

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

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

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Corcoran, Gray, McCorkle, and Whitten were absent.

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Aaron Swepston, Kim Litter, Sally Timmons, Sally Bluck, Dan Riddle, Kathy Young, Roger Young, BJ Hopkins, Kailee Adkins, and Zach Naumovski.

Kailee Adkins and Zach Naumovski both gave a genuinely nice speech to appeal the decision of not holding a County Raised Champion Goat Show at the 2020 fair. They explained all the hard work and dedication that is put into this project.

7-1-20: Prater moved to permit the County Raised Champion Goat Show to take place at the 2020 fair. Motion withdrawn by Prater.

Bluck explained that the County Raised Goat Show is not on the schedule this year due to a time factor, and social distancing. There will be a Breeder's Cup for county raised goats.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that all invoices from the 2019 Livestock Sale have been paid, there are still five exhibitors that have not cashed their checks. This year there will be an add-on pool sale at the fair. The Sales Committee are sending past buyers a list of sellers along with their parent's names. The money will be divided on a percentage basis going to each species. Add-ons will be permitted after the fair has concluded.

7-2-20: Clary moved, Prater seconded to permit the Sales Committee to conduct an Add-On Pool "Sale" as presented with each species getting a percentage of the Pool. Motion carried.

Bluck will email a final Jr. Fair Schedule of Activities to the Directors. The Jr. Fair pages have been sent to Dan Wells for the 2020 Fair Book. The trophy supplier is good to go.

7-3-20: Cosenza moved, Elliott seconded to accept the Jr. Fair Schedule of Activities of the show times for the 2020 Jr. Fair. Motion carried.

Riddle reported that they are stressing the importance of following the State Health Mandates to the 4-H exhibitors.

7-4-20: Prater moved, Hill seconded to accept the May 22, 2020, June 1, 2020, and the June 22, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

The Harness Racing check in the amount of \$9,700.00 has been received.

7-5-20: Free moved, Chain seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

7-6-20: Hill moved, Prater seconded to pay the remainder of June bills in the amount of \$16,983.41 and July 1-6, 2020 bills in the amount of \$18,890.31. Motion carried.

Audrey Wheeler has resigned from her job at the fairgrounds.

7-7-20: Prater moved, Haubeil seconded to hire Derek Wheeler as of June 29, 2020 at the wage of \$10.00 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per week. Motion carried.

Secretary Report

The Annual Election of Directors will take place Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 2pm – 6pm at the fairground's office. The deadline for petitions to be turned in and put on the ballot is July 22, 2020. RCAS membership cards will be on sale until August 2, 2020.

The media will be welcome at the fair.

There will not be radios rented for the fair this year.

7-8-20: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to have the fair office open from 8am – 12 pm Saturday August 8, 2020 thru August 15, 2020 except for Thursday August 13, 2020 and the office will be open from 8 am – 6 pm. Motion carried.

7-9-20: Hurtt moved, Chrisman seconded to charge \$100.00 for one session of camping and \$200.00 for two sessions of camping at the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

7-10-20: Clary moved, Hill seconded to accept only cash, check, or money orders for payment of campsites for the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Presidents Report

Bethel appointed Cosenza, Bethel, and Hurtt as judges and Free and Chrisman as clerks for the annual Directors Election.

Dan Patrick would like to rent the infield for a pay per view only Monster Truck Event. He will need two days to set up, two days for the event, and one day to tear down.

7-11-20: Clary moved, Hill seconded to permit Dan Patrick to hold a pay per view Monster Truck event price to be determined with a minimal of \$750.00. Motion carried.

7-12-20: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to not pay exhibitors fair premiums at the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Caretakers Report

The weed control spraying has not been started as of July 6, 2020. The contractor wants to spray starting July 9, 2020 but there is a Motocross being held at that time. Wheeler is willing to do the spraying but will need the equipment to handle the job. Wheeler's work cell phone is not working properly.

7-13-20: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to permit Wheeler to purchase chemicals for weed control from Nutrient. Motion carried.

7-14-20: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to purchase weed control spraying equipment for use on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

7-15-20: Hill moved, Clary seconded to purchase a new work cell phone for Wheeler. Motion carried.

Chrisman wants the board's thoughts on how many food vendors to have at the fair this year and what rate to charge. Many vendors are concerned that they will be losing their usual site for the 2021 fair.

7-16-20: Clary moved, Free seconded that vendors and campers will retain the same site as they had during the 2019 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

7-17-20: Hill moved, Clary seconded to charge a flat rate of \$500.00 for food vendors at the 2020 Ross County Fair. Motion carried, 1 opposed.

7-18-20: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded not to rent golf carts for the Senior Fair Board or sell permits to campers for the 2020 Ross County Fair, essential personal may bring their own golf carts. Motion carried.

Free reported sponsor money, Adena Health Systems has donated \$2,500.00 and Atomic Credit Union donated \$250.00 to be used where needed.

7-19-20: Prater moved, Hill seconded to permit Haubeil and Elliott to purchase Covid-19 signage for the fairgrounds for approximately \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair will be putting the Covid-19 signage in the barns.

Clever has been negotiating with All-Win Electric for quotes for the fair week. The prices they have quoted are Pre-Fair \$6,800.00, Buildings-Barns \$,1500.00, Fire Inspections \$378.00, Fair Week \$7,600.00.

7-20-20: Hill moved, Clary seconded to pay All-Win Electric \$1,500.00 for walk thru on buildings and fix what needs fixed on the hourly rate contract. Motion carried.

Contract Services

Gearhart has spoken with Gator Jon's, Ludwick will contact Higley Tents, Bethel will contact 1st Capital, Brad John's, and Dan Pritchard, Haubeil has spoken with Navy Petty Officers.

7-21-20: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to hire Navy Petty Officers Club to work Gate 2 and the Exit Gate from 7am to 9pm August 9-15, 2020 at the flat rate of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

7-22-20: Clary moved, Hill seconded to honor the OFMA passes all week and the RCAS membership cards only on Thursday August 13, 2020 to participate in the RCAS director's election from the hours of 2pm – 6pm. Motion carried.

The cost of advertising the annual election in the Chillicothe Gazette will be \$1,373.60.

7-23-20: Cosenza moved Free seconded to advertise in the Chillicothe Gazette for one week and on the RCAS website for the annual election notice if OFMA confirms this is sufficient. Motion carried.

7-24-20: Hill moved, Cosenza seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

