

The annual meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held on December 12, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, and Kemper were absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Chris Hooks, Tom McWhorter, Katie Wells, Ryan Kline, Lisa Bair, Holly Helber, and Julie Oats.

Horse Arena Committee are sending out Press Releases, have received \$1,000.00 from Corky Que's, and are submitting a grant application.

12-1-22: Clever moved, Chain seconded for a Market Turkey Project Clinic to be held on January 7, 2023, in the Multipurpose Building. Motion carried.

12-2-22: Clifton moved, Nelson seconded to have a signup sheet for each class of the Peewee Showmanship classes, so exhibitors know which class that they are signed up for at the time they signup. Motion carried.

There are seven buyers that have not paid their invoice for the Jr Fair Livestock Sale. Hooks was given a copy of the November minutes with the request of information requested from the Sales Committee by the Senior Fairboard. There was over \$400,000.00 of addons for the 2022 fair, which over \$100,000.00 was added on after September 6, 2022. There are 1500 buyers registered and 1000 buyers purchased during the 2022 sale. It was suggested that they have a certain place where people could place and pay for their addons at the fair.

12-3-22: Pickerrell moved, Hill seconded to approve the November 7 & 22, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

12-4-22: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to approve the ODA Yearly Financial Report. Motion carried.

12-5-22: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to create a budget line of \$10,000.00 for the RCAS Halloween Campout. Motion carried.

12-6-22: Hill moved, Clever seconded to accept the 2023 Blanket Purchase Orders. Motion carried.

12-7-22: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

12-8-22: Clever moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the payment of November 8-30, 2022, bills totaling \$66,653.99, and December 1-12, 2022, bills totaling \$28,929.57. Motion carried.

The link for the OFMA Newsletter was sent to the Board of Directors. The hotel room reservations will be sent to the Directors attending the convention after Christmas. The flower fund was replenished.

The plans for the campgrounds should be ready by December 16, 2022.

Committee list changes, Noah Kemper added to Harness Racing, and Dan Elliott added to the Sheep Barn.

The renovation to the ticket booths has been completed. The Multipurpose walls need to be painted. Preventive maintenance is being carried out on the equipment.

12-9-22: Pickerrell moved, McCorkle seconded to approve payment of two weeks of vacation pay to Karlton Wheeler. Motion carried.

12-10-22: Free moved, McCorkle seconded to hire the architect Eric Karhoff at the rate of \$167,500.00.

Free and McCorkle rescinded their motion 12-10-22.

Free will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, with several potential donors.

Haubeil Jr. brought up the subject of selling beer or having a beer garden for certain events during the fair.

12-11-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Hill seconded to permit Jon Grey and Paige Farmer with Grey Days to hold a concert on the grounds either July 4th weekend or Labor Day weekend in 2023. Motion carried.

Clifton has contacted Smidley Scales and they will be picking up the scales that are being returned.

Clary reported that the speakers in the Multipurpose Building are not working and will contact Swango.

Elliott will be sending Ludwick the Contract Service Workers Specs.

12-12-22: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to approve booking entertainment for the 2023 fair at the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

There will be a RCAS meeting on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 4:00 pm outside the Ballroom at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio.

12-13-22: Clever moved, Hill seconded to permit ChillitownMX to hold a 4th race on July 14-16, 2023. Motion carried.

12-14-22: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded to deny the request from Easyrider to hold their rodeo at the Ross County Fairgrounds in 2023. Motion carried.

Kelley VanHoose was chosen as the OFMA Delegate and Dan Elliott was chosen as the Alternate Delegate for the OFMA Convention.

12-15-22: Gray moved, VanHoose seconded to go into executive session at 8:06 pm. Motion carried.

12-16-22: Gray moved, Free seconded to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

12-17-22: Haubeil moved, Gray seconded to purchase a computer and printer for the Treasurer for \$1,941.34 and a computer for the Secretary for \$1,868.32. Motion carried.

12-18-22: Pickerrell moved, Nelson seconded to amend their motion 11-24-22 to say Wheeler's annual salary will increase to \$37,440.00 instead of an hourly wage increase. Motion carried.

12-19-22: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to amend motion 11-24-22. Motion carried.

12-20-22: Clever moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY