

The special meeting (10 days after the fair) of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday August 24, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Interim President Gary Prater at 7:04 pm.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Chrisman, Corcoran, Gearhart, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., McCorkle, and Pickerrell were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karlton Wheeler.

Guests – Chris Hooks, Jean Winters, Dan Winters, and Katie Wells.

#### Correspondence

The RCAS received a thank you letter from Janie Wallace the Champaign County Pork Queen and Princess Katie Haynes thanking the RCAS for letting our Jr. Fair take place. We also received a thank you card from the Jr. Fair Board.

#### Jr Fair Report

Wells reported that the Ross County Health Department only had one complaint about a gate worker not wearing a mask. She also spoke with the media on pictures that did not portray the actual practice of the people wearing masks. Dr. Stump will not be collecting the test samples next year. A plan will have to be developed for next year. The live streaming in the show arenas went well for the most part, but there were so many viewers that if this will be used in the future it, we will have to change to fiber optic. The Jr Fair had a completion rate of 70% on the market projects. Wells asked if the MPB could be used for superintendent meetings, they will be inviting the public for their input on the different species.

S8-1-20: Hurtt moved, Clever seconded to permit Jr Fair superintendents and the public to hold three to six meetings in the MPB. Motion carried.

Prater congratulated Wells and the Jr Fair Board on the great job they did on the Jr Fair Livestock Show.

### Sales Committee Report

Jean Winters reported that they have \$40,025.00 in the general fund and \$131,600.85 with add-ons and packer bid, for a total of \$171,625.85. The packer bid for each species is sheep 1.30 per pound, steer .955 per pound, hogs .18 per pound, rabbits 1.40 per pound, goats 2.63 per pound, and chickens 2.00 per head. Winters is prepared for an audit at the SFB convenience.

### Treasurer Report

The revenue and expenses report for the 2020 fair was handed out, not all bills from the 2020 fair have been received, when a completed report is ready it will be posted on our website.

The records retention schedule needs to be updated and filed with the Records Commission and the Historical Society. The Articles of Incorporation have been put on hold until the officers have been decided.

### President Report

Prater proposed to send postcards to the RCAS members with a list of the meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

Meetings dates are advertised and listed on RCAS website and the electronic sign.

S8-2-20: Clary moved, not to send invitations to the RCAS members, but send a postcard with our website address. Motion withdrawn per Clary.

Dan Winters thanked the SFB for holding a Jr Fair Livestock Show for the kids. He knows that it meant so much to the exhibitors.

S8-3-20: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to go into executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

S8-4-20: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to resume regular session at 8:40 pm. Motion carried.

S8-5-20: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to include the email complaint from Adam Garman in the August 24, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.

**Adam Garman** <garmanfarms@yahoo.com> Mon, Aug 24, 8:52 AM

to secretary

On Wednesday night of the fair during cattle weigh in, roughly 9:30 pm, Senior fair board member Chip Chrisman came staggering through the barn. He walked right up to the scale area where we were checking in steers and proceeded to say to me, “the senior fair board wanted me to come down here and do a cup check” he then proceeded to bag tag me in my nuts. I backed away without confrontation and asked him why he was in the barn, and that he kindly needed to please leave. His remarks were, “in senior fair board, I can do whatever I want”. In which I replayed, no chip you’re drunk, you don’t need to be in here, please leave!! I then walked away and went back to helping weigh in cattle. I made Steve Clever and the other beef barn superintendents aware of what happened and Steve was going to look into the issue. The next evening I received a text message from Chip stating, “hey man sorry about last night, it was just a high school prank, I didn’t mean to upset you”. I haven’t seen or talked to him since then. I would like some sort of action taken so this doesn’t happen to anyone in the future. That is not a good example for 4-h kids, being drunk in the barn and slapping other men in the nuts. Especially during a steer weigh in.

Sent from my iPhone

S8-6-20: Hill moved, Chain seconded to contact ODA on the procedure of what can be done with the Amanda Phillips petition that had a forged signature. Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report

The results of the annual election are as follows.

Concord Township – Andy Hill  
Harrison Township – Peggy Gray  
Jefferson Township – Gary Prater  
Paxton Township – Shaun Boggs  
Scioto Township – William Pickerrell  
At-Large – Barry Haubeil  
Chillicothe City – Dan Elliott

Thank-you letters will be going out if anyone has someone they would like to add to the list. Union Township, Fayette County and the Ross County Health Department will be added.

## Caretaker Report

The men's restroom in the MPB needs upgraded.

S8-7-20: Elliott moved, Clary seconded to purchase what is needed to upgrade the restrooms in the MPB. Motion carried.

The faucets in the block building need to be checked. The screen doors on the long restroom building need to be replaced.

The electronic and tire pickup will be the first weekend in October.

## Committee Reports

Hill reported that there are things in the poultry building that were left by the Poultry Club and the superintendents would like to remove the items.

S8-8-20: Hill moved, Whitten seconded to replace a 12 x 12 pop up tent that was damaged during the harness racing event. Motion carried, Nelson abstained.

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Prater suggested that Rule # 8 in the Jr Fair Swine Exhibitor Rules be changed. This was tabled and handed off to Katie Wells to handle.

Free suggested to limit the amount of golf carts at the 2021 fair.

Clary and Hill have been in contact with all the entertainment that was scheduled for the 2020 fair and the schedule will stay the same for the 2021 fair.

Whitten expressed how proud he was of the Extension Office, Jr Fair Board, the superintendents, and all the volunteers that worked to make the Jr Fair Livestock Show happen.

Nelson would like to see what can be done to restore the Antique Building.

S8-9-20: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

GARY PRATER  
INTERIM PRESIDENT

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

MARY LUDWICK  
SECRETARY