

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held Monday, July 31, 2023, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that all Directors were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guest – Harley B, Suellen Gillum, Mary Skaggs, Jessie Ralston, William Hopkins, Mary K. Skaggs, Chris Hooks, Tom McWhorter, Ryan Kline, Sally Bluck, Robin Hopkins, and Kim Litter.

Suellen Gillum and multiple parents, advisors, and 4-H exhibitors addressed the Senior Fair Board with an issue that 28 exhibitors did not meet a deadline on if they were bringing their animal project to the fair, stating that they did not receive the emails. This meant they could not show or sale their project. Kim Litter, an advisor, had not been contacted in this matter and could have taken care of the issue if she had been aware.

S7-1-23: Haubeil moved, McCorkle seconded to let the exhibitors that didn't fill out the Jr. Fair registration be permitted to show their animals at the 2023 fair. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

Bluck said some emails are incorrectly submitted to the Extension Office by families, and are corrected when they become aware. They will in the future email the advisors of any problems that arise.

S7-2-23: Hill moved, VanHoose seconded to put a final deadline of 11:59 pm August 1, 2023 to complete the Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form. Motion carried.

Hopkins with NPO inquired about who would be manning the 207 gate during the fair. A Ross County Deputy will man the gate. Hopkins asked that all Fair Board Directors please wear their wristbands at gate #2.

Kline and Bluck announced the Jr Fair Board mixer will be Wednesday at 5:30 and invited the Senior Fair Board. There will have to be 1 Senior Fair Board and 1 barn Superintendent to sign off on exhibitors to sale by proxy and 2 Senior Fair Board and 2 Superintendents to sign off on exhibitors to show by proxy. Coshocton Jr Fair Board would like to visit the Ross County Fair on Tuesday.

S7-3-23: Hill moved, Free seconded to permit 20 of Coshocton County Jr Fair Board members to visit the fair on Tuesday free of charge. Motion carried.

Bluck thanked the Senior Fair Board for paying for the Judges, 133 exhibitors were sent to State Fair, several of these have received top honors.

A barn superintendent had an interaction with an exhibitor and a parent during Skillathon.

Dale Minyo will be broadcasting from the Ross County Fair on August 10, 2023 and presenting Jr Fair Board with a \$2,000.00 check sponsored by Access Seeds.

McWhorter reported that the scales have been certified and all ready to go.

The Treasurer has asked that all checks that could be turned in before the fair be turned in. The Treasurer's safe needs to be serviced.

Jessica Mayer will be volunteering in the RoCo booth on Thursday during the fair.

Free announced that Farm Credit donated \$5,000.00 and Adena donated \$100,000.00 to the Commercial Building Event.

Elliott is wrapping up projects.

S7-4-23: Bethel moved, Kemper seconded to purchase 6 loads of gravel for approximately \$3,500.00. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr announced that Lori Graves will continue with Comedy Night, there will not be a charge to the public and all ticket money from the Donnie Baker sales will be refunded. The rain insurance will be cancelled for the event.

S7-5-23: Hill moved, Kemper seconded to limit infield parking to participants during the Bump & Run, Auto Cross and Demo Derby. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr – the last payment for RoCo is due August 2nd, there will be 48 spots of advertisements on Channel 28 for RoCo. A decision on how much alcohol to order and to hire workers to handle the porta-jons and trash pickup needs to be completed.

As vendors move into the fair if there is a problem, please contact Bethel. The Sheriff has been asked to patrol the golf carts more from 6pm – 1am concentrating on under age driving, disorderly conduct, and overloaded carts.

Boggs – the curtains will be delivered on Wednesday. The new AED pads have arrived. He has changed jobs and will be available to help with RoCo. The Union Twp EMT will work RoCo for \$2,000.00, 2 golf carts, and 2 campsites.

Nelson – the campgrounds are filling up and she is checking for early campers that have not paid. Anyone wanting to reserve a campsite for Halloween campout please let her know which site you would like.

Hill and Boggs will be the contacts with Union Township. Help will be needed moving in Crush and other bands starting at 1pm Saturday.

The Sheriff will supply 25 radios for use during the fair.

VanHoose – the sales office needs to be cleaned.

Adena will place hand-held fans in the sale arena.

Jackson radio station will need an 8x10 spot to broadcast from.

The auditor's papers were signed.

The Ross County Health Dept has requested to have Narcan training at their booth.

S7-6-23: Haubeil Jr moved, Haubeil seconded to permit the Ross County Health Department to distribute Narcan to the public. 4 Affirmative, 16 Opposed, Motion failed.

S7-7-23: Clifton moved, Bethel seconded to go into executive session at 8:02 pm to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried

S7-8-23: Gray moved, Clifton seconded to go back into regular session at 8:09 pm. Motion carried.

S7-9-23: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY