

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was call to order by President Bryan Bethel at 7:08 pm.

Roll call revealed that Boggs and Cosenza were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Haubeil Jr.

Guests – Sally Bluck, Dan Riddle, Kate Wells, Terry Uhrig, and Cheryl Looney.

Terry Uhrig from the Ross County Board of Elections proposed to the Board to be permitted to use the Multipurpose Building for two elections per year for the next five years.

S7-1-20: McCorkle moved, Hill seconded to permit the Ross County Board of Elections to use the Multipurpose Building for a polling location for the Union Township's three precincts at no charge for two elections per year for the next five years, and they will follow all Covid-19 Health Mandates. Motion carried.

Cheryl Looney presented an agreement between the Ross County Board of Elections and the RCAS.

Correspondents

A letter from the Ross County Health Department was received stating that the Easyriders Rodeo cannot be held this year due to the health mandates that are in place.

An email was received from Ohio Representative Juanita Brent urging the RCAS not to permit the sale of confederate memorabilia on the fairgrounds during any event.

Treasurer Comments

The Articles of Incorporation need to be updated to comply with IRS to obtain our 501(c)(3) status. This has been discussed with the lawyer.

S7-2-20: Prater moved, Clary seconded adoption of the following resolution: That to comply with the organizational test of the Internal Revenue Code for Section 501(c)(3) non-profit entities, the following amendments to Section 3 and Section 5 of the Ross County Agricultural Society's Articles of Incorporation be adopted. Motion carried.

Section 3. Statement of Purpose.

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 5. Dissolution.

Under the dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution of The Ross County Agricultural Society Inc. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

President Report

Several companies are interested in parking equipment on the fairgrounds.

S7-3-20: Haubeil Jr. moved, Clary seconded to permit FedEx to park up to 50 cars in the general parking lot for the flat rate of \$400.00 per month during the winter months and they must keep the area free of trash. Motion carried.

S7-4-20: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to permit the Henry W. Bergman, Inc to park their equipment in the vendor parking area the last week of July 2020 thru August 6, 2020 at the flat rate of \$1,000.00 with the responsibility of cleaning the parking area back to it's original condition. Motion carried.

S7-5-20: Pickerrell moved, Chrisman seconded to charge Henry W. Bergman, Inc a fee of \$250.00 per day for rent of parking area starting August 7, 2020 until vacated. Motion carried.

The Easyrider Rodeo and the 4-H Halloween Campout have been cancelled for this year. The decision on the Jeep Fest will be decided later.

A large group of people have inquired about camping at the fairgrounds over the Labor Day weekend.

S7-6-20: Corcoran moved, Haubeil seconded to close the fairgrounds for camping to the public from August 30, 2020 thru September 14, 2020. Motion carried.

There has been a water leak on the grounds that could not be found, it was leaking 9 gallons per minute. The major leak has finally been located. There is still a 2 gallon per minute lead that has not been located.

S7-7-20: Prater moved, Elliott seconded to purchase a water leak detection system for no more than \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Clary has spoken with the Union Township Fire Department and has the permission to lock the exit gate from 9pm – 7am during the Jr. Fair Livestock Show for 2020 as long as they can have a set of keys and it is posted for to public.

Secretary Report

The deadline for Directors petitions to be turned is 6:00 pm July 22, 2020.

The deadline for selling RCAS membership tickets is August 2, 2020.
We are running low on membership tickets to sell.

S7-8-20: Hill moved, Clary seconded to purchase 250 membership tickets for \$111.00. Motion carried.

Clary will be getting only 1 load of sawdust this year for the fair. Next year each barn will be responsible for trying to obtain sponsors for buying their sawdust and or shavings.

Pickerrell reported that the Harness Racing will be on August 9, 2020. Clary will bring the water truck, and Haubeil Jr. will reserve hotel rooms necessary.

The Union Township will be bleaching the barns and would like to use the JVS Building during the week of the fair.

WKKJ will not allow their employees to broadcast from the fair, so the results of the classes will be emailed to them for announcements.

Gray reported that the fair book is almost completed. Needed answers on a few items, No Golf carts at the fair, the Health Department will give printed guidelines on health mandates to be included in the fair book.

Whitten will need a sign made for the exit gate closure and put up signs to guide exhibitors to the barns and for harness racing.

Jr. Fair Report

Wells went over the final schedule and many details were ironed out. Hotspots will try to be ready to live stream the livestock shows on face book.

The mixer dinner will be July 22, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Masks will be mandatory in show arenas, barns, and when you cannot social distance.

There have not been many requests for extra wristbands.

S7-9-20: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to reopen the registration for camping for exhibitors until July 31, 2020 at midnight. Motion carried.

Sales Committee Report

The Sale office will be open to take add-ons during the fair.

There is not an on-call veterinarian this year.

The restrooms need to be cleaned at least three times a day, more if they have high traffic.

New quotes for contract services are Gator Jon \$675.00 Higley Tents \$960.00.

S7-10-20: Hill moved, Whitten seconded to pay All Win Electric a flat rate of \$4,000.00 for the week of the fair. Motion carried.

Bethel announced that this would be his last meeting as President of the RCAS he is resigning due to conflict with his business. Clever also resigned as RCAS Vice President.

A wedding present was presented to Katie Wells at the end of the meeting.

S7-11-20: Corcoran moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

