

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday April 1, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to at 7:05 by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Clever and Haubeil Jr. were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hill.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Dan Riddle, Bailey Lochbaum, Allison Minney, Chris Hooks, and Katie Feldhues.

Caretaker's Report

Albright Saw Mill will be bringing a demo mower to the fairgrounds and will be servicing the gator and mowers. John Harding is wanting to hold a Tuff Man Contest either on July 20th or 27th. He is wanting to know if he pays in full and doesn't have the event, would his money be refunded. Policy is that there are no refunds. Another water leak has been found on the grounds. Chemicals will be purchased for spraying the grounds.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

The Mental Awareness Training will be held on April 3, 2019. Allison Minney is the Jr. Fair Board Chairman of the Apple Pie Auction this year. Bailey Lochbaum discussed how the Jr. Fair Board is promoting that 4-H members should display best behavior during the week of the fair. The fair office phone number is being put on all emergency forms.

Katie Feldhues reported that all Jr. Fair Judges are confirmed. They are having a one-time extension on the deadline for 4-H sign ups. There are videos for new 4-H members to become acquainted with 4-H information. There will be clinics held for all species of animals. The new format for the Stall Release sticker will allow the Vet checking in the animal at the gate to initial, and post the time of entry, the Barn Superintendent to also initial upon entry to the barn.

Jr. Fair Sales Committee

Chris Hooks reported that there is one buyer that has not paid his invoice from the 2018 fair. This individual will not return calls or attempts of contacting them.

4-1-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to take Zach Gozy GT Lawn & Landscaping to small claims court, \$600.00 is still owed to the Jr. Fair Sales Committee. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Letter from the Jr. Civic League requesting a donation for the Christmas Tree Gala.

4-2-19: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to donate one camping site and two weekly wristbands for the 2019 Ross County Fair to the Jr. Civic League. Motion carried.

4-3-19: Hill moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the March 4, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

4-4-19: McCorkle moved, Nelson seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

4-5-19: Hurtt moved, Gearhart seconded to pay March 1, 2019 thru March 31, 2019 bills of \$32,721.88 and April 1, 2019 bills of \$17,531.28. Motion carried.

4-6-19: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to approve the 990 form for the calendar year of 2017. Motion carried.

The audit committee and any other Director wanting to attend will meet on Monday April 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with J. L. Uhrig and Associates Inc. for a post audit meeting before the audit will be sent to the State Auditor for approval.

4-7-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to purchase Wheeler's cell phone out right for the price of \$137.43. Motion carried.

4-8-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to purchase a printer for Wheeler's office for approximately \$100.00. Motion carried.

A collection was taken for the Don Clever family.

4-9-19: Prater moved, Free seconded to approve a 4% conv. plus a \$.30 fee on all on line purchases with 168tickets. Motion Carried.

4-10-19: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to apply for PEP Grant to purchase more defibrillators. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

The tent order for the fair was passed around for the Directors approval.

The Insurance Renewal was discussed. If alcohol will be at any event sponsored by the Board of Directors extra insurance for that event is required.

A reminder that the OFMA District Meeting will be April 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Mahan Building in Washington C. H., Ohio.

Clary does not want to handle the alcohol during the Smash-It event, it will be turned over to another non-profit organization.

Committee Reports

Haubeil reported that Dan Gilmer from PEP Insurance conducted a walk thru at the fairgrounds. He found some "trip" issues, a few electrical issues, and the 40 & 8 Fish Stand had several issues. Gilmer will be sending a letter of all issues.

Pat Allen will be back next week to repair the electrical issues found.

The Southeastern Food Booth has been purchased back from the Southeastern Band. Forcum has quoted \$2,450 for the demolition of this food booth.

4-11-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to have Forcum demo the Southeastern Booth for \$2,450. Motion carried.

Clary reported that Swango has given an estimate for improvement to the Grandstand sound system of approximately \$8,500.00

4-12-19: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to pay Swango to make the improvements to the sound system at the Grandstand for no more than \$8,500.00. Motion carried.

Jerry Colter will not be working the water truck this year at the fair.

Gray reported that quilt racks are being built for the Home Arts Building and they would like the walls painted.

Gearhart reported that the judge for the open beef show will cost \$350.00 this year.

Hurtt reported that 1441 camping contracts were mailed out. 100 hundred people want to move to different campsites. 175 people are on the waiting list to get a campsite. Several people have turned back their campsite.

Prater reported that the rides are going well. Triple Treat will be offering the weekly ride passes for purchase again this year.

4-13-19: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to sponsor the NBHA Show on June 1-2, 2019. Motion carried.

4-14-19: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to leave the contract for Chillicothe Trade Days as is for this year, if not Chillicothe Trade Days will be charged \$500.00 for the changes he has requested. Motion carried.

4-15-19: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to rent the Fine Arts Building with the glass cases as with exceptions to be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

Uhrig reported that the Fair Book Committee will be meeting with Dan Wells. The book should be at no cost to the Fair Board, the ads should pay for all expenses. The school letters have been sent out.

4-16-19: Cosenza moved, Free seconded to have Dan Wells do the publishing of the 2019 Fair Book at no cost to the Fair Board. Motion carried.

4-17-19: Cosenza moved, Whitten seconded to sponsor the fireworks on Saturday August 10, 2019 of the fair with Hamburg Fireworks. Motion carried.

4-18-19: McCorkle moved, Whitten seconded to give the Sponsorship Committee the authority to find a sponsor to support the free rides on Monday August 5, 2019 of the fair. Motion carried.

The sponsorship packets need to be mailed out. Uhrig agreed to be the Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee this year.

The electronic sign will be repaired on Friday April 5, 2019. Labor will be \$90.00 per hour. They will also install team viewer so the sign can be programmed from a remote location.

The hog storage building will be moved for use as the horse racing office.

4-19-19: Whitten moved, Uhrig seconded to accept the quote from 1st Capital Enterprises for restrooms and building sanitation at \$12,898.00, and \$20,567.00 for grounds sanitation for the 2019 fair. motion carried.

4-20-19: Clary moved, Cosenza seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS