

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday January 6, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Corcoran, Haubeil Jr., Hill and Whitten were absent.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Chris Hooks, Aaron Swepston, Katie Feldhues, Dan Riddle, Grace Swepston and Meredith Robinson.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

The 4-H are planning their Advisor Banquet and are paying \$1,500.00 and asked if the SFB would help with the remainder of the cost of the banquet. Last year's banquet cost \$2,300.00.

1-1-20: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to pay the remaining balance of the Advisors Banquet. Motion carried.

Meredith Robinson and Grace Swepston thanked the SFB for paying for the JFB's lunch during the OFMA Convention. The JFB is putting up a donation box at each livestock barn during the fair to raise money to pay for an exhibition day for special needs children.

Bethel asked Feldhues if there had been any change to the exhibitor rule on showmanship, if the exhibitor's animal was injured or sick preventing them from bringing their project to the fair, could the exhibitor then show another exhibitor's animal. Feldhues said that it was discussed and voted on during a superintendent's meeting to keep the rule as is, this is not permitted. Prater would like for decisions to be in favor of the exhibitors if possible. Bethel would like for this to be changed, in the future to let exhibitors at least be able to participate in showmanship.

Gray and Bethel congratulated the JFB on a job well done with their OFMA Convention presentation.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that there is only one invoice in the amount of \$333.00 that is unpaid. There are still 45 exhibitors that have not cashed their checks from the 2019 Livestock Sale.

1-2-20: Clever moved, Chain seconded to approve the November 20, 2019 and December 9, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

RCAS won \$2,700.00 at the OFMA Convention during the Saturday Night Extravaganza table drawing.

1-3-20: Hurtt moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

1-4-20: Chrisman moved, Free seconded to pay December 10-31, 2019 bills totaling \$18,831.85 and January 1-9, 2020 bills totaling \$18,070.80. Motion carried.

1-5-20: Prater moved, Clever seconded to send letter to the Ross County Commissioners to request money. Motion carried.

President's Report

The Easyriders Rodeo and 168tickets contracts are still at the lawyers being prepared.

Secretary's Report

Bio sheets for the website were available to be updated.

The entry pad on the office door has not been working properly, it doesn't always lock, everyone needs to double check that the door is locked.

1-6-20: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to replace the entry pad on the fair office door. Motion carried.

Caretakers Report

The mail board is being redone to prevent the mail from falling off the board.

1-7-20: Pickerrell moved, Hurtt seconded to have mail board redone. Motion carried.

Gray handed out Fair Book pages to have updated and turned back into her at the February meeting.

Clary reported on the Grandstand tentative schedule for the 2020 fair.

Saturday	Antique Tractor Pulls	Free	
Sunday	Harness Racing & Queen Contest	Free	
Monday	Truck & Tractor Pulls	Gen Adm \$7	Pit \$10
Tuesday	Jr. Fair	Gen Adm \$3	
Wednesday	Motocross	Gen Adm \$7	Pit \$10
Thursday	Sweet Tea Trio/Nashville Crush	Free	
Friday	Autocross	Gen Adm \$10	Pit \$12
Saturday	Demo Derby	Gen Adm \$10	Pit \$12

1-8-20: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to set the admission price for Autocross and Demo Derby at the Grandstand at \$10.00 and Pit Pass at \$12.00. Motion carried.

Cosenza reported on the release by the ODA on Pork Packers refusing swine that have be fed the feed Paylean.

Cosenza asked the Board what could be done about helping the Grange with repairs to their food booth. The air conditioner will be checked for repairs.

1-9-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to approve the dates of April 3,4,5, 2020, July 10,11,12, 2020 and October 17,18, 2020 for Scott Plessinger Motocross events. Motion carried.

Hurtt reported that Kenworth had contacted him on reserving 400 campsites for June 6, 2020. Bethel will be contacting Jackie Smith on the matter of trash pickup, camping permit and security.

Pickerrell reported that the Harness Racing will only be on Sunday at the 2020 fair. The State is paying RCAS \$12,000.00 to hold the event plus purse money.

1-10-20: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to open a new PO# for electrical parts for \$7,000.00. Motion carried.

1-11-20: Prater moved Chrisman seconded to apply for the Ohio Fairs Grant of \$50,000.00 to purchase a Compact Track Loader and make Grandstand improvements of a concrete pad and bleachers and match the money from the Grandstand Fund. Motion carried.

Clever reported that the campground improvements should be done by the end of January weather permitting.

The contract service specs will be emailed to the board and revised at the February meeting.

Cosenza, Haubeil and Elliott met with the Commissioners to discuss the options of building a new Poultry/Rabbit Barn, they said that they are willing to loan RCAS the money to build this barn. They had estimates for two different barns, one constructed out of red iron for approximately \$250,000.00 and one constructed with wood for approximately \$193,000.00.

1-12-20: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to build the Poultry/Rabbit Barn using the red iron building for \$250,000.00 and applying for the State Capital Budget Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. Motion carried.

1-13-20: Gray moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

