

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday July 1, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Chrisman, Free, Hill, McCorkle and Pickerrell were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Clary.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Stephanie Hartmus, Heather Giles, Becky Hitch, Shane Hitch, Tim Velarde, Chris Hooks, Emily Jones, Katie Feldhues and Kenton Richter.

Representatives from the Open Poultry Show had questions on rules of the show. They would like for the Board to help pay for the show.

7-1-19: Cosenza moved, Uhrig seconded to reimburse the Open Poultry Show for 2018 Open Poultry Show's expenses and pay for the 2019 Open Poultry Show's expenses. Motion carried.

Hurtt arrived at 7:07 pm.

The judges and superintendents for the Open Poultry Show will be given Fair Passes. They would also like to be able open the gate on Wednesday for unloading and loading purposes.

7-2-19: Haubeil Jr. moved, Cosenza seconded to allow the Poultry Club to open and man the gate at the Small Animal Show Arena for unloading and loading the animals. Motion carried.

President Bryan Bethel presented Tim Velarde from the 40 & 8 a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to buy back their food booth located on the Ross County Fairgrounds.

4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

Stephanie Hartmus reported that there were 300 campers and 50 counselors at 4-H camp this year.

Emily Jones reported that they have two new advisors. Skill-a-Thon will be conducted on July 9, 2019 and July 20, 2019. Station workers are still needed for the Skill-a-Thon.

Kenton Richter reported that the 4-H mixer will be held on July 31, 2019 at 5:30 pm on the fairgrounds.

Feldhues reported that she is confirming what comp tickets will be needed for judges. Three 4-H members did not attend quality assurance. The Round Bale Roll will be confirmed on Tuesday.

7-3-19: Haubeil moved, Clever seconded to approve the June 3, 2019 and the June 18, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

7-4-19: Boggs moved, Whitten seconded to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion carried.

7-5-19: Clever moved, Nelson seconded to pay the June 3, 2019 thru June 27, 2019 bills totaling \$57,657.54 and July 1, 2019 bills totaling \$56,262.41. Motion carried.

The Planning Budget was discussed it will be updated. The repairs that need to be completed before the fair will be approximately \$45,000.00. The estimate for wiring the glass show cases was \$24,937.00, they will not be wired for light at this time.

7-6-19: Cosenza moved, Corcoran seconded to accept the revisions to the Planning Budget. Motion carried.

President Bethel appointed Cosenza, Uhrig, Gray, Gearhart and Prater to be judges and clerks for the election of Board Directors on August 8, 2019.

The Fair Office will be open July 8-12, 2019 from 11am to 7pm and July 13, 2019 from 11am to 3pm, July 29 – 31, 2019 11am to 7pm, August 1, 2019 11am to 9pm and August 2-10, 2019 9am to 9pm.

The last day to turn in Election Petitions is July 18, 2019. Last day to sell and turn in Membership tickets and money is July 29, 2019.

We will be selling Triple Treat Weekly Ride Passes for \$75.00, they will be on sale until August 4, 2019 at 9pm. Daily ride passes can be purchased each day for \$18.00.

#### Caretaker's Report

The flowers have been planted at the gate 2 entrance. Flowers have been planted at the Bandstand. The Jeep Fest campers are starting to come in early and not plugging in. Wheeler wants to know how to police this issue.

7-7-19: Clary moved, Haubeil seconded as of Sunday June 28, 2020 camping will be charging \$30.00 per night thru July 5, 2020. Motion carried.

7-8-19: Whitten moved, Haubeil seconded to charge all campers on the fairgrounds as of July 1, 2019 thru July 6, 2019 \$30.00 per night. Motion carried.

The Caretaker's house needs to be landscaped.

7-9-19: Clary moved, Boggs seconded to allow the Ticket Committee to decide which way to scan the gate tickets. Motion carries. 2 opposed.

Herrnstein would like to give out beer tickets to be redeemed at the beer garden and will pay RCAS at the end of the Jeep Fest.

Hurtt reported that Dr. Lloyd selected a campsite and did not pay for the site. Bethel will be contacting Dr. Lloyd on this matter.

Hurtt has asked Pat Allen for list of which campsites have 50-amp service.

There are twenty-one open campsites, perspective campers are to come July 8, 2019 to pick out a site.

7-10-19: Clary moved, Prater seconded to amend Motion S6-5-19 to have Hurtt patrol the twelve campers that are camping on 50-amp sites but are only paying for 30-amp service to make sure that they are hooked up to 30-amp service and not 50-amp service, if they are using 50-amp service they will have to pay the 50-amp price. Motion carried.

7-11-19: Prater moved, Haubeil seconded to vote on motion 7-10-19 as amended. Motion carried.

Boggs reported that the Multipurpose Building has all the spots rented.

The water hydrant is leaking on site # 1067.

Cosenza reported that he received a letter from Bob Peterson thanking for the letters sent regarding House Bill 6, it passed.

Easyriders are agreeing to all issues that were discussed, Mr. Benson is drawing up a new contract.

7-12-19: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to accept the new contract for the Easyriders Rodeo. Motion carried.

Uhrig reported that the Pig Races will be back this year for \$2,000.00. Uhrig has ordered metal signs for the Small Animal Show Arena and the Horse Barns and a new banner for Prater. The electronic sign is working at limited capacity, the system will be completely updated soon.

7-13-19: Corcoran moved, Clever seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL  
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK  
SECRETARY RCAS