

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

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Prater at 7:03 pm.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Chain, and Hill were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Prater.

Guests – Aaron Swepston, Sadie Swepston, Dan Riddle, Kate Wells, Brian Miller, and Chris Hooks.

Election of Officers

11-1-20: Bethel moved, Chrisman seconded to nominate Gary Prater for President. Nelson moved, Clary seconded to nominate Brad Cosenza for President. McCorkle moved, Hurtt seconded to close the nomination for President. Cosenza was voted President by a fourteen to four vote. Bethel moved, Whitten seconded to nominate Gary Prater for Vice President, Prater declined. Cosenza moved, Clary seconded to nominate Steven Clever for Vice President. Cosenza moved, to nominate Barry Haubeil Jr. for Vice President, Haubeil Jr. declined. Steven Clever elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Brian Miller with Miller Automotive Swap Days discussed the process that he is taking with the Ross County Health District concerning his event. He has met with them and they will be on site before the event opens to approve his plan.

4-H Report

Aaron Swepston reported that they have had a county wide 4-H Zoom Meeting with an attendance of 220-245. They will be conducting meetings in this manner monthly.

Jr. Fair Report

Wells has requested six dates to use the Multipurpose Building for Jr. Fair workdays.

11-2-20: Free moved, Cosenza seconded to permit Wells to use the Multipurpose Building for the six Jr. Fair workday meetings. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changing the way that animals move into the fair, two Veterinaries would have to be present. The process would be the same as used this year. There were concerns if this would work during a full fair.

Wells suggested that exhibitors be permitted to bring two different species of market animals to the fair. Only one animal would go thru the sale arena, unless both animals had won grand or reserve champion, the other animal would be sold at market price. Dairy Projects would like to take a product of their project thru the sale arena. Clary suggested that a booth be set up to sell dairy products or another suggestion was to have a milk shake stand. The swine rule on the process of trimming the project has been changed to state that only the ears and tail can be clipped before the fair and not on the fairgrounds.

11-3-20: Hurtt moved, Free seconded to accept the change in Swine Hair Trimming Rule to remove trimming of the face from the rule. Motion carried.

Sales Committee Report

All but four to five buyers have paid their invoices. All premium checks have been sent to exhibitors.

11-4-20: Cosenza moved, Whitten seconded to approve September 8 and October 5, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

11-5-20: Corcoran moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the Treasurers report from September 30 and October 31, 2020. Motion carried.

11-6-20: Cosenza moved, Corcoran seconded to approve payment of September 8-31, 2020 bills totaling \$15,596.79, October 1-31, 2020 bills totaling \$128,992.01 and November 1-2, 2020 bills totaling \$7,298.11. Motion carried.

RCAS now has their own 501-3(c) status.

11-7-20: Cosenza moved, McCorkle seconded to hire Mark Schumacher at \$10.00 per hour for no more than 30 hours per week starting September 1, 2020. Motion carried.

The report is being sent to ODA for the \$50,000.00 grant for conducting a 2020 Jr. Fair

11-8-20: Haubeil moved, Cosenza seconded to adopt the Planning Budget for 2021. Motion carried.

11-9-20: Cosenza moved, Free seconded to issue a \$100.00 refund to Natalie Mallow for the 2020 Jr. Fair camping fee. Motion carried.

11-10-20: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to permit Andy Hill to pursue grant money from Union Township on behalf of the RCAS. Motion carried.

11-11-20: McCorkle moved, Free seconded to permit Brad Cosenza to pursue grant money from the Chillicothe Visitor Bureau. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. and Keith Diehl have started an LLP, No Limits Off-Road Productions, Haubeil Jr. has asked to rent part of the fairgrounds on the dates of August 19-22, 2021 for the 1st Buckeye Off Road Expo.

11-12-20: Whitten moved, Clary seconded to approve the dates of August 19-22, 2021 for rental to No Limits Off-Road Productions to hold the event 1st Buckeye Off Road Expo. Motion carried.

The details of the contract will be discussed by the Contract Committee.

11-13-20: Clary moved, Hurtt seconded to not have the Board of Directors Christmas party. Motion carried.

11-14-20: Haubeil moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to have Sandy Free to be the delegate and Brad Cosenza to be the alternate delegate for the OFMA annual meeting at the convention. Motion carried.

11-15-20: Corcoran moved, Elliott seconded to pay expenses to Cosenza and Free of \$170.00 each during the OFMA Convention January 8-9, 2021. Motion carried.

11-16-20: Haubeil moved, Hurtt seconded to purchase an auction item for \$100.00 for the 2021 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-17-20: Whitten moved, Haubeil seconded to repair the finish mower. Motion carried.

Caretaker Report

Wheeler has twenty rims for handwashing stations, a 6" plastic pipe with caps is needed to complete the job. Winter storage is going well, 10 small campers and boats are in the 4-H Building and 22 units in the Beef Barn.

Clary asked if Smash-It contract would be honored for May 2021. It will be honored.

Cosenza reported on the District 4 Meeting/Queen Semi Finals will be conducted on December 13, 2020. Only 10 attendees will be permitted from each fair, this includes the queen and her family.

11-18-20: Clary moved, McCorkle seconded to allow a budget of \$1,000.00 to Cosenza for expenses to host the District 4 Annual Meeting in the Multipurpose Building. Motion carried.

11-19-20: Free moved, Hurtt seconded to pay hotel expenses for the Ross County Jr. Fair Queen if she advances to the finals at the 2021 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

11-20-20: Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to extend the employee contracts to December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

11-21-20: Whitten moved, Haubeil Jr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

GARY PRATER
RCAS INTERIM PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

