

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll called revealed that Boggs, Clary, Corcoran, Gearhart, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., Hill and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jenny Nelson.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Tristen Carter, Chris Hooks, Tara Immell, Katie Feldhues, Hayley Clarkson and Tori Neff.

10-1-18: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to approve September 10, 2018 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Profit and loss statement of the Grandstand entertainment during the fair was presented. A total of \$8,233.46 is the net profit for the week of the fair at the Grandstand.

10-2-18: Hurtt moved, Chrisman seconded to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

10-3-18: Gray moved, Prater seconded to approve renewal of CareWorksComp as the Workman's Comp carrier. Motion passed.

10-4-18: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to pay September bills. Motion passed.

10-5-18: Hurtt moved, Nelson seconded to pay October bills. Motion passed.

4-H/Jr. Fair Report

The Halloween Campout had 1891 people attending with 291 campers of which 103 arrived on Thursday. A check for \$4,466.00 was paid to RCAS for their

percentage of the camping and attendance. Halloween Campout dates for next year were requested.

10-6-18: Clever moved, Whitten seconded to approve September 27, 28, 29, 2019 date for the 4-H Halloween Campout. Motion passed.

Katie Feldhues conducted a survey with 4-H Club Advisors, Parents, 4-H Committees and Volunteers on what should be worked on concerning 4-H and Jr. Fair. The overall responses were positive.

Haley Clarkson, 2018 Ross County Fair Queen presented an overview of what the Queen and Court have done so far since the fair. They have attended three county fairs, Highland, Ashland and Delaware. They have attended the Apple Festival, Pump Festival and are planning on attending the Fall Festival of Leaves and participating in the Chillicothe Halloween Parade. Ms. Clarkson will be in the State Queen Contest.

The goat superintendent would like to have a contest for youth county raised goats, "Ross County Breeder's Cup". The participants would be judged on four different categories. This idea is still being worked on.

Feldhues would like to change the check-in procedure of animals at the gate, with the Vets initialing each animal's paperwork. Also, a list of expectations to be given to the vets on call before the fair.

Feldhues also requested that something to be done with the speakers at the Grandstand.

There were four 4-H members that received letters putting them on probation for acts with their animals during this year's fair.

Tristin Carter requested to move the Open Swine Show from the Friday before the fair to June 28-30, 2019. There will be a showmanship clinic held on Friday evening. On Saturday and Sunday there will be a barrow and gilt show. The purpose of changing the show dates are that the attendance of this year's show was down by 40% due to Ross County 4-H participants being able to take two hogs to the fair instead of one. There were exhibitors from Ross, Fayette, Pickaway, Vinton and Fairfield counties this year. They would be using the Show Arena, Hog Barn and potentially Goat/Lamb Barn for overflow.

The Sr. Fair Board will check with the Jeep Fest Committee to make sure the dates will not interfere with setup of the Jeep Fest.

Sales Committee Report

Chris Hooks reported that the first round of checks has been sent out to the 4-H members. Invoices are still being paid.

Secretary's Report

The Delegate for the OFMA Annual Meeting will be Brad Cosenza and the Alternate Delegate will be Chip Chrisman.

The winter storage rates will be posted on the RCAS website's homepage and sent out is an email blast by The Ross County Chamber of Commerce.

10-7-18: Uhrig moved, Prater seconded to nominate Dan Riddle for Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion passed.

10-8-18: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to nominate Todd Holdren for Hall of Fame. Motion passed.

Caretaker's Report

Wheeler is preparing for winter storage to start. He will be starting October 25-27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. These times will be each Thursday, Friday and Saturday through the third weekend of November.

Employee, Lane Park will be resigning at the end of October. Brandon Allison would like to fill this position. Allison's back round check had some issues.

10-9-18: Prater moved, Uhrig seconded to hire Brandon Allison part time for \$10.00 per hour starting November 1, 2018 with the condition that if he is arrested his job will be terminated. Motion passed.

10-10-18: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to approve the Application for 2019 Ohio Fairs Fund Money to be sent. Motion passed.

President's Report

Jim Worth with Trader Days would like to have a spring event at the fairgrounds on May 10-12, 2019. He will not be able to have a fall show in 2019. He would like to have a spring show on May 8-10, 2020 and a fall show on September 25-27, 2020.

Prices on John Deere and Hustler zero turn mowers have been checked through the state with \$9,000.00 being the highest. Plans of purchasing a mower will be revisited in the spring of 2019.

The letter that was sent to Liza Jensen with the Easy Rider's Rodeo was discussed. They still owe RCAS \$51,718.81 for supplies, electric, water, repairs and the early move into the staging area. As of to date there has not been a response from Liza Jensen.

Committee Report's

Hurttt reported that 88 people so far want to change camping sites for next year's fair. This is very time consuming.

10-11-18: Hurttt moved, Whitten seconded to approve a charge of \$25.00 to move campsites starting in 2019. Motion passed.

The change of traffic patterns in the camping area is being worked on.

Nelson received a letter from Big Brothers/Big Sisters wanting to have an event at the fairgrounds.

10-12-18: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to donate the Multipurpose Building to Big Brothers/Big Sisters on November 11, 2018 for their event. Motion passed. Nelson abstained.

10-13-18: Clever moved, Cosenza seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

