

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted August 3, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bethel at 7:09 pm.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Cosenza, Hill, and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Free.

Guests – Katie Wells, Dan Riddle, Maria Williams, Chris Hooks, and Loretta Kellough.

8-1-20: Pickerrell moved, Free seconded to nominate Prater for Interim President. Motion carried.

President Prater took over the meeting at 7:12 pm and thanked Bethel for his services to the Board.

8-2-20: Free moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to nominate Cosenza as Interim Vice President. Motion carried.

Maria Williams from 1st Capital Vintage Market Days reported that they had approximately 600 attendees at their event. They would like to book October 23-24, 2020 for another event. They would like to use the Fruit & Vegetable and 4-H Buildings.

Loretta Kellough with the NPO wanted to go over the gate procedures for the fair. She requested a sign stating, “No Wristbands – No Entry”.

Jr. Fair Report

Wells reported that the wristbands would be picked up on Thursday August 6 and Friday August 7, 2020 at the fairgrounds in a drive thru manor. Campers will be able to move in starting Saturday August 8, 2020 at 8 am and Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 8 am.

8-3-20: Bethel moved, Pickerrell seconded to permit Jr. Fair essential workers for the fair to move their campers in on Thursday August 6, 2020 after 4 pm. Motion carried.

Bethel will contact Dr. Lloyd to obtain the work schedule for the Vets during the fair.

Wells has sent out the contracts for the judges and has heard back from half of them. The sanitation of bleachers and gates plan was discussed. Covid-19 signage will be put up on August 5, 2020. If the show arenas become too full or social distancing is not being practiced the shows will be stopped and the arenas will be cleared. Once cleared they will resume the shows. She has spoken with ODA concerning the ractopamine testing. The labs are busy, and tests are not accurate.

8-4-20: Corcoran moved, Nelson seconded to waive ractopamine testing for the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on rule #18 of the Jr. Fair Livestock Rules that if someone other than the owner of the animal could show the animal.

8-5-20: Pickerrell move, Bethel seconded to allow Ross County 4-H or FFA exhibitors to have someone else show their animal on a non-precedent setting basis for the 2020 Ross County Fair only. 11 Affirmative votes, 5 Opposed votes. Motion passed.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that fliers have be sent out to the previous buyers. They have received \$2,000.00 to date for the pool sale. Their commission fee will still be 4%.

8-6-20: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to have the Sales Committee charge a fee of 2% commission for the 2020 Ross County Fair Pool Sale. Motion carried.

8-7-20: Whitten moved, Free seconded to approve the July 6 and July 21, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

8-8-20: Haubeil moved, Whitten seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

8-9-20: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to pay July 7-31, 2020 bills totaling \$12,666.18 and August 1-3, 2020 bills totaling \$62,082.83. Motion carried.

8-10-20: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to adopt the Articles of Corporation as presented. Motion carried.

President Report

New check signing signature cards will have to be signed.

Secretary Report

Deadline for selling RCAS membership tickets was August 2, 2020. Please turn in all tickets that have been sold and unsold tickets.

Horizon will be installing equipment in the show arenas for live streaming the livestock shows.

Caretaker Report

The leak detection tool is working. He will be picking up hand sanitation stations from the Fayette County Fairgrounds this week.

8-11-20: Bethel moved, Clary seconded to purchase hand sanitizer lotion from the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Whitten would like to purchase 3 to 4 signs to place on Fairgrounds Road stating that Face masks are required at all times, State Mandate, and social distancing.

Hurtt has a signup sheet for helpers to hand out camping packets.

Free has sold several new sponsor signs. The Ross County Fair buttons are here for the visiting royalty.

Clary has gotten one load of sawdust. Union County will be on call during the fair week and not be on site. He would like to purchase surge protectors and extension cords for the PA system.

8-12-20: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to purchase surge protectors and extension cord for the PA system for approximately \$150.00. Motion carried.

Gray reported that the fair book is now online.

There will not be an opening ceremony this year.

8-13-20: Bethel moved, Haubeil seconded to accept Brad's Johns new quote of \$12,000.00 for grounds cleaning and trash can emptying. Motion carried.

8-14-20: Bethel moved, Corcoran seconded to accept Gator Jon's new quote of \$675.00 for sewage pumping. Motion carried.

8-15-20: Nelson moved, Clary seconded to accept Higley Tents new quote of \$960.00. Motion carried.

8-16-20: Bethel moved, Free seconded to accept 1st Capital Enterprises new quote of \$8,796.00 for restroom cleaning. Motion carried.

Whitten thanked Bryan Bethel and Steve Clever for their services while being President and Vice President.

8-17-20: Gray moved, Bethel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

GARY L. PRATER
RCAS INTERIM PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

