

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Gray, Hurtt and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chrisman.

Notary, Elaine Prater, swore in new Director Sandy Free elected from Buckskin Township for a 1-year term.

Election of Officers

11-1-18: Clary moved, Clever seconded to nominate Bryan Bethel for President. Uhrig moved, Prater seconded to close presidential nominations. McCorkle moved, Nelson seconded to nominate Steve Clever for Vice President. Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to close vice-presidential nominations. Bryan Bethel elected President by acclamation. Steve Clever elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Hurtt arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Guests – Katie Feldhues, Chris Hooks, Tristen Cater, Nick Naumovski, Patrick Allen, Lynn Speakman, and Denise Swayne.

Denise Swayne, owner of Slant Seven Rodeo Company, a youth rodeo, proposed her company to have an event at the 2019 fair. While having an event at the Adams County Fair they had 187 youth entries. Participants would be paying for entry into the fair. The Rodeo Company provides all the animals and entertainment. They would need use of a forklift and a twelve-hour set up time prior to their event. They do not run a sanctioned show. They do carry the insurance on the event. Prices for their events are; Youth Rodeo \$6,900.00, Bull Riding \$10,00.00, Full Rodeo \$15,000.00.

4-H Report

Nick Naumovski a member of the Jr. Fair Board requested that the Senior Fair Board pay for their annual advisor banquet.

11-2-18: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to pay approximately \$2,500.00 for the Ross County Advisory Committee Banquet. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair Report

Katie Feldhues proposed to have a Ross County Livestock Judging contest Wednesday evening of the fair. The contest would start either 5p.m. or 6p.m. and would last between three to four hours. There will be Jr. and Sr. levels of judging.

11-3-18: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded the approval of Katie Feldhues to hold a Livestock Judging Contest on Wednesday evening of the fair with no deadline on the finish time. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

Sales Committee Report

Checks are still being sent out to the 4-H members. There are still nineteen buyers that have not paid their invoices from the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Discussion took place on best way to collect the livestock sale money quicker.

11-4-18: Cosenza moved, Clary seconded to have the Sales Committee to go ahead and send the remaining 4-H member's their checks even if the invoices haven't been paid. Motion carried.

11-5-18: Corcoran moved, Clever seconded to approve October 1, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

11-6-18: Cosenza moved, Hurtt seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

11-7-18: McCorkle moved, Cosenza seconded to pay October and November bills that were presented. Motion carried.

11-8-18: Corcoran moved, Cosenza seconded to approve the RCAS 2019 budget. Motion carried.

President's Report

Bethel received an email from Judi Mannion, Director of the Ross County Litter Control & Recycling concerning their tire and electronics collection for Ross County on June 14 and 15, 2019.

11-9-18: McCorkle moved, Uhrig seconded to let Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Solid Waste District to use the old speed office area Friday June 14th and Saturday June 15th, 2019 to hold a combined tire and electronics collection. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Prices for the catering of the Christmas party dinner Elegant Eats is \$11.75 per person and Corky Que is at \$17.19 per person.

11-10-18: Uhrig moved, Corcoran seconded to hire Elegant Eats to cater the Christmas party at \$11.75 per person. Motion carried.

11-11-18: Uhrig moved, Hill seconded to reserve 3 tables at the President's Showcase Friday evening at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-12-18: Uhrig moved, Hurtt seconded to reserve 1 table at the GOSA event Saturday evening at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-13-18: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to donate 2 wristbands and camping for the 2019 fair to the Jr. Civic League's Gala. Motion carried.

11-14-18: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to purchase an item for \$100.00 to donate to the Silent Auction at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

Uhrig would like to thank Katie Feldhues for her help on completing the Outstanding Fair Supporter application.

Caretaker's Report

There are 45 units that have been put into winter storage so far.

The chairs that have been missing since the fair have still not been located.

11-15-18: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to purchase 75 chairs for \$750.00. Motion carried.

11-16-18: Uhrig moved, Free seconded to allow L. Vollmar and D. Slaven to store 1 unit each in winter storage at no cost. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Uhrig would like for the sponsor committee to meet to decide the definition of the different levels of sponsorships.

McCorkle is following up with our AEP Rep on the electrical reduction. AEP would like to meet with the Board to discuss the new meters.

There are two and half rows in the camping area that the electric needs to be repaired. The estimate for repairs to these 143 sites will be approximately \$72,000.00. The grounding issue in the camping area by the Jr. Horse Barn has been corrected.

11-17-18: Prater moved, Chrisman seconded to repair the electric on the 143 sites located on Twin and Union Roads for \$72,000.00. Motion carried.

11-18-18: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded for All Win Electric to have a blanket PO of \$5,000.00 for use at State Electric. Motion carried.

Tristen Carter would like to move the Open Swine Show from the Friday before the fair to June 28-29-30, 2019. With any profit to be used to buy a new set of scales for the fair. All expenses will be handled by the Swine Show. All camping fees will go to the Fair Board.

11-19-18: Hurtt moved, Free seconded for the Open Swine Show to be held June 28-30, 2019. Motion carried.

11-20-18: Haubeil moved, Hill seconded to allow the Open Swine Show to use the arena and barns free of charge on June 28-30, 2019. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

Cosenza would like for there to be a standardized form when RCAS sponsors shows on the grounds stating who will be responsible for what.

Easy Riders Rodeo has paid for all expenses that were billed to them but did not pay for the extra camping when they opened the gates two days earlier. Easy Riders has been told that before the 2019 event that there will be amendments to their contract.

11-21-18: Prater moved, Chrisman seconded to allow Keith Diehl and Jamie Lambert to use the parking lot for a benefit for Veterans "Show and Shine" car show. Motion carried.

Employee Evaluations will be tabled until the December meeting.

11-22-18: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion 11-22-18 was rescinded.

11-23-18: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to extend the Treasurer's and Secretary's contract for one month. Motion carried.

11-24-18: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

