

The special Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, August 23, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brad Cosenza.

Roll Call revealed that Boggs, Gearhart, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., and Hill were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Andrea Arledge, Lloyd Arledge, Matt Clifton, Chris Hooks, and Katie Wells.

Andrea Arledge, President of the Ladies Auxiliary reported that there were 383 participants this year, down by 88 from 2019. There were 1848 entries at the Home Arts Building, down by 860 from 2019. There was an accident in the building where a lady had to be transported by squad to the hospital. Arledge would like to know the procedure to follow on who to and how to report accidents. The Board would like to have a procedure written for all incidents that happen during the fair. Arledge would like permission to have a meeting September 11, 2021, and to repair the toe piece on the cases in the Home Arts Building at no cost to the RCAS. Arledge would like to have the capability of having the entries completed online.

S8-1-21: Corcoran moved, Elliott seconded to permit the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a meeting in the JVS Building on September 11, 2021. Motion carried.

S8-2-21: Pickerrell moved, Free seconded to have Lloyd Arledge repair the toe piece on the cases in the Home Arts Building. Motion carried.

Matt Clifton passed along that he had heard many positive comments on the fair.

4-H/Jr. Fair Report

Wells reported that Sunday 4-H For All was well received.

Online registration went well, in the future there will be a receipt when the registration is complete. Rolling weigh-ins went well. DNUF were done online only. All changes in the schedule worked out well. The Poultry Barn needs a new

fan that will cost \$600.00. There is a fitter that worked in the Sheep Barn that made several parents upset by the way he helped, rules for fitters in the barns need to be written. The Grand Champion Swine tested positive for an illegal substance, this matter is being handled by the Ohio Department of Agricultural. The Jr Fair Board is lowering the age requirement to 14 years of age, hopefully there will be more involvement. The Jr. Fair Board received a \$30,000.00 donation. Wells would like to have exhibitors taking a horse project to be in a horse club so they can have the guidance that is needed. Bethel is concerned about forcing the exhibitors into making a choice on clubs or being two different clubs.

Hooks reported that the sales went very well. Add-on's deadline has been extended until Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Adena Health Systems added \$50.00 to each market animal project and \$2,000.00 to the Grand Champions. The Cattleman's Club also added to the add-ons.

Treasurer Comments

The net profit from the 2021 Jeep Fest is \$26,724.10.

The net profit from the 2021 Ross County Fair is \$520,224.38.

The Cyber Attack Application mandated from the insurance company has been sent to Andy Wettersten to be completed.

The application for the PPP loan has been filed with the Kingston National Bank.

Secretary Report

The election results are as follows:

Deerfield Township	Mathew Clifton	1 year term
Franklin Township	Gerald "Guy" McCorkle	3 year term
Green Township	Jeremy Gearhart	3 year term
Liberty Township	David Clary	3 year term
Paint Township	Not Filled	3 year term
Union Township	Keith Chain	3 year term
At Large	Jennifer Nelson	3 year term
City	Bradford Cosenza	3 year term

S8-3-21: Prater moved, Whitten seconded to appoint Charles "Chip" Chrisman for a one-year term of Director of Paint Township. Motion carried.

A list of what Thank-you cards that should be sent for help and donations that were received during the fair were discussed.

President Report

Cosenza announced that he had resigned as OFMA District 4 Director, he asked if anyone was interested in filling the position. The Commissioners have completed the application for grant money that will be issued in the county. RCAS needs to move forward on building the Rabbit Barn. The title for the new bucket truck has been received and license tags are needed.

Charles Ortman has given RCAS a check for \$400.00.

S8-4-21: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to use the \$400.00 check Charles Ortman donated to purchase a bench for the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Caretaker Report

S8-5-21: Clary moved, Bethel seconded to purchase sixty pad locks for the electrical boxes. Motion carried.

There were seven street signs stolen in the camping area and several switched during the fair. New signs have been ordered.

The old bucket truck is to be taken to the County garage, not starting.

Chrisman still needs to collect payment from the permanent food booths. The midway was not full due to several food trailers not having enough workers and two were in accidents before the fair.

Clary reported issues with the sound system at the Grandstand, the wiring needs updated. The lights at the horse arena need to be replaced.

Pickerrell had 14 harness races on Sunday. The rain at the beginning of the week made the horse arena hard to prepare for the contest classes. Pickerrell would like to move forward on having a roof over the arena. The flower show went well, and he would like to thank Wheeler for all his help and hard work during the fair.

Nelson reported that the Commercial Building roof was leaking during the fair and had trouble with the lights coming on and was told to leave them on and not to turn them off. Nelson would like to have the camping records computerized. It would help if she had the spreadsheet on the camping that was completed right before the fair.

Free reported that the Gazette did a nice job on the advertising of the fair. She would like to thank Wheeler for all his help.

The amount of money that the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and schools receive for their booths should be printed in the fair book.

Prater reported that the rides had a good week, we received payment of \$25,000.00 from Triple Treats. Only one complaint on the games.

Chain thought we had a good fair.

Whitten thanked Wheeler, Pickerrell for the help and the extra traffic cones.

Cosenza thanked Whitten for handling the parking this year.

Bethel thanked everyone for turning in their golf carts. The Sheriff suggested rethinking the requirement of being 18 years of age to operate the golf carts, they could check easier.

S8-6-21: Prater moved, Gray seconded to donate one campsite and two weekly wristbands for the 2022 fair to the Jr. Civic League to be auctioned at the Christmas Tree Gala. Motion carried.

S8-7-21: Clary moved, Elliott seconded to hold the September meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Motion carried.

We will be passing the hat for the flower fund at the September meeting.

S8-8-21: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

