

The Annual Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted virtually due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Monday, December 14, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:03 pm.

Roll call revealed that the following Directors were absent, Bethel, Corcoran, Free, Hill, Hurtt, Pickerrell, and Prater.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clary.

Guests – Kate Wells and Chris Hooks.

Wells discussed changes to the weekly Jr Fair schedule.

The dog show to be moved to the first Saturday of the fair.

Fair for All (Pioneer School) on Sunday 12 pm lasting 1-2 hours.

The rabbit and beef shows being spread out.

The sheep being showed in one day on Wednesday.

12-1-20: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to accept the changes to the fair weekly schedule. Motion carried.

Add feeding to the grooming limitations that state only family/advisors can perform these duties.

Changes to the Carcass Show and the sale of Dairy Product Sales will be revisited at the January meeting.

12-2-20: Clever moved, Elliott seconded to permit exhibitors to exhibit two different market species, selling only one market animal thru the sale arena unless both species receive Grand or Reserve Champions. Motion carried.

12-3-20: Clever moved, Elliott seconded to accept the changes to the Jr. Fair Goat Show, the changes will be added to the rules in the fair book. Motion carried.

The 4-H meetings will not be able to meet in person until at least January 15, 2021. They have been holding the county wide virtual meetings with

approximately 300 attending. The 4-H member numbers are down currently. The beef weigh ins have been moved to March.

Hooks reported that 2 buyers have not paid their invoices from the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

12-4-20: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

12-5-20: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to accept the Treasurer report. Motion carried.

12-6-20: Chain moved, Elliott seconded to approve the payment of November 3-30, 2020 bills totaling \$13,923.01 and December 1-14, 2020 bills totaling \$10,521.43. Motion carried.

12-7-20: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to approve the Blanket Purchase Orders for December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. Motion carried.

12-8-20: Boggs moved, Gearhart seconded to accept the Ohio Department of Agriculture Annual Financial Report. Motion carried.

Copies of the Annual Financial Reports are at the fairgrounds office to be picked up. The 501(3) (c) is in the fairground office, this needs the signature of each Director before submitting.

Cosenza reported that the Community Action will be using the Pepsi Building on 7th Street for a homeless shelter during the winter months instead of the fairgrounds.

The Ross County Health District has requested the use the fairgrounds for the Covid-19 vaccinations.

12-9-20: Whitten moved, Boggs seconded to permit the Ross County Health District to use the Show Arena to administer the Covid-19 vaccinations to the public in a drive thru procedure. Motion carried.

12-10-20: Whitten moved, Gearhart seconded to hold the January meeting of the RCAS on January 11, 2021. Motion carried.

12-11-20: Clary moved, Chain seconded to sell the cabinets from the big barn. Motion carried.

Judy Manning would like to hold a household hazardous material drop off at the fair on September 19, 2021 but would need a concrete floor. This will be investigated further.

The air compressor from the County Engineer needs an axle and tires for the trailer. Elliott has a trailer, he will see if it will work.

12-12-20: Boggs moved, Nelson seconded to permit Wheeler to cash out his two weeks of vacation pay. Motion carried.

All events have been cancelled except the 35 Raceway Banquet on January 9, 2021. This needs to be cancelled.

Clary suggested to investigate having a lighted parade during the holiday season in the future for a fund raiser.

Ideas for the PEP Grant for 2021 are fire extinguishers and repair the railing and trip hazards in the Grandstand.

12-13-20: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

