee has been asked to add more items to the silent auction “ticketed” items.

Awards & Scholarships – Reva Mitchell – There were 27 nominations for scholarships this year. Six were from Zone 1, twelve from Zone 2 and 9 from Zone 3. This year's scholarship winners are as follows:

Zone 1 – Adam Thomas – Grayson County Agricultural Fair

Daxton Lear – Muhlenberg County Fair

Zone 2 - Jack C. Gupton – Green County Fair

Kaidy Nicole Richardson – Wayne County Fair and Horse Show

Zone 3 - Joseph E. Smith – Alexandria Fair and Horse Show

Hannah Himmelmann – Boone County Fair

There were 11 submittals for Fair Person of the Year. These will be submitted to an independent committee for evaluation. The committee would like to propose a new award in a Web Page Division, very similar to the catalog recognitions. The committee would like present a 1st and 2nd place award. Truitt Clements made the motion to approve the committee's proposal for a Web Page award. Mike Poynter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Beauty Pageant – Beverly Burcham – This year's theme is “This is Our Time” with a Footloose type theme.

Grievance – No report.

Horse Show Committee – Tom Olds – The committee is suggesting that the fairs who have and have not reported their Horse Show points to KAFHS be posted to the website. This would give exhibitors an opportunity to encourage the local fairs to get their information reported. Al Smith indicates that this already exists on the website. In 2012, the committee would like to find 2-3 horse show managers to help

with a training session for future horse show managers. The High Point Awards will be very similar to what they have been in the past.

Legislative – No report.

Little Mister & Miss – There are 89 contestants participating in this evening's event.

Miss Pre-Teen – There are 86 contestants for this year's pageant.

Motorsports – Michael Poynter – There were 207 total participants in this year's program. 17 fairs reported Motorsports points. 35 fairs have paid their dues for this program. This year's winners are as follows:

1st Place – Michael Grimsley, Russell Springs, Kentucky

2nd Place – James Barnes, Monticello, Kentucky

3rd Place – Bryan Rose, Monticello, Kentucky

The Motorsports Committee has no changes for the program and recommend that it continue as is.

Program & Convention – Bill Taylor – The committee would like to grant Gib Gosser the authority to negotiate a new contract for the hotels. There are a couple of new programs being added in January for the local fairs information. The full program will be publicized on the website as soon as the information is provided to Al.

Showcase – 106 acts sent in information to Steve Curry for consideration for the 2012 Showcase of Talent. Thirteen acts have been chosen for this year's program.

State Fair Queens – 71 queens were participating in the Opening Day of the Kentucky State Fair.

Old Business

Corn Hole Tournament – if there is interest in organizing this event, it must be organized by the January meeting. It was suggested that KAFHS may have enough projects going currently. This will be further discussed in January. James Peden, Michael Poynter and David Pace were named by President Elect Linda Crace to begin reviewing the possibility of a State Corn Hole Tournament.

New Business

Mary Lou Watkins mentioned that there are fairs requesting information. They are asking for questionnaires to be submitted to fairs to gather information on processes, i.e., do you use a pay-one-price format?, etc. There are currently 31 questions on the questionnaire. This could be done electronically on the website.

Gib proposed that Pageant Rule G1 be temporarily suspended through the January 2012 Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant. This is only for those who might be affected by the January bylaw changes. Truitt Clements made the motion to accept the rule suspension for the January 2012 pageant only. Linda Crace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The 2012 Spring Meeting will be held on May 18-19 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Life is like nothing, because it is everything. - William Golding

We're all sentenced to solitary confinement inside our own skins, for life. - Tennessee Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2012 KAFHS Convention & Trade Show
Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant
January 12 - 14, 2012

Please mark your calendars & start making the plans to attend the convention & trade show. The Pageant is the highlight & culmination of the convention. The trade show provides impetus for the planning of the 2012 Fair Season. Make your plans to attend. Lodging & festivities are at the [Galt House Hotels](#), Louisville, KY.

2012 KAFHS Spring Meeting

Linda Crace - Invites you to attend.

Embassy Suites Lexington

1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Ky

May 17, 18, & 19, 2012

Mark you calendars for the Spring meeting of the KAFHS Officers and Board. All committee members and association friends are invited. Linda Crace is the President of KAFHS in 2012. She and the Garrard County Fair Board will be the hosts for this meeting. Planning is still in process. Come on over to the horse park area of KY and enjoy a weekend of entertainment and hospitality. See you there. For reservations click on this link: [Embassy Suites Lexington](#).



Fall meeting discussions are usually on issues of fair management and issues. This time the discussion and demonstration were on tie tying methods. It is not difficult to keep us entertained.



Merry Christmas to all from KY Association of Fairs and Horse Shows.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyY6gDCE_mc&feature=related

Please click on the link for some signs of the season from KAFHS, Merry Christmas to all....





Happy New Year and let's welcome the 2012 Fair and Show Season with open arms and enthusiasm. Al Smith

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.
- Robert Louis Stevenson

This quote is for all the 2012 Fair managers:

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. - Ralph Waldo Emerson



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And Greg Thomas, of KAFHS.

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Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter.

Please, feel free to forward to all those Friends of the
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