

Oneida County Fairboard Meeting

May 1, 2025

Those attending:

Chairman Ken Moss

Shanae Blaisdell

Todd Thomas

John Hardy

Lacey Clark

Eric Eliason

Commissioner Ken Eliason

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Moss.

The following business was discussed:

1. Todd Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Lacey Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The groundskeeper, Jen Neilsen, gave an update of the things that she has been working on. She will be on vacation from June 6 to June 22.
3. Several community members were present to discuss the schedule set for weigh-in for the fair. Previously the Board had given the Extension office the approval to set the schedule. After much discussion, Todd Thomas moved to set the weigh-in schedule as previously proposed by the Extension office which would set all weigh-ins on Monday of fair week. John Hardy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The mailbox flyer was discussed. The Sales Committee has offered to help pay for the flyer.
5. The Indian Relay Races are set for the first weekend of races.
6. The track will need to be surveyed to be in compliance with the AQHA. Todd Thomas will talk to his friend who is a surveyor regarding this.
7. An extra show for the hypnotist was discussed. It was agreed that this would not work.
8. The display cases from Bryon Lyon were discussed. Lacey Clark moved to purchase the display cases for exhibits at the fair. Shanae Blaisdell seconded. All agreed.
9. The raffle items will need to be at the car show the first Saturday in June.
10. Donna Potter was present to give an update on the Green Thumb contest and open class. Bags of soil will be purchased from Hess Lumber and contestants may start picking the pots up on May 15th. Donna presented her changes to the fair book and is working with Sawyer for a new entry tag.
11. Lacey Clark presented her idea for a Fair Book Cover Contest. She would like to approach the High School arts classes and ask them to provide their drawings for the cover. She would like to give cash prizes of \$50/\$25/\$15. John Hardy moved to give the go ahead to allow for the Fair Book Cover Contest. Shanae Blaisdell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Shanae Blaisdell would like to continue with purchasing fair t-shirts/caps and would like to use the usual \$1500 for this. All agreed that the t-shirts/caps could be purchased.
13. An update on the Indoor Arena Committee was given. They currently have someone drawing up a plan and are working on getting donations.
14. The contractor for the steer barn addition will be starting in June and will be completed before fair. A building permit will need to be applied for. Bids for the electrical will need to be gotten.
15. Bids for the concession stands were reviewed. The American Legion had submitted a bid for the beer booth with a 60/40 split. The Auxiliary submitted a bid for the food booth during races with a 60/40 split if the building is clean in advance, otherwise a 70/30 split. Shanae Blaisdell moved to accept the proposed bids. Lacey Clark seconded. All agreed. The school groups will be approached to see if they are interested in continuing to take care of the food booth during fair week.
16. The fair week schedule was reviewed. Everything seems to be in line for fair.
17. Eric Eliason had check on pricing for renting generators and spider boxes.
18. Lacey Clark is setting up the radio ad. Sale committee will pay \$200 of the cost.
19. Sawyer Fonnesbeck offered to look into pricing for bleachers for the sales ring.
20. The groundskeeper will need to find someone to fill in while she is on vacation.
21. Eric Eliason moved to adjourn. John Hardy seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be June 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.