

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, January 7, 2013 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Bradford Cosenza.

Roll call revealed Corcoran, Ginther, Haubeil, L. Whitten absent. All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Frank Clary, Beef Barn. He is asking the fairboard to buy a standard chute for weigh-ins. Prices are \$1900-\$2500. Head and tail gates are also needed. He will ask the Cattlemen's Association if they can assist with the purchase.

Also, Mr. Clary is a Trustee with the Farm Bureau. He distributed information about the Farm Bureau. They would like to partner with the fairboard for projects. Other guests – Chris Hooks, Sales Committee; Sara Kleon, 4-H/Jr. Fair, Linda Hill.

McCorkle moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to accept the minutes of December 10, 2012. Motion carried.

Clary moved, B. Whitten seconded to approve the December 2012 Treasurer's report. Gray reported the budget is for planning purposes only. Motion carried.

1-1-13: McCorkle moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

1-2-13: Prater moved, Duncan seconded to pay \$170.00 for lunch for the 15 Jr. Fair attendees and 2 Advisors at the OFMA convention. Motion carried.

1-3-13: Clary moved, Hill seconded to sign the Singer Sled contract for \$1650.00 and Central Ohio Truck Pullers Assn. contract for \$5375.00 for Monday night at the Grandstand. Motion carried.

1-4-13: B. Whitten moved, Dixon seconded to have the Broken Horn Rodeo on Wednesday at the Grandstand for \$11,000.00. Motion carried.

1-5-13: Clary moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to use Jeremy Forcum for the Thursday Tough Truck contest and for the 2013 Friday Motocross at a cost of \$3500.00 or less. Motion carried.

1-6-13: B. Whitten moved, McNeal seconded to have the Tough Truck Contest on Thursday at the grandstand. Motion carried.

Clary out of meeting at 7:55 p.m., back in at 7:56 p.m.

Convention Reports

Hill filed the Bicentennial form with ODA. He also attended Rules and DUNF meetings.

B. Pickerrell attended the Harness Race meeting. It will be a couple years before racing returns to former levels expected in 2015-2016. More operational money will be coming for racing. It looks very optimistic.

McCorkle attended many electrical meetings. Our website is an important tool.

Gray – ODA will let us know if they will be doing an audit. She attended a Facebook meeting. We need to get on Facebook.

Schwalbach left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Uhrig – Convention went well. Attended the Sec/Treas. Meetings, DUNF meeting, customer service meeting, open meeting discussion, and dealing with the Media meeting.

Clary thanked Gary Prater for serving 8 years on the OFMA board. Chris Brust from Pike County Fair was elected to District 4 Director.

Prater – PAC fund does good work for the fair.

1-7-13: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to propose a change to the Constitution at the annual meeting in December 2013.
Add: The Board of Directors of the Society may authorize the sale of intoxicating beverages at fairgrounds events and receive revenue from the sales. Motion carried.

Electric Committee Report – 7 poles on primary side need replaced and 19 poles on secondary need replaced per McCorkle.

Sound Committee – Paul Pollard says we need more wire and speakers to complete the sound on the grounds. We need to note the sound dead spots on the grounds. He projects \$10,000-\$15,000 to complete the sound and then \$3,000-\$4,000 for yearly maintenance.

1-8-13: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to set up a budget of \$15,000 to complete the sound project. Motion carried.

Fairbook Committee – Dixon will set up a meeting.

Budget/Oversight/ Audit Committee meeting report of 12/27/12 was distributed.

1-9-13: McCorkle moved, B. McDonald seconded to raise the following rates:

Raise gate admission \$1.00 to \$5.00 per day.

Raise season passes \$5.00 to \$25.00 each.

Raise Sr. Citizens daily passes \$1.00 to \$4.00 per day.

Raise Sr. Citizens Weekly passes \$5.00 to \$15.00 each.

Raise camping rates \$25.00 to:

- \$225.00 for 30 amp service
- \$300.00 for 50 amp service

Raise concessions from \$4.00 sq. ft. to \$4.50 sq. ft.

Raise Multipurpose building booth rental \$10.00 to \$410.00 for week of fair.

Raise Commercial building booth rental from \$20.00 per ft. to \$21.00 per ft.

Motion carried. Prater abstained due to vote on concession rates and being a vendor.

New Campsites – McCorkle will get an estimate to install 2 more rows of campsites. We might want to consider installing sewer system. The Commissioners may at some point install pumping stations from Union Heights to CCI and be something that the fairgrounds could tap into.

2013 Committee Assignments – Please let Brad Cosenza know your choice of committees.

Sponsorship – Linda Hill reported that she contacted Beck’s Hybrid seeds and Citizen’s National Bank for sponsorships. She also suggested bringing in a band as a fundraiser. She will explore possible sponsorships.

1-10-13: B. Whitten moved, Dixon seconded to buy a computer and software for the Treasurer. Motion carried.

1-11-13: Hurtt moved, Clary seconded to replace the two radios that were burned in the porch fire. Motion carried.

1-12-13: Hurtt moved, Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY