

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bradford Cosenza.

Roll call revealed Dixon, Duncan, Ginther, McNeal, Prater, B. Whitten, L. Whitten absent.

All others present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Butch Ater, Melody Walters, Chris Hooks, Linda Hill, Kate Weaver, Katie Feldhues, Braiden Stearos

McCorkle moved, Corcoran seconded to accept the minutes of September 4 & 15, 2014. Motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Bethel seconded to approve the September 2014 Treasurer's report and the Profit/Loss report. Motion carried.

10-1-14: Corcoran moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

President's Report

The grandstand roof has been painted and the work is completed.

Communication continues with Easyriders for a new contract.

A meeting was held with the Swap Days committee.

10-2-14: Clary moved, Hill seconded to extend contract for one year at the same cost with Swap Days and the NBHA Horse Show will be held during the Swap Days in June 2015. Motion carried.

4-H/Jr. Fair Report

1600 people attended the Halloween campout. There were 264 campers.

7:50 p.m. – Prater into meeting.

Katie is putting together questions for the Superintendent's re: pygmy goats.

Butch Ater will meet with Hurtt, Prater, Clever & Bethel on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Service Center to discuss rules with Superintendents.

Butch Ater recommended moving the sheep show from Monday to Wednesday with more details coming.

Skillathon planning meeting will be October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Service Center.

Jr. Fair Board had 32 members at the first meeting tonight. They are putting together plans for a sleepover on November 22.

Jr. Fair Sales Committee

Chris Hooks reported that the checks went out last week for the buyers who have paid. There are 100 buyers who have not paid at a total of \$37,000. Invoices go out the end of the week.

10-3-14: Clary moved, Hurtt seconded to recommend to change the membership ticket price to \$5.00 and present at the annual meeting on December 8, 2014 for a vote. Motion carried.

Caretaker reported that Zane Trace will discontinue having bingo at the end of October.

Storage begins October 15. Nothing will be accepted on Sundays.

10-4-14: Bethel moved, McDonald seconded to buy a new Miller welder @ \$1700.00 and a spool for \$650.00 from AirGas. Motion carried.

Haubeil reported the buildings are down behind the Caretaker's house. Scott will clean the area. Detillion's will put a new fence. The pumps will be moved. There is a lot of work to be done in the shop this winter. Barry will pursue heat for the new building shop.

Clary will contact Paul Pollard about replacing the microphone in the office. Haubeil will look into pouring concrete around the small animal arena for handicapped accessibility. We also need to look into purchasing bleachers for the small animal arena.

Clary, J. Pickerrell, Prater and Haubeil met with Smash-It about having a demo derby on Memorial Day weekend. They would like to use the grandstand, beef barn and a drive-thru building to inspect the cars. There is a possibility for 500+ campers plus. Clary will contact Smash-It to talk about rental costs for the event.

10-5-14: Hill moved, Haubeil seconded to buy 2 pad-mounted transformers to replace 2 pole-mounted transformers at a cost of \$3200.00 each. Motion carried.

McCorkle will proceed with proceed rodeo repairs, rabbit barn cords and maintenance.

10-6-14: Clary moved, Hill seconded to allot \$10,000.00 for maintenance repairs. Motion carried.

10-7-14: Clary moved, Hill seconded to nominate Cindy Uhrig for Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

10-8-14: Uhrig moved, Prater seconded to nominate Guy McCorkle for the Hall of Fame award. Motion carried.

10-9-14: Bethel moved, McDonald seconded to pay for the hotel room for the Queen at the convention. Motion carried.

10-10-14: Bethel moved, Clever seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee contracts. Motion carried.

10-11-14: Hill moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

10-12-14: McCorkle moved, Prater seconded to return to regular session at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried.

10-13-14: B. Pickerrell moved, Hurtt seconded to increase the Caretaker's salary by 2% to \$1944.28 per month. Motion carried.

10-14-14: McCorkle moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to increase the Assistant Caretaker's salary by 2% per month to \$691.97. Motion carried.

10-15-14: Hill moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$1100.00 per month. Motion carried.

10-16-14: Clever moved, Hill seconded to increase the Secretary's salary by 5% to \$1063.30 per month. Motion carried.

10-17-14: Bethel moved, McDonald seconded to abolish a contract with the Caretaker and Assistant Caretaker and use the policies listed as a job description. Motion carried.

10-18-14: Bethel moved, J. Pickerrell seconded to hire Cynthia Uhrig as Secretary of the Ross County Agricultural Society. Motion carried.

10-19-14: Bethel moved, Hill seconded to hire Peggy Gray as Treasurer of the Ross County Agricultural Society. Motion carried.

10-20-14: Hill moved, McDonald seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY