

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted on November 7, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll Call revealed that Chrisman, Corcoran, Hill, and McCorkle were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karlton Wheeler.

Guests – Lisa Bair, Paige Farmer, Jon Grey, Heather Crago, Ryan Elliott, Kim Litter, Jean Winters, Tom McWhorter, Tracy Carter, Chris Hooks, Miriam Scholl, Katie Wells, Tom Cryder, and Darla Cryder.

Notary, Jaluv Hoop, swore in new Directors Noah Kemper for Springfield Township for a three-year term and Kelley VanHoose for Paint Township for a two-year term.

Paige Farmer addressed the Board on having an event on the grounds to promote awareness of autism. The dates that she wanted to book were not available and was asked to schedule with Wheeler.

Wells presented the Board with species-specific policy changes for 2023.

11-1-22: Haubeil moved, Free seconded to approve the change of the beef sale from Saturday morning to Friday night. Motion carried.

11-2-22: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to approve the changes to dairy goats, Completely slick sheered, leaving only the tuft of the hair on the top of the tail, All market goats are to be slick sheared to an even length, 3/8 inch or less, above the knee and hock but excluding the head and tail switch, 1:00 pm on show day is the last chance to have length measured; No fitting products used on market and breeding goats; Dairy goats, Group classes-All goats exhibited in group classes must have been exhibited in their individual age classes, Dam and daughter-senior doe and her daughter of any age, Senior dairy goat does not need to be currently in milk, Age recommendation changes. Motion carried.

11-3-22: Bethel moved, Elliott seconded to approve the following rule changes to poultry, Adding clean pen award like other species; Market chicken changes- Changing from pen of 3 to pen of 2, Changing from 10 chicks to 8 chicks, Weight range changing to 10-16 lbs. for pen of 2; Add market turkey show-18-week project, order just like the chicks, weight range minimum 20 lbs. no maximum, 5 poults ordered and will show one, weigh-in Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon in Fair Pavilion, Vet check on Wednesday afternoon, show on Thursday at 8:00 am Small Animal Arena, Moving Small Animal Showman of Showman to 9:30 am, Switch hatchery to Ridgeway Hatchery. Motion carried.

11-4-22: Boggs moved, Clifton seconded to approve the following rule changes to sheep, Remove the rule that stated all lambs tagged in on same date-can bring either day, ensure the date of tagging is accurately marked to calculate performance classes; Adult showmanship added Monday at 1:00 pm. Motion carried.

11-5-22: Clever moved, Gearhart seconded to approve the following rule changes to swine, No home tagging for breeders, all pigs will come to fairgrounds for tag-in; Tack will be permitted in pens, potential to be assigned by club: The following changes pertain to County Bred, Born, and Raised-A superintendent and a breeder will go to each farm to track litter numbers and check facilities; Use white button tags with pre-printed numbers assigned to each breeder (purchases by the Ross County Hog Breeders) and distributed during barn visits in early February; Breeders must register ear notch, button number, and family name by April 15th via online form; Office will download information and give to Zach Ackley; Superintendents will check after weigh-in at the fair; Superintendents will mark CBBR on the showbill and it will be checked by a Hog Breeders representative; Any placing pig in the top 5 of the market show immediately advances to ranking in the CBBR show which will place 1-5; Bring back 2 pigs from each class with no more than 10 pigs per division (approx. 3-5 divisions); Table worker for record keeping and organizing that will have an official list to use compiled from 1st and 2nd CBBR placings from market show to use to announce Jr. Fair Show; Announce callbacks as the show is going on after each division and in between market and CBBR show; Lining up workers (at least 4) to help people know who/when to come up to pens and which pen with which pig; No more traditional Jr. Fair prizes offered, CBBR committee will secure prizes, prizes can be handed out in the ring; Market the sale bill and make sure they are announced.

11-6-22: Haubeil moved, Pickerrell seconded to approve the following changes to Jr Fair Livestock Rules.

- All entries will turn to “Jr. Fair Entries” due July 15th, non-market livestock registration, market sale/pen registration, showmanship registration.
- If a prescription is written that requires medication/treatment, a superintendent must be present each time the medicine/treatment is administered to ensure compliance with the guidance in the prescription. Superintendent must be present before any medicine/treatment is mixed through delivery.
- #17 – 4-H/FFA members’ livestock project constitutes their exhibit.
- #18 – Delete Extension office as one of the entities to excuse-must be at least 2 Jr. Fair Livestock Superintendents and a Senior Fair Board member.
- #20 – Pen/Stalls – no additional paints/plywood can be added
- #21 – Pen/Bedding – will state “must comply with species-specific rules”.
- #25 – Vet check – addition to rule – a livestock superintendent will greet exhibitors and ask them to remove blankets/jackets from sheep/goats for improved rule compliance.
- #26 – Livestock Health Requirement – issue one-year probation letters up to immediate dismissal if violating animal welfare standards instead of only immediate dismissal.
- #27 – Details of enrolling Jr. Fair members in Open Class – refer to Open Class section of the Fairbook, instead of offering any specific in this section.
- #29 – Who can sell for them – must have written approval by at least 1 Jr. Fair Livestock Superintendent, 1 Senior Fair Board member, and a Sale Committee member.
- #33 – Early release for goats – must submit proof of a paper or emailed entry fee.
- #38 – Protests – change to must talk to a Livestock Superintendent first then file protests with Senior Fair Board.
- Any animal found by the livestock superintendents/senior fair board to be a risk to the health and wellness of exhibitors, fair attendees, or other animals will not be permitted to show/sell and can be relocated from the fairgrounds at any time. Motion carried.

11-7-22: Clifton moved, Clever seconded that Peewee Showmanship will continue to be paper sign-ups in barns until 1 hour before show for all large animal species, no late sign-ups. Motion carried. 14 Yea and 3 Opposed.

11-8-22: Clifton moved, Haubeil seconded to turn over the management of Swine Peewee Showmanship back to 4-H. Motion carried.

11-9-22: Clever moved, Chain seconded to change the 4-H Award Ceremony to Fridays at 4:00 pm in the Small Animal Show Arena. Motion carried.

Chris Hooks, Tom McWhorter, and Tracy Carter from the Sales Committee were asked why there have been missing add-ons on exhibitors checks and why all checks have not been sent. Carter wants to know when the cut off on receiving add-ons should be. They reported that invoices totaling approximately \$23,000.00 had not been paid. The Senior Fair Board assured them that they would help them on any unpaid invoices. The Senior Fair Board wants all checks sent to the exhibitors. There will be a time and date setup to meet with the Sales Committee to discuss their process and procedures. It was requested that a complete financial report be provided to the Senior Fair Board monthly.

11-10-22: Clever moved, Clifton seconded to approve the October 3, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

The Horse Arena Committee's next meeting will December 1, 2022, at the Ross County Fairgrounds. They should create their own letterhead for correspondence.

11-11-22: Clever moved, Bethel seconded to nominate Brad Cosenza for President. Clary moved, Free seconded to close the nomination for President. Brad Cosenza was elected President by acclamation. Bethel moved, Chain seconded to nominate Steven Clever for Vice President. Clary moved, Nelson seconded to close the nomination for Vice President. Steven Clever was elected Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried.

11-12-22: Bethel moved, Prater seconded to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

11-13-22: Chain moved, Bethel seconded to pay October 4-31, 2022, bills totaling \$129,085.07 and November 1-7, 2022, bills totaling \$22,665.42. Motion carried.

11-14-22: Clary moved, Free seconded to increase the OFMA Convention auction item donation to \$200.00. Motion carried.

11-15-22: Haubeil moved, Free seconded to hire Bell Farms to caterer the Senior Fair Board Christmas Party at \$22.00 per person. Motion carried.

Wheeler has completed refurbishing one ticket booth. The water to the campgrounds has been shut off for the winter.

Free has had one architect return plans with a proposal. She has a business meeting with what could be a large donor.

11-16-22: Prater moved, Elliott seconded to approve \$50.00 for an email blast on Ross Chillicothe Convention and Visitors Bureau's site to promote The Commercial Event Center. Motion carried.

11-17-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Haubeil seconded to approve the dates of July 7-9, 2023, for Jeep Fest. Motion carried.

Haubeil thanked Lee Whitten for all his years of service as a Director of the Fairboard.

VanHoose would like to work on the Emergency Management Plans for the fairgrounds.

Clifton is returning the scales that were purchased earlier this year.

Boggs reported that OUC has 4 to 5 large wood cases they would like to give away.

Any changes to the RCAS Constitution will need to be turned in by December 1, 2022.

11-18-22: Bethel moved, Elliott seconded to approve January 3, 2023, date for the January RCAS meeting. Motion carried

11-19-22: Haubeil moved, Clifton seconded to accept the 2023 Planning Budget. Motion carried.

11-20-22: Haubeil Jr. moved, Free seconded to go into executive session at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

11-21-22: Chain moved, Bethel seconded to come out of executive session at 9:04 pm. Motion carried.

11-22-22: Clary moved, Free seconded to go back into regular session at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.

11-23-22: Pickerrell moved, Bethel seconded to raise the Treasurer and Secretary's monthly wage to \$2,040. Motion carried.

11-24-22: Pickerrell moved, Nelson seconded to raise Karlton Wheeler's hourly wage to \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

11-25-22: Bethel moved, Boggs seconded to approve Nan Clary to work another month at regular pay. Motion carried.

11-16-22: Bethel moved, Whitten seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY

