

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held November 4, 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 Boggs, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Tom McWhorter, Jimmy Hines, Dustin Cottrill, Wayne Grigsby, Robert DeLong, Josh Cash, Katie Wells, Karl Gearhart, and Kenton Richter.

Notary, Andy Hill, swore in new Directors Bo Clary for Liberty Township and Jeremy Roll for Green Township, each for a three-year term.

11-1-24: Prater moved, VanHoose seconded to nominate Bradford Cosenza for President. Clever moved, Free seconded to close the nomination for President. Bradford Cosenza was elected President by acclamation. Free moved, VanHoose seconded to nominate Steven Clever for Vice President. Steven Clever was elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Jimmy Hines had to cancel his rental due to illness and would like a refund of his deposit paid to rent the MPB.

11-2-24: Clever moved, Clifton seconded to refund Jimmy Hines his \$500.00 deposit paid for the rental of the MPB. Motion carried.

The Ross County Cattleman Club thanked the Board letting them hold their fall show, the spring show will be April 6, 2025.

11-3-24: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to approve the October 7, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

11-4-24: Corcoran moved, Chain seconded to accept October Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

11-5-24: Corcoran moved, Bethel seconded to pay October 8-31, 2024 bills totaling \$68,910.14 and November 1-4, 2024, bills totaling \$13,498.66. Motion carried.

11-6-24: Elliott moved, Nelson seconded to purchase one table for Saturday evening at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-7-24: Gray moved, Free seconded to reserve two nights for the Queen at OFMA Convention and pay for her guests to the Queen Dinner. Motion carried.

Wells reported – Jr Fair Board will be going to Canter Cave overnight to prep for OFMA presentations. Will be having a livestock field day with Veterinarians for a hands-on learning experience. All but two clubs have turned in their signature sheets for the premium payouts. Farm to Table program is a great event but the participants had trouble getting their meat back from the butcher. Jr Fair Board are researching what is needed for donations for the hurricane victims. The Jr Fair Board from Ross County came in first place on raising food donations in the region and won \$5,000.00.

11-8-24: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to approve the following rule change; The Fair Veterinarian is hired by the Ross Co. Agricultural Society per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture guidelines. Determinations related to animal health, care, and wellbeing are up to the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian up to and including animal removal and possession. Motion carried.

11-9-24: Bethel moved, Elliott seconded to approve the following rule change; a. All market animals must be shown in their respective market show to be eligible to participate in the Ross Co. Jr. Fair Premium Sale *exception for death – see below. If the animal is lightweight or overweight, they can receive packer price but not premium or add-on funds.

b. If the animal dies after weigh-in but before showing in the respective species market show the exhibitor will be eligible to receive add-ons. If the animal dies after the respective species market show, then the exhibitor will be eligible to participate in both the Jr. Fair Premium Sale and receive add-ons.

c. Exhibitors will have 3 minutes from when other exhibitors enter the showing to enter the showing before the Superintendents/Judge moves on with the show. All exhibitors must participate in their market show to be eligible to participate in the Ross Co. Jr. Fair Premium Sale.

11-10-24: Clever moved, VanHoose seconded to approve the following rule change; Large animal breeding livestock and horses are released to leave the fairgrounds between 5:00 am – 8:30 am Saturday morning. Motion carried.

11-11-24: Clifton moved, Bethel seconded to approve the following rule change; All youth participating in Ross Co. 4-H are eligible to participate in any Ross Co. Jr. Fair Bred, Born, and Raise show. If residing outside of the county limits, animals

must be kept at a legal guardian's home address.

- i. (Eliminates residency requirement if already permitted in Ross Co. 4-H).
Motion carried.

11-12-24: Hill moved, Kemper seconded to approve the following rule change;
Alpacas-Recommend a travel in/out one-day judging opportunity
No on-site exhibit throughout the week. Motion carried.

11-13-24: Kemper moved, Hill seconded to approve the following rule change;
Add a County Bred, Born, & Raised Show

a. Will be an independent event held Friday at 8:00 am before the open show.

b. To be eligible for the CBBR an exhibitor must:

Breeders must register to be a CBBR breeder by calling the Extension Office by
February 1 (previous year) (not in effect until 2025- 2026 fair)

Breeder must register all eligible calves by May 15 in the online form: and list
the EID tag numbers and physical description for each calf. In pairs Beef Barn

Superintendents will then conduct an animal inventory check within a month.
(not in effect until 2025- 2026 fair)

Calves do not have to be bred in county but must be born and raised within
county limits until purchased by eligible Jr. Fair Exhibitor. The calf must be
raised by the Jr. Fair Exhibitor in Ross County.

Exhibitor must comply with all other market beef exhibitor requirements and
be shown in the Jr. Fair Market Beef Show to compete in the CBBR show.

Any lost animal tag lost before livestock weigh in should report missing tag to
the Extension office so a new one can be supplied and checked by a Beef Barn
Superintendent.

Show will have 1 class if >9, 2 classes if <10 divided by weight, top 3 in
each class, then pick an overall top 5.

Open show judge will be used for Jr. Fair CBBR Show

Awards needed:

1. 2 – first place class winner trophies

2. Class ribbons

3. Grand, Reserve, 3, 4, 5 overall

4. Animals must remain in designated stall areas only and tack must remain in
designated tack area across from stalling areas.

5. Grooming will be permitted in the barn and in the tent provided outside
the Cattle Barn. Motion carried.

11-14-24: Hill moved, Clifton seconded to approve the following rule changes;
Change minimum weight at fair to be 1,000 lbs.

Stall Requests: Exhibitors can request to be stalled with someone else but cannot
request locations.

Only one parent/guardian permitted in the makeup arena before shows. Motion carried.

11-15-24: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to approve the following rule change; Change move-in time to morning session on south side of beef barn only

☑ Dairy Feeder Show

o Dairy Feeders must be males

o Dairy feeders must be castrated and dehorned at the may weigh/tagging

o Dairy feeders must be born after January 1 (current year) and weigh between 300 lbs and 700 lbs at the fair.

o Dairy feeders may be cross with any other dairy breeds but not crossed with any other beef breeds.

o Dairy feeders will be shown like beef animals and with a show stick

o Dairy feeders must be one of the six dairy breeds: Holstein, Aryshire, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn.

o Recommend show Monday at 1 pm or just following Dairy at 8 am

☑ must be done by 10 am for Goats. Motion carried.

Sales Committee reported – 6 checks have not been delivered; Wells will contact the 4-H Advisors to let them know that the exhibitors can pick up their checks at the next Sales Committee Meeting on November 14th meeting.

11-16-24: Bethel moved, Kemper seconded to purchase 30 no dig hydrant sleeve for approximately \$900.00. Motion carried.

11-17-24: Bethel moved, Kemper seconded to purchase lumber to build saw horse barriers. Motion carried.

VanHoose has been going with the Horse Arena Committee and the donors are concerned, wanting to be sure of the intent of the Fair Board. The motion that was made will be sent to donors for verification.

The State Ohio Patrol contacted Hill inquiring on being able to rent the MPB at a discounted rate.

11-18-24: Prater moved, Hill seconded to permit the Ohio State Highway Patrol to use the MPB for free for their Christmas Party. 7 Affirmative Votes 8 Opposed Votes, Motion Failed.

11-19-24: Hill moved, Prater seconded to permit the Ohio State Highway Patrol to use the MPB at a 50% discounted rate for their Christmas Party. 12 Affirmative Votes & 2 Opposed Votes. Motion carried.

The Halloween Campout revenue was approximately \$23,000.00. Bob Malone said that 39 trash cans had not been emptied and the burn piles had not been cleaned.

Gray – The broad band in the campgrounds did not work very well during the fair.

11-20-24: Hill moved, Clever seconded to extend the Treasurer and Secretary contracts till December 1, 2024. Motion carried.

11-21-24: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY