

The special meeting (10 days after the fair) of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, August 19, 2024, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Corcoran, Gearhart, Haubeil Jr., Kemper, McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Kacey Shaffer, Tom McWhorter, Gayle Mahaffey, Jeremy Roll, Karl Gearhart, Bo Clary, Karen Cydrus, Kathryn Rapp, Kathleen Rapp, Kevin Coleman.

McWhorter – Would like to put locks on the large fans at the Show Arena. Put fans over the bleachers. The PA system does not work. Have a better plan on getting the stock trailers to the barns to load out the animals. Better ramps for loading the hogs. Permission to paint all scales and pull out the hog scales and clean. A light is needed for beef weigh-ins. New big fans over restroom and old sales office. Need several power strips. Ear tags and weigh slips need to be ordered in December.

Shaffer – The livestock sale so far is at 1.2 million dollars and add-ons are still being taken. The buyer's dinner will be October 1, 2024. Check pick-up will be on October 2-3, 2024. A mistake of 7 cents was made on the sale bill on the packer price, this was a \$3,340.00 difference.

8-1-24: VanHoose moved, Nelson seconded to cover the \$3,340.00 mistake on published packer price. Motion carried.

8-2-24: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to approve the July 1-15-29, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

8-3-24: Clever moved, Hill seconded to accept the July Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

8-4-24: Bethel moved, Chain seconded to hold the September meeting on the 9th at 6:00pm. Motion carried.

Secretary Report – The t-shirt sales in the office, 67 RoCo shirts were sold, 186 of the 80th Annual Fair t-shirts were sold. There are still a large number of t-shirts left. The annual Directors Election results are as follows; Guy McCorkle – Franklin Twp, Jeremy Roll – Green Twp, Bo Clary – Liberty Twp, Jenny Nelson – At-Large, Keith Chain – Union Twp, Kelley VanHoose – Paint Twp, no one elected for City.

Wheeler – Five doors need to be repaired on the grounds. Hooks on the stalls in the Women’s restrooms need to be installed.

Bethel – The Men’s restroom partitions need to be replaced. Nutrients will be a sponsor of the Farm to Fork.

It was suggested that maybe the antique tractor and golf cart parades could be combined.

VanHoose – The goat rules need to be changed. Next year the exhibitors need to make sure the family animal is registered on Show Works.

The photographer was told that he could not coach the exhibitors in the show ring.

Deputy Tatman asked if there is a list of the public that has been barred from the fair. There were several fights during the Demo Derby.

Bethel has requested six or more vendor campsites.

8-5-24: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to award Wheeler a \$1,000.00 bonus. Motion carried.

Gayle Mahaffey with the Home Arts reported the entries were up this year to 3,286. Terry Cory won the Homemaker of Year Award with 411 points. She suggested that the traffic light be manned through the afternoon on the Sunday after the fair.

Hill – The wood carvings from the fair will be auctioned off with money going to the Horse Arena and Commercial Building funds.

Free – The main PA system did not work half the time. Elliott will be looking for a different sound company and check prices for new sound system.

Nelson – Most of the electrical outages were on the Horse Arena side. A golf cart charging station might be needed.

8-6-24: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to submit requested fair dates of August 2 – 9, 2025. Motion carried.

8-7-24: Hill moved, Prater seconded to pay the Directors expenses for OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

Statements from witnesses of the Harness Racing accident need to be submitted to the insurance company.

8-8-24: Hill moved, Free seconded to have Harness Racing during the 2025 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

The ATM machines kept breaking down during the fair, Glo Fiber had communication errors.

8-9-24: Clever moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

