

The Special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Steve Clever.

Roll call revealed Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Hill, and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Kim Litter, Amy Smythe, and Chris Hooks.

S8-1-18: Hurtt moved, Gearhart seconded to approve July 2, 2018, July 17, 2018, and July 30, 2018 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jeep Fest 2018 profited \$55,976.77. The ATM machines did well during the fair, there was \$119,000.00 taken out of them. There were two donations received during the fair, one for \$260.00 and the other for \$100.00. Gator's Jon's bill is for \$4,500.00.

S8-2-18: Corcoran moved, and Chain seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Chrisman arrived at 7:07 pm. Bethel arriver at 7:09 pm.

S8-3-18: Pickerrell moved, Clary seconded to pay extra on shelving that was installed in Home Arts Building. Motion passed.

S8-4-18: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to pay Sheriff's and All Win Electric bills once verified by Board Directors. Motion passed.

S8-5-18: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to pay the remaining monthly bills. Motion passed.

4-H Report/ Jr. Fair Report

Kim Litter and Amy Smythe wanted to thank the Sr. Board Directors for another successful fair.

Sales Committee Report

Chris Hooks reported that there were 45 less 4-H participants this year, but with higher sales records than last year. The process of add-ons for Jr. Fair Sales was discussed.

President's Report

Bethel reported that a lady had called and complained about the admission price on Sunday of the fair. She thought the price should be lowered due to the rides not starting until Monday. He also passed along an email request from Relay for Life.

S8-6-18: Pickerrell moved and Prater seconded to let Relay for Life to use the fairgrounds for free to hold their event in June of 2019 on May 30th thru June 1st. Motion passed.

Jim Wirth contacted Bethel stating that he would not be having their Trader Days this fall due to an injury but would like to have two next year starting in the spring.

Secretary's Report

The annual election of Directors was held Thursday August 9, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The following directors were elected to a three (3) year term.

Gerald "Guy" McCorkle Franklin Township; Jeremy Gearhart Green Township; Dave Clary Liberty Township; Charles "Chip" Chrisman Paint Township; Keith Chain Union Township; Jennifer Nelson At Large; Brad Cosenza City of Chillicothe.

The following director was elected to an unexpired one (1) year term.

Sandy Free Buckskin Township.

Melody Walters was injured at the Home Arts Building on Sunday August 12, 2018, this issue has been turned over to the insurance company.

The September meeting date will be September 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Caretaker's Report

The Big Time Wrestling went well, they will be holding their show next month in the show arena.

S8-7-18: Clary moved, Prater seconded to purchase six water hydrants. Motion passed.

S8-8-18: Nelson moved, Hurtt seconded to pay Union Township Fire and EMT \$4,500.00 to cover their expenses for the week of the fair. Motion passed.

The parking before the fair starts needs to be controlled around the EMT and Sheriff's Building in the future due to a safety factor.

Prater reported that the new area went well, the Petting Zoo and Pig Races were a big success.

S8-9-18: Uhrig moved, Prater seconded to leave new glass show cases set up year-round in the Home Arts Building, it will not be rentable. Motion passed.

Hurtt reported that there are 124 people on the camping waiting list for next year and 84 campers would like to change from their current spots. He also wanted to thank all Directors that helped him collect extra camping money on the Wednesday before the fair and thank Clary and Chrisman for helping to move campers onto their spots.

Pickerrell reported that the door on the Vegetable Building needs work done to prevent water from coming onto the concrete floor when it is raining.

The Show Arena at the Rabbit Barn needs more seating.

McCorkle wants to be removed from the electrical committee.

The policy of alcohol on the fairgrounds needs to be addressed, rules need to be written.

The traffic light at the end of Fairgrounds Rd should be in use when campers are leaving on Sunday after the fair.

Uhrig reported that the Red Cross Bloodmobile collected enough blood donations during this year's fair to save 255 lives. The Bloodmobile will be returning next year.

Haubeil would like the procedures on camping for Board Directors that have more than 15 years of service to be more specific.

S8-10-18: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Motion passed.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS