

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday November 4, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll called revealed that Clary, Corcoran, Gearhart, McCorkle and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nan Clary.

Guests – Curt McAllister, Karlton Wheeler, Sally Bluck, Kim Litter, Chris Hooks, Joe Angles, Mike Angles, Cathy Daugherty, Brad Jacobs, Stephen Gary, Roger Crago, Don Martin and Dan Elliott.

Election of Officers

11-1-19: Chrisman moved, Boggs seconded to nominate Bryan Bethel for President. Gray moved to nominate Cosenza for President, Cosenza declined. Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to close the nominations for President. Hill moved, Free seconded to nominate Steven Clever for Vice President. Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to close the nominations for Vice President. Bryan Bethel elected president by acclamation. Steven Clever elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Discussion on whether a Senior Fair Board Director should be on as Secretary and Treasurer to sit on the executive committee for voting purposes. This discussion was tabled until the annual meeting in December.

4-H Report

Kim Litter represented the 4-H report. She spoke on the trying to recruit to members to the 4-H program that took place county wide during the first 2 weeks of October. The beef weigh in will take place December 14, 2019. The project of bee keeping was discussed. There are scholarships available to exhibitors that want to take this project in the amount of \$500.00 for startup expenses.

Roger Crago spoke on behalf of the Grange. They have concerns about their building. The building has suffered water damage in the spring, cabinets were lost. The air conditioning system no longer works. They were wanting to know if the Senior Fair Board would consider helping financially. Cosenza asked if they would consider moving to another building. Several options were discussed on how to proceed in the future. Haubeil suggested that try to make repairs to existing location for the 2020 fair. The Fairboard was invited to attend their annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday November 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Curt McAllister spoke on behalf of the Chillicothe Visitors Bureau and Business owners in the area on whether the Easyrider's Rodeo contract would be renewed. The hotels rented 473 rooms during the 2019 rodeo which brought in \$112,000.00 into the community. The Chillicothe Visitors Bureau would like to partner with the Senior Fairboard to bring events to the community.

Sales Committee Report

There are seven buyers that have not paid their invoices from the 2019 Jr. Livestock Sales. The exhibitor's checks are being sent out, 15 exhibitors have not been paid to date, three exhibitors not associated with the unpaid buyers are being paid.

11-2-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

11-3-19: Hill moved, Free seconded to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

11-4-19: Clever moved, Hurtt seconded to pay the remainder October bills totaling \$20,608.24 and November bills totaling \$13,283.31. Motion carried.

11-5-19: Boggs moved, Pickerrell seconded to accept the Planning Budget for fiscal year 2020. Motion carried.

11-6-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to approve payments to Directors, Treasurer and Secretary attending the OFMA Convention per diem as \$250.00 for 3 nights stay, \$170.00 for 2 nights stay and \$85.00 for 1 night stay. Motion carried.

President's Report

11-7-19: Gray moved, Nelson seconded to approve the Temporary Staging Area contract with AEP. Motion carried.

Easyrider's Rodeo would like to have a "closed door" meeting with the Senior Fairboard and Sheriff Lavender. Cosenza suggests charging them \$80,000.00 and the Sheriff is firm on \$80,000.00 for security. Prater is concerned with the chance of personal liability for the board. Mr. Benson suggests having a Contract Committee meeting with the Sheriff and the Easyrider Rodeo. Guidelines for the meeting will be that no more than nine directors will be attending.

11-8-19: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to have a contract committee meeting November 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm with Easyrider Rodeo and Sheriff Lavender, Board Directors attending will be Haubeil, Clever, Chrisman, Hill, Bethel, Prater, Chain, Hurtt and Cosenza. Motion carried.

Mr. Benson is working on a generic contract to be filled in for smaller events at the fairgrounds.

Chillicothe Trade Days has signed their contract.

Secretary Report

The Board Christmas party will be on December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Corky Que will be catering at the price of \$11.50 per person and Santa will be arriving approximately 7:00 pm.

All reservations for the OFMA Convention have been made. What item would the board like to donate for the silent auction during the convention.

11-9-19: Hurtt moved, Free seconded to purchase an item for \$100.00 for the OFMA silent auction. Motion carried.

Caretaker Report

October 31, 2019 is the deadline to shut off the water and electric to the permanent food booths. The camper storage is going well with first time rentals.

The water hydrants are being installed at the beef barn. The restrooms are being winterized. The specs for a new skid steer was discussed. New chairs for the office are needed.

11-10-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to approve \$300.00 to purchase new chairs for the office. Motion carried.

11-11-19: Cosenza moved, Haubeil seconded to approve April 3-5, 2020 for a ChillitownMX MX race. Motion carried.

11-12-19: Hill moved, Gray seconded to approve to update the copier in the office. Motion carried.

Dan Elliott introduced himself to the board, he would like to fill the vacant City position.

11-13-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to appoint Dan Elliott as a Senior Fair Board Director for the City of Chillicothe. Motion carried.

Notary Public, Andy Hill, swore in Dan Elliott as a Board Director representing the City of Chillicothe.

Hurttt reported that two Swine Superintendents resigned. They are interviewing for replacements on Wednesday November 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

11-14-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to go into executive session at 9:02 pm. Motion carried.

11-15-19: Gray moved, Free seconded to come out of executive session at 9:28 pm. Motion carried.

11-16-19: Cosenza moved, Nelson seconded to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

11-17-19: Haubeil Jr. moved, Prater seconded to allow Kelcie Peirce to borrow the ticket booth. Motion carried.

Free reported that herself, Gray and Uhrig went to Greenfield and toured the rental barn for ideas for a replacement of the Commercial Building.

11-18-19: Haubeil moved, Cosenza seconded to approve the signing of the contract with ChillitownMX and Scott Plessinger. Motion carried.

11-19-19: Free moved, Hill seconded to go into executive session at 9:43 pm. Motion carried.

11-20-19: Hill moved, Prater seconded to come out of executive session at 9:50 pm. Motion carried.

11-21-19: Gray moved, Free seconded to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

11-22-19: Hill moved, Clever seconded to approve a 2% raise for Karlton Wheeler, Nan Clary and Mary Ludwick to take effect December 1, 2019 and a raise of \$1.00 per hour for Audrey Wheeler to take effect November 10, 2019. Motion carried.

11-23-19: Hill moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

