

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice President Steven Clever.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Chrisman, Boggs, Haubeil Jr. and Whitten were absent.

Guests – Chris Hooks, Deputy Glenn Detty, Karlton Wheeler, Justin DePugh and Katie Feldhues.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Justin DePugh was told by Hurtt that he would be receiving his same campsite as last year.

Deputy Detty submitted the Ross County Sheriff's Department report of the fair week. There were six arrests, twenty-seven missing children were reported and found and other miscellaneous incidents. Several suggestions were made, fluorescent window stickers were one. Discussions on golf carts and alcohol consumption took place. Cosenza suggested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss these issues. There will be a meeting to address other problems before the 2020 fair.

Bethel and Chrisman arrived at 7:08 pm.

Vice President Steven Clever continued running the meeting.

S8-1-19: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to donate a campsite and two weekly wristbands for the 2020 Ross County Fair to The Jr. Civic League for the Christmas Tree Gala. Motion carried.

#### Jr. Fair Report

Cosenza updated the Board on the Court case involving a 4-H member and their 4-H animal inside the city limits of Chillicothe, the case was dismissed. The way the city ordinance reads now is that they are not running a stockyard, but the City Council will be looking into this ordinance and possibly updating the language.

Hopefully this will not hurt the 4-H members taking market animals within the city limits of Chillicothe in the future.

Feldhues encouraged the Directors to attend the barn superintendent's meetings.

The sound system at the Grandstand worked very nicely.

Wheeler was thanked for all his help during the fair.

A trash can was requested by each hand washing station.

The Small Animal Show Arena is not handicapped accessible from both sides.

Several chickens and rabbits died at the fair due to the heat, a better ventilation system is being investigated.

The shavings used during the swine show were repurposed to the rabbit barn.

Several people have applied to be barn superintendents and one superintendent was suspended for the duration of the 2019 fair.

The showmanship rules are going to be considered, if a market animal cannot be brought to the fair due to an injury or sickness should the 4-H member be allowed to show another animal already at the fairgrounds.

#### Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that the sale went well, the committee is still receiving add ons.

S8-2-19: Pickerrell moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

S8-3-19: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to pay DB Entertainment \$500.00 for moving the stage during the Jeep Fest out of the Jeep Fest Account. Motion carried.

S8-4-19: Clary moved, Hurtt seconded to refund Heather Crago \$100.00 for overpayment of ride vouchers. Motion carried. 3 opposed.

S8-5-19: Prater moved, Uhrig seconded to pay the Open Rabbit Show \$278.00 for their expenses. Motion carried.

S8-6-19: Hill moved, Chain seconded to pay August 2019 bills of \$557,234.20. Motion carried.

S8-7-19: Uhrig moved, Cosenza seconded to have September's regular meeting on September 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

There will be a contract committee meeting September 9, 2019, at 5:30 pm.

S8-8-19: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm. Motion carried.

S8-9-19: Prater moved, Uhrig seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.

S8-10-19: Uhrig moved, Hill seconded to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

S8-11-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to make a proposal to 168 tickets to only sign a one-year contract instead of a three-year contract. Motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

The 2019 Board of Directors election results are as follows;

Buckskin Township, Sandy Free; Colerain Township, Steven Clever; Deerfield Township, Phillip Hurtt; Huntington Township, Barry Dean Haubeil Jr.; Springfield Township, Lee Whitten; Twin Township, Bryan Bethel; Chillicothe, Paul Corcoran.

Thank you letters will be sent out over the next week.

#### Caretaker's Report

Wheeler asked if he has a week's vacation.

A person wants to rent the Home Arts Building and use the glass cases, what price and process is to be used. This will be tabled until the September Meeting.

S8-12-19: Prater moved, Uhrig seconded to pay for a motel for Wheeler during the EasyRider's Rodeo if needed. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

S8-13-19: Bethel moved, Cosenza seconded to pay Brock Hauswirth and Dan Moore \$350.00 and Charles Watkins \$200.00 for their work during the 2019 Fair. Motion carried.

S8-14-19: Bethel moved, Cosenza seconded to rent the Goat Barn and the Show Arena September 14-15, 2019 for an Open Goat Show for \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

S8-15-19: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to permit MoJo to use the Multipurpose Building for their Christmas Party at no charge. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

S8-16-19: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to keep the campgrounds open and water turned on until October 14, 2019. Motion carried. 2 opposed.

Clary reported the Grandstand didn't do as well as expected. There were 81 entries in the Demo Derby and 164 entries in the Autocross. The Antique Tractor Pulls did well, the Truck Pulls were a good show, but didn't make a profit. He is not having the Diamond J Rodeo next year.

Gray reported several things about the fair. The prices for one night of the Grandstand were not the same as were published, and that there had not been a motion to change the prices.

There were a considerable number of dogs in the camping area this year. The traffic conditions when the Grandstand events are letting out need to be addressed, there should be more than one exit to the fairgrounds.

Prater reported that Phyllis Greiner had passed away.

Hurtt reported that he had been checking out the use of 50-amp services being used during the fair. He found that 25-30 campers were using 50-amp service and paying for 30-amp service.

S8-17-19: Hurtt moved, Hill seconded to refund Mark Hansel \$310.00 for his campsite that he couldn't use due to no 50-amp service, also refund Monica Halm, Ross Meeker and Delbert Tatman \$75.00 each, they had paid for 50-amp service and only had 30-amp service. Motion carried.

S8-18-19: Pickerrell moved, Gearhart seconded to give Wheeler a \$750.00 bonus for 2019 Fair Week. Motion carried.

Pickerrell would like for the Board to have a long-term goal of action written to be better prepared.

The Fruit and Vegetable Building needs to have a better system to sign in entries.

The Easyrider Rodeo's contract has been signed.

S8-19-19: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to reimburse Riffle Machine Works \$25.00 for comp tickets that were not honored at the gate during the fair. Motion carried.

Free reported that the breast-feeding area in the JVS Building was well liked. A second one will be opened in the Multipurpose Building for evening hours next year.

The posters asking for memories that were posted around the fairgrounds was well received.

S8-20-19: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to pay for the 2019 Ross County Fair Queen's registration, hotel and meal tickets for the 2020 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

S8-21-19: Prater moved, Free seconded to pay expenses for the Board of Directors attending the 2020 OFMA Convention. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

S8-22-19: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER  
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK  
SECRETARY RCAS

