

The Annual Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held December 11, 2023, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Clever at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Clifton, Corcoran, Cosenza, Hill, and Kemper were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Guests – Heather Crago, Katie Wells, Darla Cryder, Tom Cryder, Kooper Lambert, Lorelei Bluck, Phoebe Cydrus, Tom McWhorter, Wayne Grigsby, and Joy Carver.

Joy Carver presented the Ross County Calf Scramble Financial Report 2023. They had an ending balance of \$3,589.42, which was \$1,915.56 less than 2022 ending balance. They purchased a set of portable scales for \$1,500.00.

Wayne Grigsby, Vice President of the Horse Arena Subcommittee, informed the board that they will resume fund raising for covering the existing arena. The estimated cost at this time is 1.25 million.

Phoebe Cydrus, Lorelei Bluck, and Kooper Lambert from Jr Fair Board reported during their overnight at Canter Cave they learned about leadership, practiced their OFMA presentations and would like to thank the Senior Fair Board for providing their lunches during the convention.

Heather Crago, Tom Cryder, and Darla Cryder presented the issue of changing the rule on permitting goat fitting at the fair and what products are approved. The Board is concerned on how this will be monitored and what the penalties will be if the rule is violated. They were asked to present how the rule should read and state the penalties of any violations at the January 9, 2024, meeting.

Wells reported that the steer numbers have increased from 2023.

12-1-23: Elliott moved, Clary seconded to approve the following rule, Exhibitors who violate the rules for animal release from the fairgrounds will be subject to a

one-year ban from the Ross County Jr. Fair Livestock Exhibition. This includes market, breeding, under or overweight, sick or injured animals, and short-hair hogs that leave without official permission from the Fair Veterinarian/Senior Fair Board/Barn Superintendent. Motion carried.

Kacey Shaffer has been working with Wells and Allen County Fair to set up Show Works to have exhibitors register on line. The next meeting of the Sales Committee will be January 11, 2024. Tom McWhorter would like to place an order for ear tags for \$2,238.90.

12-2-23: Prater moved, Free seconded to purchase electronic ear tags for \$2,238.90. Motion carried.

12-3-23: Free moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the November 6, 2023, Minutes. Motion carried.

12-4-23: Haubeil moved, Elliott seconded to approve the November Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

12-5-23: Elliott moved, VanHoose seconded to approve the payment of the November 1-30, 2023, bills totaling \$10,516.37. Motion carried.

12-6-23: McCorkle moved, Haubeil seconded to approve the payment of December 1-11, 2023 bills totaling \$125,488.40. Motion carried.

12-7-23: VanHoose moved, Chain seconded to approve the meeting dates for 2024. Motion carried.

January's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Wheeler reported that Plessinger would like to have four motocross races and possibly a fifth race. Concerns on needing security to prevent vandalism and issues with grass having to be reseeded need to be discussed with Plessinger before a decision will be made. Winter storage is almost completely full. Wheeler would like to rebuild the large hay wagon.

Free reported that the Commercial Building Event received a check from Adam and Monica Halm.

12-8-23: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded to upgrade plumbing and electric on the two rows west of the main entrance road. Motion carried.

Nelson has ordered the ribbons for the 2024 fair.

12-9-23: McCorkle moved, Haubeil seconded to amend Article XVI of the Constitution of Ross County Agricultural Society to add to existing Article XVI, one free winter storage and two passes for Grandstand events during the fair. If the campsite they have is not used and sets empty during the fair they will have to reapply for a different campsite. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XVI

All ex-board members, and their spouse, that served fifteen (15) or more years shall receive a season pass, a camping spot to the Ross County Fair, one (2) passes for Grandstand events during the fair, and one (1) free winter storage. If the campsite they have is not used and sets empty during the fair they will have to reapply for a different campsite. Said member shall also receive honorary membership to the Board of Directors of the Ross County Agricultural Society without voting powers. These passes shall be courtesy of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors.

12-10-23: Clary moved, Chain seconded to permit the Directors to book entertainment during the OFMA Convention. Motion carries.

A RCAS meeting will be held on the third-floor atrium of the Hyatt at 4:00 pm on January 5, 2024.

12-11-23: Elliott moved, Haubeil seconded to permit the Ross County Ag Career Day to use the Multipurpose Building on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, free of charge. Motion carried.

12-12-23: McCorkle moved, Gearhart seconded to purchase material to rebuild a hay wagon for approximately \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

12-13-23: Elliott moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
RCAS VICE PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY