

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll called revealed the Boggs and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corcoran.

Guest – Karlton Wheeler, Katie Feldhues, Jim Wirth, Jason Wiseman, Ralph Wiseman, Tori Neff, Julie McGuire, Earl Palmer and Chris Hooks.

Jason Wiseman proposed to the Board about having an antique tractor pull during the fair. He has the equipment and will not be charging the Board any fees.

1-1-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to have an Antique Tractor Pull at the Grandstand on the first Saturday of the fair at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Jim Wirth with Trader Days presented his plans on how the event will be set up. He was given permission to mark the booth areas with a small dot of paint, preferably in the gravel or grass if possible. He was given permission to use the fairgrounds ticket booths. Mr. Wirth has also requested to have two complete sets of keys for use during the event. Mr. Wirth was asked to send all requests to Bethel so it could be included in the contract.

Steve Smith is retiring as a Goat Barn Superintendent this year.

1-2-19: Haubeil Jr. moved, Chrisman seconded to have a plaque purchased for Steve Smith for years of service with 4-H. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. discussed that the E-tix contract will be expiring at the end of January. He will be setting up a conference call with 168tickets to see if they will be something that the Board would be interested in pursuing.

1-3-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to have the ticket committee hold a conference call with 168 tickets and permit the ticket committee to decide on which company to use. Motion carried. 1 opposed

Haubeil Jr. left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

4-H Report

Tori Neff thanked the Board of Directors for providing the Jr. Fair Board their lunches during the OFMA Convention. The Jr. Fair Board representative proposed that the Board hire Professor Bubble Maker for the fair, they had met him during the convention.

Julie McGuire wanted to inform the Board that our on-call vet from last year's fair, Amanda Stump had a stroke and is in Dodd Hall at OSU Hospital going through extensive therapy.

Sales Committee Report

There is only one buyer that has not paid their bill. There are 50 4-H members that have not cashed their premium checks. The committee would like to place the winners of showmanship higher in the sale order.

1-4-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to approve the December Minutes. Motion carried.

1-5-19: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

1-6-19: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded approval of payment of monthly bills. Motion carried.

The credit card and credit accounts policies were discussed. Wheeler will be picking up the materials for the electrical project.

1-7-19: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to adopt credit card policy dated January 7, 2019 and appoint President Bryan Bethel as the Compliance Officer. Motion carried.

Cosenza will be delivering the letter to the Commissioners for the request to release our money.

1-8-19: Hill moved, Chain seconded to accept the yearly Financial Report. Motion carried.

The Contract Committee will be meeting Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Office.

1-9-19: Uhrig moved, Corcoran seconded to rescind motion 11-10-18.

Caretaker's Report

Wheeler will be painting the fair office the month of January. The old bleachers have been taken care of. Wheeler would like the Wi-Fi password for the JVS Building, the renters have been requesting to use the Wi-Fi.

Committee Reports

Uhrig report that the school letters are ready to go out. Several publishers have been contacted and are working on quotes for the 2019 Fair Book. Sponsorship recap sheet has been brought up to date. The sponsorship committee will be working on new levels and ala cart packages for sponsorships.

Cosenza reported at the OFMA Annual Meeting the motion on the at large candidates was voted down.

Hurt reported that he has 165 campers on the waiting list for the week of the fair. The letters for fair camping will be going out by March 10, 2019.

Prater reported that he attended a sales workshop at the convention that discussed that some fairs are conducting their sales where the meat goes to The Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Nelson attended a parking workshop which discussed that painting parking spots could be an alternative to paying for parking attendants.

Clary has quotes on having the PA system at the Grandstand checked out.

He has also received quotes for the entertainment for the Grandstand.
Wednesday night might be a Motocross event.

Uhrig left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
McCorkle left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Hill reported that the petting zoo will be returning to the fair this year. The
Wednesday entertainment will be country music band Sweet Tea Trio.

1-10-19: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to approve an additional \$15,000.00 for
completion of the waterline project. Motion carried.

1-11-19: Corcoran moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS