

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted June 1, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bethel at 7:01 pm.

Roll call revealed that all Directors were present.

The Pledge of Allegiances was led by Bethel.

Guests – Katie Feldhues, Sally Bluck, Katrina Robinson, Angie Lochbaum, Gary Cochenour, Aaron Swepston, Kathy Young, Roger Young, Chris Hooks, Karlton Wheeler, Marty Lambert, and Bonnie Lambert.

#### Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that one invoice is still not paid from the 2019 Jr. Fair Livestock Sale and five exhibitors have not cashed their checks from the sale.

6-1-20: Clary moved, and Boggs seconded to have our lawyer send a letter to Lowham Logging for an unpaid invoice from the 2019 Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Motion carried.

#### Jr. Fair Report

State level Jr. Fair projects will not be judged this year.

Non livestock projects will be judged by club advisors either in person or electronically. There will not be booths this year. Feldhues recommends that there not be vouchers. The livestock tagins went well. There are 150 exhibitors that have not completed the online mandatory Quality Assurance. Feldhues would like to have the DUNF forms completed online but is concerned with the availability of internet access.

6-2-20: Clever moved, Prater seconded to approve the May 4, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

6-3-20: Boggs moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the Treasurer Report and approval of paying May 5 – 31, 2020 bills totally \$29,457.65 and June 1, 2020 bills totally \$10,692.69. Motion carried.

## Caretaker Report

Wheeler asked for permission to hire Simon Dempsey for summer help.

6-4-20: Clary moved, Corcoran seconded to hire Simon Dempsey for summer help starting on June 2, 2020 at the rate of \$10.00 per hour with no more than 30 hours per week. Motion carried. McCorkle abstained, Cosenza opposed.

Hand sanitizers will be needed by all doors, spray sanitizer for all surfaces. The Building Committee will decide how much will be needed.

Discussion began on the possibility of having a Jr. Fair.

Pickerrell would like to have at least a Jr. Fair.

Bethel would like to have limited camping if possible.

Prater has spoken with Jay Clemmons with Triple Treats and they were doubtful on having any rides at the fairs this year with trying to meet the state health mandates.

Clary has concerns on being able to police the shows to assure social distancing.

Prater spoke with Representative Gary Shear and he thinks that the rules will be changed for the fairs in the very near future.

If there are no rides the food vendors could have more distance between booths. Buildings will not be open.

Hooks can have meat packers at the Jr. Fair each day.

Bethel proposed having a pool type livestock sale.

Cosenza has spoken to several of the past big buyers and either they are not buying this year or in a reduced capacity. He suggests a virtual show and online sale.

McCorkle does not think that camping should happen this year, Clary and Hurtt agreed. McCorkle stated that we need a direction on which way to proceed.

6-5-20: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to have a Jr. Livestock Show, details to be determined by July 1, 2020. 8 Affirmative, 11 Opposed. Motion failed.

Nan Clary explained how the estimate for conducting a Jr. Fair was computed.

The Sales Committee submitted their cost for last year plus 25% of the cost of last year's fair.

Gray stated that contract services would need to be redone with new quotes to reflect our actual needs.

Concerns were voiced on having a Jr. Fair Livestock Show without any income coming into the Ag Society.

6-6-20: Hill moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to explore the possibilities of having a Jr. Livestock Show based on state health mandates and do a cost analysis, the best we can, and the Senior Fair Board will meet with the barn superintendents and decide at the June 16, 2020 meeting. 19 Affirmative. Motion carried.

6-7-20: Clary moved, Cosenza seconded to have a special meeting on Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

6-8-20: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded not to have any camping at the 2020 Ross County Fair. Hill withdrew his motion.

6-9-20: Cosenza moved, Corcoran seconded that there will not be a Senior Fair this August 8-15, 2020, but there will be Harness Racing during the fair without spectators. Motion carried. 16 Affirmative, 4 Opposed.

6-10-20: Hill moved, Boggs seconded to conduct a Special Meeting on Tuesday July 21, 2020. Motion carried.

6-11-20: Cosenza moved, Clary seconded to file the DUNF forms online this year. Motion carried.

Tim Clark has cancelled the June Smash-It Bash for Cash event. He has an opportunity to hold his events out of state and wants to make sure that the RCAS would not consider this a breach of contract.

6-12-20: Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to sign the contract with 168tickets. Motion carried.

6-13-20: Nelson moved, Chrisman seconded to sign the contract with Easyrider Rodeo. Motion carried. 18 Affirmative, 1 Opposed.

6-14-20: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to approve for President Bryan Bethel to apply and close on PPP loan of \$11,100.00 with the Farmer's National Bank. Motion carried.

6-15-20: Boggs moved, Clary seconded to purchase monitor for Fair Office computer at the price of approximately \$150.00. Motion carried.

6-16-20: Boggs moved, Hurtt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY