

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Bethel, Chrisman, Corcoran, Gearhart, Hill, and Prater were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clary.

Guests – Katie Wells

Wells reported that the entries are coming in for Jr Fair Night, there will be 8-9 contestants participating in the Queen Contest, so far only 3 contestants have applied for the King Contest. The deadline for the Queen & King Contest may be extended. Wells would like to ask about the cost of insurance for having hayrides at the 4-H Halloween Campout. The 4-H Halloween Campout Committee would like to meet with Clever and Hill. The Jr Fair Board would like to have two signs hung on the barn for The Row of Champions.

An audit for Jr Fair and Sales Committee for the years 2019 and 2020 will take place this year. A private citizen has expressed concerns.

Treasurer reported that 223 campers have paid online, and 1007 campers have paid by mail. There have been 3 refunds for overpayment, only 3 NSF checks that have been taken care of. The ATM machines profited \$905.00 between the Chillicothe Trade Days and the ChillitownMX. There will be an addition \$50,000.00 grant to all county and independent agricultural societies from the result of House Bill 109. The auditor has return the RCAS records, it is almost completed.

There is a folder in each of the Directors mail basket in the office. This is where all papers will be handed out moving forward.

The weekly schedule and the tent order for the fair was reviewed during the meeting.

S5-1-21: Pickerrell moved, Chain seconded to sign the contract with Dr. Genevieve Davis for the on-call vet during the 2021 Fair for the flat rate of \$4,000.00, a campsite and golf cart will be provided. Motion carried.

The Book Worm Program's certificate for a complimentary day pass to the fair raises concern on how easily it could be reproduced. They will be given tickets that have Ross County Fair printed on them.

S5-2-21: McCorkle moved, Boggs seconded to permit Corky-Que to park up to 4 pieces of equipment in the exercise area of the Swine Barn from October 1st through June 30th of any given year for \$1,200.00 plus tax, with advanced notice, the equipment will have to be moved if interfering with an event. Motion carried.

Boggs has ordered the curtains for the fair. He will need to send diagrams of how they need to be set up.

S5-3-21: Nelson moved, Boggs seconded to permit Russel Clemmons to park a few rides on the fairgrounds for a couple of days before the Feast of the Flowering Moon. Motion carried.

S5-4-21: Haubeil Jr moved, Gray seconded to buy back the Unioto permanent concession stand for \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Hurtt arrived at 7:40 pm.

There are two organizations interested in using the old Grange booth. The area needs to be checked for water leaks.

Caretaker Report

Wheeler asked what price he should quote for the use of area #1 parking, a circus is interested in putting on their tent show.

The stands for the hand sanitizers have been made.

S5-5-21: Haubeil Jr moved, Haubeil seconded to purchase 35 hand sanitizing dispensers at the price of \$1,531.25 and batteries for \$124.27. Motion carried.

Hurttt reported that since the deadline was extended to May 8, 2021, he has received several late payments and application, some people have understood, and some are upset. There are 135 campers wanting to move to larger sites, and 22 50-amp sites are now open.

S5-6-21: Clary moved, Free seconded to charge a \$50.00 late fee for campers that have missed the deadline and their payment is received or postmarked by May 18, 2021. Motion carried. Haubeil and Clever opposed.

Free reported that she is working on replacing the donated benches that are in bad repair. G & J Pepsi would like for the fairgrounds only to sell Pepsi products. The Kiddie Tractor Pull will be going on as scheduled.

S5-7-21: Haubeil moved, Boggs seconded to increase Mark Shumaker hours to 39 per week starting May 24, 2021. Motion carried.

S5-8-21: Gray moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to purchase 75 tons of sand for the horse arena for \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Haubeil questioned the contract for the Smash-It Bash for Cash concerning who pays for the electrician during the event.

S5-9-21: Haubeil moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to hire Pat Allen as the electrician during the Smash-It event and the pay will not exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Gray reported that 99% of the pages for the fair book have been turned into Dan Wells and it should be ready by July 1, 2021. Due to the change of the Health Orders, we will publish that the fair will be abiding by current health orders.

Haubeil Jr reported that NPO will be working the Jeep Fest. Sweet Tea Trio and Liv Grabill will be performing. An opening act is still needed. EMS will be needed during the event. The Show & Shine scheduled on May 22, 2021 will be postponed until June, date TBA.

S5-10-21: Pickerrell moved, Clever seconded to change the admission prices back as they were in 2019 and to include pit passes. Motion carried.

Whitten, Haubeil, Clever, and Elliott will be working on where and the cost of addition parking for the fair.

Easyriders are concerned with not being able to use the General Parking area as they have in the past due to the Kenworth trucks being parked on the lot. They would like a discount on their event.

S5-11-21: Clever moved, Boggs seconded not to give Easyriders the \$4,000.00 discount that they requested, the price will remain the same. Motion carried.

S5-12-21: Haubeil moved, Pickerrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY