

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday March 2, 2020 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Clever at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clever.

Roll call revealed that Bethel, Clary, Gearhart, McCorkle, Prater and Whitten were absent.

Guests – Mary Montgomery, Heather Crago, Kathy Young, Kayla Park, Katelyn McCord, Meredith Robinson, Dan Riddle, Karlton Wheeler, Katie Feldhues, Peggy Campbell and Aaron Swepston.

Mary Montgomery, Food Services Director with the Chillicothe City School District proposed to provide lunches during the 2020 fair for underprivileged children 18 and under.

3-1-20: Hill moved, Corcoran seconded to permit Mary Montgomery to have Babe the Big Blue Bus on the fairgrounds during the 2020 Ross County Fair from 11am – 1pm Monday thru Friday to serve lunches to underprivileged children 18 and under. Motion carried.

Katelyn McCord and Kayla Park representing the Girl Scouts proposed to the SFB about having a Girl Scout event on Wednesday of the fair to try encouraging Girl Scouts to become more active in the fair.

3-2-20: Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to permit the Girl Scouts to hold an event on Wednesday August 12, 2020 during the fair. Motion carried.

Heather Crago asked the SFB if they had decided on the fees when they have the Midwest Wether Goat Shows.

3-3-20: Haubeil moved, Hill seconded to permit the Midwest Wether Goat Shows to hold their shows at no charge. Motion carried.

3-4-20: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to donate one campsite and two weekly wristbands for the 2021 Ross County Fair to the Jr. Civic League for their Christmas Tree Gala. Motion carried.

4-H/Jr. Fair/Sales Committee Reports

Peggy Campbell reported that 4-H members had increased by 40 members this year with a total of 1677 members. She wanted to thank the SFB for letting Jr. Fair use the Multipurpose Building for the 4-H Rally Night. The Jr. Fair Board will be conducting a mock Jr. Fair Night with Jr. Fair members from Fulton County. Meredith Robinson from JFB reported that all entries for King and Queen and Calf Scramble were preformed online.

Dan Riddle reported that on Sunday, August 9, 2020 during the fair that the JFB's idea to host an event "Fair for Everyone" for special needs children is getting great response from the community.

3-5-20: Haubeil Jr. moved, Corcoran seconded to provide a one-day pass for pre-registered children for "Fair for Everyone" and to make Sunday for The Ross County Developmental Disability's/Pioneer School Day. Motion carried.

Feldhues reported on the Ractopamine Ban and the penalties if caught using feed containing ractopamine. All champions will have a rapid test for ractopamine. Jr. Fair penalties for 2020 will be one-year ban on exhibitor and family, seconded offense three-year ban for exhibitor and family.

3-6-20: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded to adopt rules of Affidavit on Ractopamine Ban and Penalties. Motion carried. (Affidavit attached)

The Jr. Fair Board is submitting grants to AEP for use at the fairgrounds. Hooks still has one buyer that has not paid from 2019 livestock sale.

Andy Wettersten, the Ross County IT Coordinator, has been working with Horizon on solving the lack of internet connection at the gates during the fair. He presented several options to the SFB.

3-7-20: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to purchase equipment and licenses for up to 5 years for \$2,500.00 and increase the fiber optic connection to 20/20 with

Horizon and signing a contract for 60 months for \$298.00 per month. Motion carried.

3-8-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

3-9-20: Corcoran moved, Boggs seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

3-10-20: Corcoran moved, Chain seconded to approve to pay the remainder of February 2020 bills totally \$25,013.43 and to pay to date March bills totally \$10,317.20. Motion carried.

3-11-20: Corcoran moved, Boggs seconded to approve the 2018 IRS 990 form. Motion carried.

3-12-20: Hurtt moved, Free seconded to submit for the 501 C-3 status online and pay the fee of \$600.00. Motion carried.

3-13-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to approve sending 168 tickets and ER71 contracts to them once the lawyer has made corrections and recommendations. Motion carried.

3-14-20: Haubeil Jr. moved, Hill seconded to permit First Capital Vintage Market Days to have hot air balloon rides on May 1, 2020 and to have alcohol sales on May 2, 2020 after 11:00 am if our insurance agent has approved. Motion carried.

3-15-20: Pickerrell moved, Boggs seconded to charge Kenworth \$20.00 per night on June 5-6, 2020 for 100 campsites. Motion carried.

Ludwick has been in contact with Triple Treat Shows, they will be sending the weekly ride vouchers to be sold during the week of July 13-18, 2020 in the fair office. Reservations were taken for the Spring District Meeting being held on April 5, 2020. A comp ticket proof was passed around for approval.

Caretakers Report

The water will be turned on starting the week of March 9th.

Gray reminded everyone that the fair book pages need to be turned in.

Free reported that she will be sending out 140 sponsorship packets next week. The Advertising Committee decided not to let Dimple Times have a booklet for the fair, Dimple Times would be trying to sell ads to the same companies that our fair book does. This would be a conflict of interest.

Nelson has purchased the ribbons for the 2020 fair. She has asked if you remove ribbons please list what you have taken and how many so she can keep an accurate inventory.

Hill has Bandstand schedule and the prices that each act is charging.

Hurtt would like to have help with assembling the camping packets to be mailed.

Elliott reported that Comb's should be completed with installing the air conditioning unit at the Grange next week.

Haubeil needs the sound back up. The Rabbit barn will need an electrical upgrade before the fans can be hung. Feldhues offered to propose to use their money to help with the upgrade.

3-16-20: Hill moved, Boggs seconded to approve \$5,000.00 for electrical upgrade to the Rabbit barn. Motion carried.

Cosenza is trying to check on the status of the grants that he submitted. He also reported that Harper's Independent Fair's Treasurer was arrested for embezzlement of \$25,000.00.

A discussion was held on the problem of fair goers drinking on the midway. Cosenza will work on a letter to be put into the camping packets and possibly posted other ways to let the public know that this will not be tolerated.

3-17-20: Gray moved, Boggs seconded to approve the three contracts with Paul Pollard. Motion carried.

3-18-20: Corcoran moved, Chain seconded to accept the quote from Navy Petty Officers Club for ticket taking and parking in the amount of \$17,600.00. Motion carried.

3-19-20: Corcoran moved, Haubeil seconded to accept the quote from Dan Pritchard on the trash dumpster containers for \$430.00 per dump. Motion carried.

3-20-20: Boggs moved, Gray seconded to accept the quote from Gator's Jons for portable restrooms, camper pumping and midfield/grandstand pumping for \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

3-21-20: Gray moved, Chain seconded to accept the quote from Brad's Johns for emptying trash cans and pick up and removal to dumpsters in the amount of \$16,000.00. Motion carried.

3-22-20: Gray moved, Free seconded to accept the quote from 1st Capital Enterprises for restrooms and buildings sanitation in the amount of \$12,694.00. Motion carried.

3-23-20: Gray moved, Chain seconded to accept the quote from Brad's Johns for grounds sanitation in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

3-24-20: Pickerrell moved, Cosenza seconded to accept the quote from Higley Tent Rental for the tents in the amount of \$8,720.00. Motion carried.

3-25-20: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

STEVEN CLEVER
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

