

The Annual meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, December 8, 2014 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Robert Whitten.

Roll call revealed Clary, Corcoran, Cosenza, Hill, McNeal absent. All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Larry Vinzant, Kate Weaver, Grace Day, Katie Feldhues, Chris Hooks, Lorri Stewart, Dave Grizzell, Katrina Robinson, Honey McNeal

Honey McNeal mentioned negativity about the Relay for Life. They have looked for a back up place to hold the event. Guy McCorkle spoke on the fairboard's behalf. No one on our board has mentioned that the Relay for Life could not use the grounds for the event. We had problems contacting anyone to address clean up issues and parts of the contract. It is important for us to communicate and coordinate events with a point of contact through our Caretaker. Ms. McNeal assured us it would happen in 2015 as the committee was new in 2014.

12-1-14: B. Pickerrell moved, McCorkle seconded to allow Relay for Life to use the fairgrounds for their event June 12 & 13, 2015. Motion carried. Ms. McNeal will contact the main office and let us know if they will be moving forward with us. Melinda McDaniel from the main office will be signing the contract.

Prater moved, Ginther seconded to approve the minutes for November 3 & 8, 2014. Motion carried.

B. Pickerrell moved, Dixon seconded to approve the November Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

12-2-14: B. Pickerrell moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

12-3-14: Prater moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to approve the Annual Treasurer's report. Motion carried. The Annual Treasurer's report booklet will be distributed later this month.

12-4-14: Gray moved, Bethel seconded to move the budget report to the January 5, 2015 meeting after the budget committee meets. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair Report

29 Jr. Fair members will attend the OFMA Convention in January.

12-5-14: Prater moved, McDonald seconded to give each Jr. Fair attendee \$10.00 for their lunch at the convention. Motion carried.

4-H Report

Katie Feldhues reported that background checks for 4-H volunteers are done every 4 years per OSU policy. For better protection, we should require BCI background checks for Superintendents and have the Ohio 4-H office as the keeper of the background checks. All Superintendents should be background checked and follow 4-H guidelines. Katie will get the OSU procedure policy and compile for our January 2015 meeting.

Jane Vollmar has resigned as Treasurer of the building fund and 4-H Committee. Katie explained becoming a Ross County Fair Superintendent.

Committee Reports

The budget committee will meet on December 18 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The audit committee audited the financial records of Calf Scramble Committee and the Jr. Fairboard.

Prater asked permission to explore the possibility of bringing the Western Heritage Days Rodeo back to the fairgrounds for possibly 3 days in June 2015. The proceeds would go to the Horse Committee.

12-6-14: Prater moved, Ginther seconded to explore the possibility to bring the Western Heritage Days Rodeo to the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Corcoran & Gray met with the Navy Petty Officers discussing selling and taking of tickets for the fair.

Sale Committee – Katrina Robinson, Treasurer, gave a report on unpaid buyers. 12-7-14: Prater moved, Ginther seconded to pay \$975.00 to non-family exhibitors and get a firm policy for non-paying buyers. The Sale Committee will reimburse the Sr. Fairboard when they receive payment from the non-buyers. Motion carried.

Caretaker's Report

Scott reported he is buying parts for maintenance of the equipment and working on the Multipurpose building doing painting and maintenance.

12-8-14: Hurtt moved, Clever seconded to amend Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution as follows: The cost of a membership certificate shall be \$5.00. Motion carried.

Hurtt would like to be contacted with suggestions regarding golf carts.

Entertainment – Prater will contact a Beatles Tribute Band for their availability on Friday, August 14, 2015.

12-9-14: McCorkle moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to include a page in the 2015 Fair Book in memory of Diane Cochenour. Motion carried.

12-10-14: Clever moved, Haubeil seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

ROBERT WHITTEN
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY