

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll call revealed Duncan, Ginther absent. All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests: Bryan Bethel, Calf Scramble Committee; Frank Clary, Beef Superintendent; Butch Ater, Sheep Superintendent; David Hixon, ATV Instructor; Darrel Robinson, Vietnam Veteran Memorial fundraiser; Chris Hooks, Sales Committee

A discussion on calves weight at weigh in was led by Bryan Bethel of the Calf Scramble Committee.

3-1-12: Corcoran moved, L. Whitten seconded to rescind motion 2-2-12: Corcoran moved, L. Whitten seconded to approve the Steer project rules stating that all animals must be born after January 1, 2011 and must weigh a minimum of 450 lbs. at the December weigh in. Motion carried.

3-2-12: Haubeil moved, Schwalbach seconded that in the future, any rule changes will be brought forth to the fairboard from the Superintendents' meeting for approval. Motion carried.

3-3-12: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded that only the two steers that were tagged at the weigh-in in December will be allowed to come to the fair. Motion carried.

Discussion – Mr. Hixon, ATV Instructor wants to teach classes to Sheriff's Department and 4-H members on the fairgrounds. He will try to put together a class for the Sheriff's Dept. and bring it back to the board for consideration.

Presentation – Darrell Robinson wants to have a poker run fundraiser to build a monument for Vietnam Veterans on Yoctangee Blvd. He will need to raise \$15,000. His sponsors are Vietnam Vets Chapter 810 and the Ross County Veterans Council. The poker run will be a day long event. Camping fees will be given to the fairboard. They would like to use the bandstand area and the restroom building. A liability release will be signed by each participant.

3-4-12: Prater moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to allow Mr. Robinson to have a poker run at the fairgrounds on August 18, 2012 and also a 12' x 12' space during the fair for their display. Motion carried.

Butch Ater, Sheep Superintendent presented rule #15 change.

3-5-12: Clary moved, Hurtt seconded to approve rule changes to 4-H sheep project requirements #15 – Members showing two lambs will sell the two lambs as a pen. Sale order will be determined by the highest placing on your project. Each exhibitor may go through the sale ring one time. Sale order will alternate single lamb, then pen, then single, then pen, etc. Opposed – Cosenza, Prater, McCorkle. Motion carried.

3-6-12: Hurtt moved, B. Whitten seconded the swine rule – There will only be one pig per pen as long as pens are available for each project. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor's dismissal from fair swine show and sale. Motion carried.

3-7-12: Hill moved, Dixon seconded a rule for the rabbits – Heavies and lights will not sell at the sale. They will be sold to the packer. The rabbits are not allowed to go home. Motion carried.

Dixon moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to accept the minutes of February 6, 2012. Motion carried.

Corcoran moved, L. Whitten seconded to accept the February 2012 Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

3-8-12: L. Whitten moved, McNeal seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

3-9-12: Clary moved, L. Whitten seconded to renew a two year service contract with Advanced Services for \$2325.00. Motion carried.

3-10-12: Prater moved, Hill seconded to approve the proposed 2012 Budget. Motion carried.

4-H/Jr. Fair report – The Jr. Fairboard would like to have a meet and greet again this year with the Sr. Fairboard. A date will be decided in April. The King, Queen and Court would like to be introduced Monday thru Saturday before the evening performance at the bandstand this year. \$12,500 from the building fund is being given for purchase of new hog pens. The sheep grooming did not like being in the calf scramble tent last year. Where can it be placed in 2012?

Chris Hooks, Sales Committee, reported they have hired an auctioneer. The extra premiums time limit will be Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

3-11-12: Prater moved, Clary seconded that fairboard policy will limit bucket truck usage. Only fairboard members and paid employees may use the bucket truck. Motion carried.

3-12-12: Prater moved, B. Whitten seconded for Haubeil to go ahead and obtain prints for the face lift to the grandstand and the main parking lot ticket booth. Motion carried.

3-13-12: Corcoran moved, Haubeil seconded to install 136 new campsites. Motion carried.

3-14-12: Prater moved, Dixon seconded to put \$30,000 more into the 2012 budget for capital improvements. Motion carried.

3-15-12: Clary moved, L. Whitten seconded to award the bid to tear down the speed barns to Davis Lawn Maintenance. Motion carried.

3-16-12: L. Whitten moved, Hurtt seconded to hire weed spraying for \$1822.00. Motion carried.

3-17-12: B. Whitten moved, Gray seconded to accept the sound contract from Paul Pollard Productions for \$35.00 per hour per individual for installation, maintenance, repair or events. Motion carried.

3-18-12: Clary moved, Prater seconded to spend \$2500.00 for sound equipment and for set up of the new sound building. Motion carried.

3-19-12: McCorkle moved, Prater seconded to spend \$12,000 for the new hog pens. Motion carried.

The electronic sign on Rt. 104 must be moved from the State right of way.

3-20-12: Schwalbach moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRAD COSENZA  
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG  
SECRETARY