

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, April 1, 2013 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Bradford Cosenza.

Roll call revealed all present.

Guests – Linda Hill, Judy Reese, Gary McNeal, Cory Coburn, Al Don Cisco, Jon Jenkins, Sharon Atkins, Beverly Schwalbach, Frank Clary, Bill Brown, Ryan Tumbleson, Sharon Bush, Hannah Roush, Sara Kleon

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. A moment of silence was observed in memory of board member Harold Schwalbach who passed away March 17, 2013.

Jon Jenkins and Al Cisco addressed the board regarding Mr. Jenkins losing his camping spot due to driving a golf cart without a permit.

McCorkle moved, L. Whitten seconded to accept the minutes of March 4, 2013 as corrected. The vendors' contracts are due back April 30, 2013. Motion carried.

B. Whitten moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the March 2013 Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

4-1-13: J. Pickerrell moved, Hill seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

7:47 Dixon out. 7:48 Dixon in.

Our ATM contract is for 84 months. 63 months are left on the contract. It would cost \$150.00 per month penalty to end the contract.

4-2-13: Ginther moved, Prater seconded to have our attorney look at the ATM contract. Motion carried.

4-3-13: Hurtt moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the 990 report. Motion carried.

The audit is going on now with J. L. Uhrig. This will be the last time under the State Auditor. Next audit will be under the Department of Agriculture. The auditor needs info from the Sales Committee.

7:55 p.m. – Ginther out.

Jr. Fair reported that they are opening the Jr. Fair dance to all ages and are looking for a new area to have the dance.

They are also looking into a dunk tank for a fundraiser.

July 31, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. will be the mixer/dinner with the Jr. and Sr. Fair Board at the bandstand.

The 4-H Committee reported that 88 clubs are enrolled this year. There were 93 clubs last year. There are 1913 members in 4-H.

The livestock project books are new this year. There is a \$5.00 fine if the child does not complete the project the first year. If they do not complete the project after 2 years, they cannot participate the next year.

Calf Scramble Committee – Bethel reported that one child has lost his calf. Bethel will bring a proposal for a new rule to our next meeting.

Quality Assurance training – A study session was conducted by Hannah Roush. 69 youth signed up. 41 were tested. 32 passed. 9 failed. All received their QA training to meet requirements.

The first county-wide sessions will be held April 3, April 25 and May 22 at the Service Center. 430 have signed up.

Our 2012 Fair Queen, Leah Uhrig, was awarded a position on the State Jr. Fair Board. She is also a State 4-H Ambassador. She interviewed for the position and one girl and one boy were chosen.

April 12 is the deadline for the family Hotline.

4-4-12: McCorkle moved, Dixon seconded to appoint Beverly Schwalbach to the remainder of Harold Schwalbach's term for Colerain township.

Scott Chenault will use community service folks for work around the grounds.

4-5-13: McNeal moved, Corcoran seconded to hire Nick Forcum part time at \$10.00 per hour for mowing and equipment use this spring and summer. Motion carried.

4-6-13: Clary moved, Hill seconded to purchase a 4 ton heat pump for the MPB from Combs for \$5200.00. It comes with a 5 year warranty. Motion carried.

4-7-13: B. Whitten moved, Haubeil seconded to allow Ross County Fire and EMS to hold hazmat training in our parking lot. Motion carried.

J. Pickerrell out 8:30 p.m, in at 8:32 p.m.

Scott is checking references for an application for a Monster Truck Show.

Haubeil has prints for the horse arena building.

The roof on the 4-H building is coming loose and needs addressed.

Haubeil is looking into a storage room for the MPB tables and chairs.

The grandstand roof – Sherwin Williams is bringing in a rep to look at the roof.

4-8-13: Hill moved, Dixon seconded to charge \$7.00 for Monday's Truck Pull and \$7.00 for Thursday's Tough Truck and Auto Cross at the grandstand. On Friday, every participant pays \$10.00 for the pit pass for the Motocross plus admission. Motion carried.

4-9-13: Prater moved, Duncan seconded to allow B. Whitten to buy gravel and install dry wells in front of the row of champions/show arena area. Motion carried.

4-10-13: McCorkle moved, Dixon seconded to have prayer walks over the grounds. Motion carried.

4-11-13: B. Pickerrell moved, Clary seconded to hire Stevens Disposal to supply trash dumpster containers (5-8 yard containers emptied everyday at \$350.00 per day) for the 2013 fair. Motion carried.

4-12-13: Corcoran moved, McCorkle seconded to hire Stevens Disposal for the use of a garbage truck (emptied at \$650.00 per load) for the 2013 fair. Motion carried.

4-13-13: Hill moved, Dixon seconded to hire ABC Restrooms (for emptying trash cans and pick up and removal to dumpsters) for \$8000.00 for the 2013 fair. 5 votes opposed. Motion carried.

4-14-13: Duncan moved, L. Whitten seconded to hire Chillicothe Tents for Events to supply the tents for the 2013 fair at \$5450.00. Motion carried.

4-15-13: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to hire Brad's Johns for portable restrooms, camper pumping and midfield/grandstand pumping at \$6875.00 for the 2013 fair. Motion carried.

4-16-13: B. Pickerrell moved, McNeal seconded to hire First Capital Enterprises for grounds sanitation at \$17,671.00 for the 2013 fair. Motion carried.

4-17-13: Clary moved, McNeal seconded to hire First Capital Enterprises for restrooms and building sanitation at \$10,561.00 for the 2013 fair. Motion carried.

There will be an Audit Committee meeting on April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the fair office.

We will place an ad in the newspaper for hay mowing on the grounds.

Haubeil, McNeal, L. Whitten out at 9:37 p.m.

Dixon out at 9:38 p.m.

4-18-13: B. Whitten moved, McCorkle seconded to buy paper wristbands for the grandstand events. Motion carried.

4-19-13: Prater moved, Corcoran seconded to opt out of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-31, 901-19-32, 901-19-33, 901-19-34, 901-19-35, 901-19-38. Motion carried.

4-20-13: Duncan moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY