

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll call revealed B. Whitten absent. All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Scott Chenault, Karen Chenault, Brent Wing, Melody Walters, Dusty Countryman, Chris Bruynis, Ryan Tumbleson, Wyatt Jones, Kate Weaver, Taylor Clarkson, Dan Riddle, Katie Feldhues

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will make an announcement on June 2, 2015 whether all poultry exhibits in Ohio will be cancelled due to Avian Influenza. Chris Bruynis presented plan A & B.

Dusty Countryman presented a plan for WIFI on the grounds. A committee of Hill, Prater, McCorkle and Bethel was formed to acquire more details and bring to the June 15, 2015 meeting.

L. Whitten moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to accept the minutes of May 4, 2015. Motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Ginther seconded to approve the May 2015 Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The ATM by the shower was repaired today. The modem and card reader was replaced.

7:47 p.m. – Ginther out

Gray attended a Worker's Comp meeting. They are changing procedures to pay ahead. The first 8 months are free and we will pay ahead.

6-1-15: McCorkle moved, Dixon seconded to pay the following bills for May 2015. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair Report – no report

4-H Report – A plan is being developed in case the poultry show is cancelled.

Sale Committee Report – no report

The Ross County Commissioners have agreed to pay for the volunteers' background checks.

The Humane Society is requesting use of the grounds for a 5K run in late September or early October. Cosenza will gather more information.

President Cosenza appointed 3 judges: Prater, Duncan, Hill and 2 clerks: Hurtt, Bethel for the election of Directors on Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 2-6 p.m.

6-2-15: Prater moved, Corcoran seconded to purchase food for the Vet training session on June 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Camping – Hurtt reported he had 125-130 requests for campers to change locations and has those completed. He will meet with people to choose new camping lots tomorrow. There are 250-300 on the waiting list. McCorkle reported the rebuild of camping lots are completed.

Catalog – Not delivered to date. The schedules are being printed.

Entertainment – Hill reported he had a request for arm wrestling. He will follow up. Clary reported he needs sand for the rodeo and will have a price at our next meeting.

6-3-15: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded to have the Ross County Agricultural Society sponsor the Western Heritage Days Rodeo on June 26 & 27, 2015. Motion carried.

6-4-15: Hill moved, Duncan seconded to allow the Ross County Agricultural Society to sell beer at the Western Heritage Days Rodeo. Motion carried.

Haubeil reported the new goat and sheep barn is on schedule. The floors will be poured in two weeks, then the electric and ground water will be completed. He will obtain a price for asphalt in front of the ticket booths.

8:47pm – Dixon out

Commercial – 19 booths are open to date

MPB – all booths are rented

Concessions/Vendors – all okay

Electric – McCorkle reported he is balancing the primary 7200 volt line, working on sound and will be doing the electric in the new building.

Caretaker report – He has a request for a large camping event in September 2016. A committee of Hill, Duncan and Cosenza was formed to acquire more information and bring back to the board.

Ground squirrels are becoming a big problem on the grounds.

There were 72 campers over Memorial Day weekend.

The '94 model zero turn mower needs replaced. It has 5000 hours. Scott will get three estimates.

All the green doors on the grounds will get a fresh coat of paint.

The water lines towards the putt-putt course will be replaced.

6-5-15: McCorkle moved, McNeal seconded to buy a new heat pump for the office from Combs Heating & Cooling. The present unit quit and was 24 years old. Motion carried.

6-6-15: L. Whitten moved, McNeal seconded to establish rates for propane fills on the grounds: 20lb - \$15.00, 30lb - \$23.00, 40lb - \$30.00, 100lb - \$75.00. Motion carried.

Clary will meet with the Fire Association for Demolition Derby coverage.
Hurtt reported McNeal will get estimates for new hog scales.
Walmart grants are available to file applications once a year.

6-7-15: Clever moved, McDonald seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.
Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY