

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, OH 45601

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chrisman.

Roll Call revealed Corcoran, Gray, Haubeil Jr., and Hill were absent. All others were present.

Guest – Katie Feldhues, Karlton Wheeler, and Jim Wirth.

Jim Wirth presented to the Board of Directors that he would like to hold Trade Days at the Ross County Fairgrounds, starting in Spring of 2019. He would like to sign a two year contract with RCAS. If the spring show is a success he would like to add a fall show. A committee with Bethel, Chrisman, Cosenza, Pickerrell, and Prater will be set up to negotiate with Mr. Wirth.

Correspondence – The Board of Directors received a very nice letter from Buck – 50 on how well they liked the facilities with a special thanks to Karlton Wheeler for his assistances. Along with the letter they sent a check for \$3775.00 to RCAS for our share of the camping.

The Boy Scouts were also pleased with how their event went and have already requested to book April 29 through May 1, 2022 for their yearly event.

Treasurer's Report

A request to add a money market at Kingston National Bank.

S5-1-18: McCorkle moved, Boggs seconded that the Treasurer and President be authorized to open and be signatories for a Money Market account at Kingston National Bank for the purpose of investing funds. Motion carried.

S5-2-18: Boggs moved, Cosenza seconded to have the public be able to pay fees to RCAS with a credit card. Motion carried.

S5-3-18: Cosenza moved, Chrisman seconded to pay May bills. Motion carried.

President's Report

2xtreme sent a rough draft of their contract, the actual contract will be mailed. They will not be handling any camping, it will be handled by RCAS.

Secretary's Report

The Weekly Schedule was handed out for review by Board of Directors. It is to be sent to the Gazette for formatting.

The tent order was the same, no additions.

Complimentary Fair Passes sheets were handed out, they are due back June 4.

S5-4-18: Hurtt moved, Chrisman seconded to purchase Weather Insurance for the Jeep Fest concert for the sum of \$40,000.00, the hours of 4pm to 10pm with a threshold of .33 inches. The cost will be \$5,492.00. Motion carried.

Jr. Fair Report

Dr Forshey will be conducting a Vet Training meeting at the RCAS office on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Caretaker's Report

The weeds have been treated. The signs are being rearranged on the front of the grandstand due to so many new sponsors. Wooden frames are being built for signs to hang on.

S5-5-18: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to purchase a used portable gas-powered air compressor for use on the fairgrounds for \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Camping Report

We have 129 empty camping sites ,223 on the waiting list. There are 115 wanting to change their camping sites. There were 215 campers that paid online with Etix, we are still waiting on 33 contracts from online payments to be returned. Three campers had sent their payments and contracts to the wrong zip code. If they can produce the original postmarked envelope they will retain their campsite. Hurtt is confident that all people on the waiting list will have a campsite that wants one.

Cosenza has been talking with the Health Dept on becoming licensed campground. We will need letters from the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department on their service of the area.

S5-6-18: McCorkle moved, Hurtt seconded for Cosenza to obtain estimates and plans for becoming a licensed campground. Motion carried.

The letter that CCI sent was discussed. The only time that sewage is to be dumped at their facility is during the Ross County Fair, no other event at the fairgrounds can use the CCI facility.

Catalog Report

The fair catalogs will be handed out at the June 4th meeting.

S5-7-18: Clary moved, Clever seconded to have Printex print the Weekly Schedule the prices quoted were \$299.00 for 3000 copies, \$479.00 for 6000 copies, we only need 5000 copies. Motion carried.

Contract's Report

Nelson and Boggs contracts are starting to be returned. Chrisman's contracts are being mailed.

Entertainment Report

Wednesday's Grandstand entertainment is still open.

Grounds Report

Clever reported that pavement repairs were needed.

S5-8-18: Clary moved, Whitten seconded to spend \$20,000.00 (this was what was budgeted) on pavement improvements. Motion carried.

Jeep Fest Report

Campsites for Ross County Fire & Rescue Association are wanting campsites for free during Jeep Fest.

S5-9-18: Prater moved, Gearhart seconded to let Ross County Fire & Rescue Association have six campsites for three days free of charge. Motion carried.

Utilities Report

Three electrical contractors showed interest in the electrician bid. SOS Electric has turned a price list on an hourly basis. The sealed bids will be opened at our next meeting.

Emergency Action Report

Boggs reported that the committee will be meeting with Jr. Fair, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department to implement a plan for Ross County Fair.

Sponsorship Committee Report

Central Ohio Honda Dealership would like to spend \$1,500.00 at the 2018 Ross County Fair. They are requesting a tent for two cars for August 4th- 8th and wanting to know what else they could purchase for this amount.

It was established that Paul Pollard did sign a contract in 2017 for three years to handle the Sound System for the Bandstand. The cost for the 2018 fair will be \$4,200.00.

A training meeting is set up for the electronic sign for Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The SOFR event left the race track with deep ruts, it took Wheeler eight hours to repair.

The AED defibrillators will be mounted in the MPB and in the Show Arena.

Uhrig and Nelson have taken care of the ribbons for the open horse show during fair week.

S5-10-18: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS