

The special meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted November 23, 2021, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Cosenza at 6:00 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Matt Colopy, Brad Putnam, Ryan Burkett, Zach Ackley, Chris Bruynis, and Katie Wells.

S11-1-21: Clever moved, Hill seconded to add to the fair schedule Peewee showmanship for large animals only, for ages 5 – 8 years old as of day of the show (open to 4-H and non-4-H members). Motion carried.

Gray arrived at 6:05 pm.

A discussion on the changing of rule 901-19-31 (# 34 in fair book) of who can help exhibitors with their market animal projects took place. The need and how to enforce the change was not agreed upon. The rule will not be changed at this time. The existing rule needs to be enforced, if there are violators Cosenza suggested to have a meeting with the violator, Fair Board, OSU Extension, Barn Superintendents to resolve the issue.

The large animal superintendents would like the fair to be a partial terminal fair, the Sales Committee wants the fair to be a full terminal fair. Chris Hooks was not present. This will be discussed later.

Matt Colopy presented the Ross County Bred, Born & Raised Hog Show Guidelines.

S11-2-21: Bethel moved, Clifton seconded to approve the guidelines of the Ross County Bred, Born, & Raised How Show as proposed. Motion carried.

S11-3-21: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to permit walking hog projects in the practice arena only and not in the tack area. Motion carried.

S11-4-21: Hill moved, Clever seconded to change Beef Team Fitting rule to a two-member team of any age with a 15-minute limit only show side will be fit and place the top 5 teams. Motion carried.

S11-5-21: Free moved, Elliott seconded to move Goat County Bred Born & Raised Show to Thursday 11 am – 2 pm and conduct as an independent show. Motion carried.

S11-6-21: Haubeil moved, Prater seconded to approve the following changes to the Goat rules, **#1** Move Dairy Showmanship followed by Show to 2pm Sunday. **#2** Pygmy Showmanship then Show will immediately follow Dairy Show.

#3 Age requirement changes:

Market Goats – December 1st

Jr. Meat Doe Kid: 0-6 months (February 1, current year-current show date)

Jr. Meat Doe Kid: 6-12 months (January 31, current year-August 1, previous year)

Jr. Meat Doe Kid: 8-12 months (Needs Removed)

Intermediate Meat Doe: 12-24 months (July 1, 2021-August 1, 2020)

Senior Meat Doe: 24 months and older (Prior to July 31, 2020)

#4 Dairy-Change to say, Senior Dairy Goats (producing doe currently in milk or has freshened at least once). May be shown dry. **#5** Dairy classes: Sr. Doe: Ages 3 years and over, Sr. Doe: Ages 1 to under 3 years old.

#6 Performance Class: Add a new **#4**: Placings from the County Bred, Born, & Raised Show, the Dairy Wether Show and the Market Show will not be used in calculating placings in the Performance Class. Only class placings in the “Performance Class” will be used to calculate points. **#7** Premier Goat Exhibitor:

Add Jr., Int., and Sr., just for meat goats. **#8** Sales Order will be as follows:

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

Grand & Reserve Champion County Bred, Born, & Raised

3rd Overall

4th Overall

5th Overall

1st Place Showmanship Winners

Performance Goat Winner

Division Winners & Division Runner-Up Winners

Remaining Goats

#9 Market Goat Show Divisions/Classes: Dairy Wethers will be in class 1 of Division 1. Boer goats will start in class 2. Dairy Wethers and Boer goats in classes will compete for Division winner. Show will reduce to 4 Divisions. They would still be their own class but would compete with Boer meat goats for division. Motion carried.

S11-7-21: Haubeil moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to permit early release for breeding goats on Wednesday morning from 6am – 7am, exhibitor must show a paid entry fee to the goat superintendents at the time of livestock move-in that you are entered in a show within the next 14 days of the end of the Ross County Fair, exhibitor will waive premium payment. All other breeding goats will be released Saturday at noon. Motion carried.

S11-8-21: Hill moved, Elliott seconded to approve the following changes to the Poultry rules, #1 Poultry Production: Exhibitors may enter up to two exhibits. #2 Boiler Meat Pen of Three: Exhibitors may participate in an underweight and/or overweight class but not receive any awards. #3 Fancy Poultry Production: Exhibitors may enter four exhibits. Motion carried.

S11-9-21: Clifton moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve the following changes to the Sheep rules, #1 Weight minimum is 100 pounds. #2 Heavily soiled or wet sheep will not be allowed across the scales until the problem is corrected. Motion carried.

Wells has contacted the on-call vet from 2021 and she will be available the first Saturday of the fair and will vet check the small animals once they are penned. The Sheep Lead Class animals and horses that are trailered in will also have to be vet checked.

Steve Clever, Matt Clifton, Jenny Nelson, and Peggy Gray will be liaisons between the Jr. Fair and the Senior Fair Board.

Eagle Golf Carts has raised their prices by \$25.00 per cart for the upcoming fair. The contract for the 2022 fair was signed.

S11-10-21: Hill moved, Whitten seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY