

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, January 9, 2012 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brad Cosenza.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Corcoran moved, Clary seconded to accept the minutes of December 12, 2011. Motion carried.

Dixon moved, Hill seconded to accept the December 2011 Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

1-1-12: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

Junior Fair discussion – The Superintendents made a new rule for calves' weight. They must weigh 450 lbs. at weigh-in. This was not brought before the Sr. Fair Board for approval. Brad will contact Sara Kleon for clarification. We need to meet with Superintendents in each department about their recommendations for rule change requests. All new approved rules will be included in the fairbook.

1-2-12: Corcoran moved, McDonald seconded to offer the opt out exam on quality assurance. Motion carried.

The OFMA Convention was discussed. Uhrig noted the open meeting policy must be observed in committee meetings. Policy and procedure handbook needs to be compiled for the board's approval. Record retention policy and schedule need to be developed. Membership tickets can only be sold by the Secretary and the Treasurer. The fairgrounds should be accessed for compliance for handicapped accessibility. Clary recommended we have a meeting with the Veterinarians in June or July to discuss mandatory requirements. We need a Vet to walk through the barns each day. Brown stated judges should be covered under Worker's Compensation unless they are under contract as an independent contractor. Uhrig will contact our insurance to determine if judges are covered on our insurance policy.

1-3-12: Hill moved, McCorkle seconded to purchase event signs for the grandstand for \$100.00 each. Motion carried.

Haubeil reported the inspection was completed on the hog barn. Everything passed. The Country Born Foundation donated an additional \$50,000.00 with their total donation at \$450,000.00.

McCorkle will continue to work on a plan to move the vendor campsites from north of the office. A vendor campsite committee was assigned from grounds, buildings, camping committees and anyone else wishing to serve. The meeting will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the fair office. Uhrig will contact the media.

1-4-12: Clary moved, McNeal seconded to approve the 2012 dates for Chillitown MX, LLC as 6/2, 6/30, 7/1, 9/15, 10/20, 10/21/12. Motion carried. Prater abstained.

1-5-12: McCorkle moved, Prater seconded to bid out the removal of the speed barns. Motion carried.

Our Attorney, Jonathan Schmidt, is reviewing the contract with the Water Company.

McCorkle will check the easement requirements at the courthouse. The easement from the fence on Rt. 207 is 25 feet. Rt. 207 may be a good place for a new electronic sign.

The review of non-fair rentals and vendor rates was tabled until the February meeting.

1-6-12: McCorkle moved, Gray seconded to have Chris Higbee at the grandstand on Saturday, August 4, 2012 pending approval from Dr. Kalbus at the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. Motion carried.

1-7-12: Schwalbach moved to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRAD COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY