

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll Call revealed that Boggs, Corcoran, Gray, and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Andrea Arledge, Cheryl Looney, Tara Uhrig, Peggy Campbell, Sally Bluck, Kathy Young, Roger Young, BJ Hopkins, Earl Palmer, Katie Wells, and Chris Hook.

Dr. Davis from McArthur, OH introduced herself to the Board. She has been an on-call vet for other fairs. She will be on-call, collect the samples for the champions, not charge the exhibitor unless it is an extreme case needing costly medication, services. She would like to have a campsite and a golf cart for the week of the fair. Her cost would be \$4,000.00 for the week. She only wants the Fairboard to have her cell number.

5-1-21: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to provide Dr. Davis with a campsite and golf cart. Motion carried.

Andrea Arledge with Home Arts stated that they need volunteers. They would like to hold a meeting on July 8, 2021 on the fairgrounds.

5-2-21: Hurtt moved, Bethel seconded to permit Andrea Arledge to use the JVS Building on July 8, 2021 to conduct a meeting for the Home Arts. Motion carried.

5-3-21: Clary moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to permit the Board of Elections the use of the MPB on August 3, 2021 for a special primary election. Motion carried.

Hopkins representing NPO asked about the percentage of seating and presale tickets at the Grandstand events. The parking situation will be discussed with Whitten.

Wells reported that a hog died at the spring tagins on May 3, 2021. It was decided by her and the superintendents that the exhibitor had until May 7, 2021 to replace the hog. A superintendent will go to their house to tag the animal. There will not be a carcass show this year, the sale committee is not onboard.

Buyers need to be found for next year carcass show. There have been 220 Jr Fair 4-H Camp reservations made. The swine tagin rule needs to be reviewed. Bluck is almost completed the Jr Fair schedule for the fair book. Farm Credit Services would like to sponsor the Grand and Reserve Champion banners that RCAS usually sponsors.

5-4-21: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to have Farm Credit Services sponsor all the Grand and Reserve Champion banners for the 2021 Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

5-5-21: Haubeil Jr. moved, Nelson seconded to permit the late tagin of a hog at the exhibitor's home due to extreme circumstances. Motion carried.

5-6-21: Clever moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve April 4, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

5-7-21: Hill moved, Haubeil seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

5-8-21: Gearhart moved, Clever seconded to approve payment of April 6-30, 2021 bills totaling \$27,493.39 and May 1-3, 2021 bills totaling \$11,970.62. Motion carried.

5-9-21: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to accept the Departmental Budget for the year 2022. Motion carried.

5-10-21: Hill moved, Free seconded to approve payment to Jr Fair for the 2021 fair awards. Motion carried.

5-11-21: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to accept the Record Retention Schedule as written. Motion carried.

5-12-21: Prater moved, Clever seconded to pay the insurance renewal. Motion carried.

5-13-21: Bethel moved, Hurtt seconded to hold extra meetings on May 18, June 22, and July 20, 2021. Motion carried.

Chillicothe Trade Days and Easyriders have concerns on not being able to use the general parking lot due to Kenworth parking trucks on the lot.

5-14-21: Clary moved, Hill seconded to discount \$1,000.00 to Jim Wirth of Chillicothe Trade Days because of not using general parking lot. Motion carried.

Parking for the fair will be investigated, Chrisman is checking on price of fencing in more area.

5-15-21: Clary moved, Whitten seconded to rent the 2-way radios from Special Events Communications for \$1,580.00. Motion carried.

The Boy Scouts would like to use the Grandstand to repel off at their rally next year. The Board would like more information on this.

5-16-21: Free moved Pickerrell seconded to approve the Ross County Library summer reading program to issue free day tickets to children who complete the Book Worm Program. Motion carried.

5-17-21: Free moved, Prater seconded to approve to give the Red Cross 300 single day complimentary tickets to blood donors for the 2021 Ross County Fair as incentives at their blood drives in July 2021. Motion carried.

5-18-21: Clary moved, Prater seconded to hire Aiden Estep and Derek Wheeler as of May 31, 2021 at \$10.00 per hour not to exceed 39 hours for summer help. Motion carried.

The touchless commodes have been installed.

Hurttt reported that the camping is approximately 400 down from normal. Last day to receive payments is May 4, 2021.

5-19-21: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to extend deadline on camping till May 8, 2021, mail must be postmarked by this date. Motion carried.

Free has sponsors for each night at the Grandstand, Kiddie Tractor Pull, all Daily Sponsors are filled, multiple Friends of the Fair level has been purchased, new Racetrack signs, and 5 sponsors at \$1,000.00 each for the Fireworks display.

Bethel reported that this is the last year of the current contract with Eagle Golf Carts, the price will increase next year. He suggests using shuttles for the parking lots. Bethel's employees will run the shuttles from 9am – 5pm daily.

Chrisman reported that all his vendor contracts have been mailed.  
Clary is contacting Swango to repair the sound system on the midway.  
Nelson is receiving the contracts for the Commercial Building vendors.  
Elliott reported that the county has painted the roof on the Commercial Building.  
Hill reported that Pollard will charge \$2,000.00 for sound for Thursday's concert at the Grandstand.

5-20-21: Hill moved, Free seconded to have Nashville Crush and Sweet Tea Trio for Thursday at the Grandstand, the cost will be \$4,000.00 for each band. Motion Carried.

Pet Land has donated and delivering a pallet of hand sanitizer to the fairgrounds.  
Hill will contact Litter Media on the cost of live streaming the livestock shows at the fair.

5-21-21: Clary moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to provide a campsite to the photographer during the fair. Motion carried.

No Limits Off Road Production will have an outdoor show in the Steer Barn with an archery shoot on September 17-19, 2021.

5-22-21: Clever moved, Chain seconded to go into executive session at 9:19 pm for a personnel issue. Motion carried.

5-23-21: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to go back into regular session at 9:24 pm. Motion carried.

5-24-21: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA  
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK  
RCAS SECRETARY

