

The special meeting (10 days after the fair) of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

Roll call revealed Chrisman, McCorkle, Prater, Whitten, and Hoop were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clary.

Guests – Karl Gearhart, Brian Pricket, Glenn Detty, Andrea Arledge, Madison Schumacher, Megan Haines, Kim Taylor, Kelley VanHoose, Nancy Detty, BJ Pickerrell, and Lisa Bair.

Captain Detty from the Ross County Sheriff's Department gave a recap of the fair. He reported that there were disorderly conducts, theft of coolers, vandalism, intoxicated people sleeping in cars. There were complaints of dogs in the campgrounds and golf cart complaints. He recommended that in the future that golf carts shouldn't be permitted to leave the campgrounds on Fairgrounds Road between the hours of 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm when the traffic is the heaviest.

Andy Wettersten with First Capital Technology reported that the new wi-fi did very well during the fair and tracked how many guests were using the wi-fi. By the 2023 fair all but the campgrounds will have use of the wi-fi.

Haubeil Jr. arrived at 6:16 pm.

Megan Haines thanked the Senior Fair Board, Jr Fair Board, and volunteers for putting on a great fair. She had a complaint on how a situation was handled during the goat show. Her son was showing, and a goat superintendent spoke with the judge several times during the show to say that his goat should be disqualified for using a color enhancer on his goat. Her son and the goat were not disqualified, but on leaving the show ring the goat superintendent told him that he was disqualified without a parent present. Madison Schumacher, an advisor in the 4-H club wanted clarification of the product that was used if it was considered illegal to use at the Ross County Fair. Kim Taylor also an advisor of the 4-H club wanted clarification on the rule #901-19-33 and rule #35 in the Fair Book, they contradict one another.

Andrea Arledge reported the results of the Home Arts entries for the 2022 fair. The number of entries were increased from last year. The Homemaker of the Year was Debbie Imboden. The rugs and trash cans made a huge difference in the building. She also asked that where there was once a water fountain could the holes be filled in.

BJ Pickerrell with the Horse Arena Subcommittee would like to send out flyers to prospective donors, he will be sending a copy to Cosenza for approval. He would also like as many SFB members as possible to be on the subcommittee. At this time Clever, Haubeil, Clary, Pickerrell and Free would like to be on the Horse Arena subcommittee.

Hook reported that they are preparing the invoices to be sent out to the buyers. A discussion took place on how the sale bills can be posted earlier in the future and how can the public pay their sale invoices while at the fair.

Treasurer Comments

Who is responsible for the Put-Put Golf contract with Janet Mitten?

Some food vendors and games have not paid their contracts.

The vendor contracts need to be updated, the camping still shows the old rate.

The building contracts also need to be updated.

Secretary Report

Ludwick would like to thank all the directors that helped in the office during the fair especially Bethel and Boggs.

The Election of Directors results are as follows:

Buckskin Township – Sandy Free

Colerain Township – Steven Clever

Deerfield Township – Matt Clifton

Huntington Township – Barry Dean Haubeil

Paint Township – Kelley VanHoose

Springfield Township – Noah Kemper

Twin Township – Bryan Bethel

City – Paul Corcoran

President Report

Jim Wirth with Chillicothe Trade Days wants to start on his contract.

The following changes were suggested for the Smash-It contract.

Haubeil would like for the contract to state leave it as you found it.
Clean up clay. Take out that RCAS pays for the electrician.
The Directors would like to know the cost of electric during the event.
Why does he get 400 campsites?

Caretaker Report

There is a water tap by the big barn that is not in RCAS name, it is still in the name of the previous owner. Ludwick will check into this.

Wheeler would like to have a shut off valve for the campground. He is to get an estimate for the shut off valve.

S8-1-22: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to purchase a cutting edge for \$500.00.
Motion carried.

Free received nice feedback on the plans for the new Commercial Building during the fair. The committee has met with two architects.

Boggs had one person cancel one week before the fair, due to taking a new job, and requested a refund. If the cancelation had been made earlier the spot could have been filled. Boggs requested that he be added to the Office Committee.

Chain is willing to move the entry day for the fruits and vegetables to Saturday so the participants will not have to pay admission into the fair to enter their projects.

S8-2-22: Hill moved, Chain seconded to leave the Vegetable and Fruit entry day on Sunday. Motion carried.

Bethel would like for everyone to bring the keys for the golf carts to the office next year on the last Saturday of the fair when turning your golf carts in.

Free reported all went well on her part of the fair. Several Grandstand signs need to be replaced.

Clifton reported the "Old Timers Swine Show" was a success.

S8-3-22: Clifton moved, Hill seconded to have Clifton oversee the Peewee Showmanship Class for the 2023 fair. Motion carried.

Gray reported that the entry forms for the open shows needs to be updated.

Nelson reported that all went well with camping. She is in the process of adding the sizes of the sites and preparing for registration for the Halloween Campout. There were 50 campers still plugged in on Monday and another 25 campers unplugged. A reminder will be sent out next year that campers need to be moved out on Sunday after the fair.

S8-4-22: Nelson moved, Hill seconded to change the Fair Office hours during the fair to 9am to 7pm. Motion carried.

Clary reported that the Grandstand events went well and thanked all that helped. Liberty Township has donated two water trucks to RCAS, they need repairs.

Pickerrell reported that the Harness Racing went well. There were some issues of water ponding on the track. The RC car attraction needs to leave a walkway by the Flower Building. The 4-H Horse show went great. During the open horse show the arena was very muddy due to the rain.

Hill reported that fireproof curtains are needed at the Small Animal Show Arena for shade.

To prevent issues in the future with Union Township inspections there will be representatives from Union Township talking with Hill and Boggs on what needs to be corrected.

The Halloween Campout will be having face painting and laser tag on Saturday. The SFB can contact Nelson on what campsite they would like to reserve.

On the livestock projects that were severely underweight, this should have been taken care before they were penned.

S8-5-22: Free moved, Nelson seconded to approve Tuesday, September 6, 2022, for the September meeting. Motion carried.

Free had a list of complaints/concerns from fair goers.

Shower heads needed at the shower house.

The small kid rides area needs groundwork.

MPB vendors are upset that the restrooms in the MPB are closed to the public during the fair.

The bleachers in the Grandstand need to be painted.

The vendors and displays in the 4-H and MPB were torn down to early on Saturday.

S8-6-22: Clary moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY