

The Annual meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Steven Clever.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Boggs, Gearhart, Haubeil Jr. and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Guests – Earl Palmer, Kathy Young, BJ Hopkins, Karlton Wheeler, Aaron Swepston, Hannah Pickerrell, Katie Feldhues and Luke Lockwood.

Hopkins, representing the NPO, wanted to address the issue of slow internet service at the ticket booths and if the connections would be hard wired for the 2020 fair. Also discussed was the closing of the ticket booth at the Y entrance.

12-1-19: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to obtain an estimate of the cost to have the internet connection to the ticket gates hard wired. Motion carried.

The NPO are considering extending their shifts to 7 hours and counting the drawers twice daily.

4-H Report/Jr Fair Report

Hannah Pickerrell introduced herself, she is a first year Jr. Fair Board member attending Zane Trace High School and takes horse projects to the fair.

12-2-19: Corcoran moved, Cosenza seconded to purchase the Jr. Fair Board's lunch during the OFMA Convention at the cost of \$340.00. Motion carried.

Luke Lockwood, a second-year member of the Jr. Fair Board, a student of Southeastern High School and shows rabbits at the fair, reported that they are considering replacing the round bale rolling event at Jr. Fair Night with a pie eating contest.

Feldhues encourage the SFB to come watch the JFB's presentations during the OFMA Convention. Feldhues reported that new barn superintendents have been appointed, two in the goat barn, three in the swine barn, one in the beef barn and two in the poultry barn.

The following changes are being made.

Goat exhibitors can take 2 market projects, sell 1.

Sheep exhibitors can take 2 market projects, sell 1, not have a pen of 2.

The photo booth on the Row of Champions will change.

The booth tear down in the 4-H building will be during the same times but with a staggered schedule.

Feldhues inquired when an audit for the JFB books would take place.

They have been conducting 4-H awareness through out the county in the schools recently. Feldhues thanked the SFB for attending Superintendent and Committee meetings with the JFB. There are three superintendent meetings through out the year where policies are determined.

Cosenza asked Feldhues what her concerns had been with the SFB. She said until recently there has not been much interaction between the SFB and the JFB and barn superintendents. The clarification of responsibilities needs to be clear.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that all but two buyers have paid their invoices, still owed is \$1,333.00. All the exhibitor's checks have been mailed with a considerable amount that have not been cashed.

12-3-19: Pickerrell moved, Hill seconded to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

12-4-19: Corcoran moved, Chain seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

12-5-19: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to pay the November bills 11/4/19 thru 11/30/19 totaling \$18,646.34 and December bills 12/1/19 thru 12/9/19 totaling \$16,247.61. Motion carried.

12-6-19: Corcoran moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve blanket PO numbers for the year. Motion carried.

12-7-19: Cosenza moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the 2019 Annual Financial Report to be submitted to the OFMA. Motion carried.

12-8-19: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to approve payment for parking for those members attending the OFMA Convention that their vehicles wouldn't fit into the parking garages. Motion carried.

Prater is planning the JFB audit for the middle to the end of February, Feldhues needs to produce the JFB ledgers. Prater asked for Cosenza to be added to the Audit Committee to replace Uhrig.

12-9-19: Haubeil moved, Gray seconded to approve for the Ross Soil & Water Conservation District to use the gravel lot behind the racetrack for distribution of fish sale and plug sale on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 9:00 am to 11:00 am and Monday, May 18, 2020, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Motion carries.

12-10-19: Prater moved, Free seconded to approve the electrical upgrade to campgrounds for \$102,706.20 and the water upgrade for \$26,601.00. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

We received a 2nd place in the communication awards for our Fair Book Cover. Conflict of Interest Policies were passed out to be signed.

12-11-19: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to approve a Special Meeting during the OFMA Convention on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the Hyatt Regency outside of the Regency Ballroom to approve the booking of entertainment for the 2020 fair. Motion carried.

12-12-19: Prater moved, Clary seconded to approve the purchase of 70 orange advertisement signs for winter storage at the cost of \$35.00. Motion carried.

Cosenza suggested to obtain estimates for improvements needed to the rabbit barn.

12-13-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to hire engineer John Wetzel for \$5,000.00 to draw plans for the purpose of legalizing a section of the campground. Motion carried.

12-14-19: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded to give permission to David Clary to sign a 3-year contract with Smash It for Auto Derby during the fair. Motion carried.

Clary reported that the antique tractor pulls will be back this year at the Grandstand on the first Saturday of the fair. Auto cross will also be back this year.

Nelson reported that Buckskin Produce wants to have a rental spot in the Commercial Building during the fair. The Board thinks that they would do better closer to the campgrounds.

Free reported that she had talked with people that were confused on the rental prices on the website. Ludwick will have this changed.

It was suggested that the fireworks contract should be signed at the convention.

12-15-19: Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS