

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday June 3, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was call to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Steven Clever.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Gearhart and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Clever.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Ron Woodbridge, Pam Gallagher, Loren McGuire, Angie Lochbaum, Chris Hooks, Jim Wirth, Megan Watson, Ruth Beery and Katie Feldhues.

Ron Woodbridge with the Monster Truck event would like to rent RCAS's backhoe to move dirt before and after his event. Haubeil said he would move the dirt back after the show, but that Mr. Woodbridge would have to hire someone to move the dirt before the show. RCAS does not rent their equipment.

Jim Wirth wanted to thank Karlton Wheeler and Pat Allen for helping so much during the Chillicothe Trade Days. Mr. Wirth was very pleased with the Ross County Sheriff's Departments performance. Cosenza said that the Sheriff was pleased how the event was set-up and handled. Mr. Wirth will be in touch this fall concerning contracts for the spring and fall events in 2020.

Loren McGuire from Distributors Cleaning Co discussed the proposal for supplies being used at the fairgrounds. All supplies were with cost savings and upgrades. They also have a demo floor buffer for sale for \$800.00.

6-1-19: Prater moved, Uhrig seconded to set up an account with Distributors Cleaning Co for cleaning supplies. Motion Carried.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

Angie Lochbaum asked for permission to use the Fruit and Vegetable Building for a haunted house during the Halloween Campout. She also would like approval to

have a storage building on the fairgrounds year-round to store the Halloween decorations.

6-2-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to approve the use of the Fruit and Vegetable Building for the Halloween Campout Haunted House if it has been approved by the Fire Marshall. Motion carried.

6-3-19: Hill moved, Corcoran seconded to grant permission for the 4-H to buy and place a storage building by the corn cribs with Haubeil's approval of placement. Motion carried.

Maddie Schumacher explained how the Livestock Judging Contest Show will be ran. The show will start at 6:30 pm on Wednesday August 7, 2019. There will be 8 classes lasting 10 minutes each. There are 25 members on the Jr. Team and 6 to 11 members on the Sr. Team. The cost to register for this show, \$5.00 to preregister and \$10.00 register fee the day of the show. Schumacher requested permission to have the preregistered ticket to grant free entry onto the fairgrounds.

6-4-19: Prater moved, Hurtt seconded to permit the preregistered ticket for the Livestock Judging Contest to gain entry onto the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Feldhues would like for it to be policy that poultry that die during the fair should be buried.

Feldhues wanted to thank the Pickerrell family especially Bill and Nan for their help during the NBHA Show. Feldhues requested that multiple sharps containers be located around the fairgrounds. The overall numbers on attendance for 4-H Camp is down.

Megan Watson reported that the 2020 Spring tag ins will be shortened. Also, that \$3,000.00 will be put aside to help on the speakers at the Grandstand.

Ruth Beery reported that 4-H is planning a canoe trip on July 19, 2019.

Jr. Sales Committee's Report

Hooks reported that they would like permission to use the memorial contributions received for Mary Hooks to be used for purchasing ceiling fans in the sale arena.

6-5-19: Cosenza moved, Gray seconded to pay for the installation of the ceiling fans in the show arena that the Sales Committee is purchasing. Motion carried.

6-6-19: Cosenza moved, Whitten seconded to approve the May 6, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

6-7-19: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

6-8-19: Cosenza moved, Hurtt seconded to approve the remainder of May 2019's bills of \$40,405.15 to be paid. Motion carried.

6-9-19: Uhrig moved, Free seconded to approve payment of June 1-3, 2019 bills of \$23,925.10. Motion carried.

President's Report

The CCI contract was discussed, it is basically the same as it has been in the past.

6-10-19: Uhrig moved, Corcoran seconded to opt out of ODA optional rules. Motion carried.

A complaint letter from a spectator attending the Smash It event was discussed. The Ross County Sheriff's Department is not pleased with the behavior at this event. The Contract Committee will be addressing these issues.

6-11-19: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to hire Dr. Lori Davis at the rate of \$1,500.00 for the on-call Vet during the 2019 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Pigmania wants to hold an event on the fairgrounds for the 2020 season. They need to be clear on how much area they will need before a price is quoted.

Cosenza reported the registered letters were sent to the 40&8 organization on the status of the condition of their booth and the repairs that would need to be completed before the 2019 fair.

6-12-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to gain approval from the Commissioners and proceed with action that was stated in the registered letter to the 40&8, and to buy back the booth for \$5,000.00 on request. Motion carried.

6-13-19: Uhrig moved, Corcoran seconded to have Michael Benson send a letter to our insurance company confirming that the type of incident alleged in the lawsuit does not represent any exclusion of coverage. Motion carried.

6-14-19: Hill moved, Corcoran seconded to have Michael Benson send Paisano Publications (Easyriders) a letter stating that issues from the 2018 event, (early arrivals and trash clean up) would have to be addressed before extending contract to new owners. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

The Ticket Request Forms were passed out to Board Members, they will be due on June 18, 2019. The tent order was discussed and approved. The Weekly Schedule was proofed.

Caretaker's Report

6-15-19: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to purchase twelve frost free water hydrants. Motion carried.

The Ross County Engineers Office has replaced the blades on the bush hog that were damaged. The fuel tank on the tractor is damaged.

Committee Reports

Haubeil Jr. will need two drivers on July 6, 2019 to transport the band during the Jeep Fest.

168tickets has suggested that the fee on credit card purchases should be between .72 and \$1.00.

Haubeil reported that asphalt and gravel will be needed to repair trip hazards that the insurance company had listed during their assessment.

Whitten reported that the dust control will be provided at the fair, and equipment will be rented for the fair.

Clary reported that the Security Committee needs to contact the Sheriff's Department for security during the fair.

6-16-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to allow the Jr. Fair Board from Brown County to enter the fair free of charge. Motion carried.

6-17-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to refund overpayment of a vendor booth in the Commercial Building. Motion carried.

Hurtt reported that all campers that wanted to change sites are completed. There are 100 empty spots. He has started calling people from the waiting list, 26 of these sites have been filled so far.

Pickerrell reported that the dry wells at the Jr. Fair Horse Barn needs to be drained.

Uhrig reported that RCAS has received \$20,475.00 from sponsors for the 2019 fair.

There will be a walk thru the fairgrounds on Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm before the Board Meeting.

6-18-19: Gray moved, Nelson second to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

