

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday October 7, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was call to order at 7:02 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Chrisman, Corcoran, Free, Haubeil Jr. and McCorkle were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Hill

Guests – Karlton Wheeler, Andrea Arledge, Melissa Carter, Kim Arrowood, Jackie Detillion, Dan Elliot, Chris Hooks, Susan Glandon, Maria Williams, Katie Feldhues, Allison Minney, Maddie Huff, Stephanie Hartmus, Angie Lochbaum, Amy Smythe, Peggy Campbell and Kelly O’Bryant.

Susan Glandon is resigning as the president of the Ross County Agricultural Society Auxiliary. She wanted to thank the Senior Fair Board for the improvements to the Fine Arts Building and the purchases of the glass show cases. The Auxiliary also hung up shelves in the Fine Arts building. There were 471 exhibitors this year with 2708 entries, an increase from last year. There were 344 antique entries this year. Homemaker of the Year was awarded to Hettie Pugh with a total of 491 points. Glandon introduced Andrea Arledge, the new president to the Auxiliary Board.

Jr. Fair Report

Jackie Detillion, Kim Arrowood and Melissa Carter, co-chairman of the 4-H Halloween Campout addressed the board requesting the same week next year for the campout.

10-1-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to reserve September 24-27, 2020 for the 4-H Halloween Campout. Motion carried.

The Halloween Campout co-chairman would like to have members of the Senior Fair Board to sit on a subcommittee for the Halloween Campout in the future. Andy Hill and Steve Clever volunteered for this subcommittee.

Maria Williams with the First Capital Vintage Market explained what type of items that were being sold at their event, crafts, hand-made items and repurposed antiques. This event is totally different than the Chillicothe Trader Days.

10-2-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to hold event of First Capital Vintage Market. Motion carried.

Angie Lochbaum, secretary of the 4-H subcommittee 1st Year Experience, is trying to inform the exhibitors and parents of what is required for their projects and how to get the most out of their experience.

Amy Smythe co-advisor is trying to rebuild the attendance for 4-H. They are working with Fulton County 4-H on a county exchange.

Allison Minney reported that they have 34 Jr. Fair Board Members. They will be going on an overnight trip to Canters Cave to prepare for their OFMA presentation, Work Hard, Play Hard, behind the scenes.

Feldhues reported that the county exchange with Fulton County is county funded. Barn superintendents are needed for swine, beef, sheep and goats.

Exhibitors taking sheep and goats will be able to take two animals in 2020.

The on-line project enrollments are challenging. The club advisors will have a list of their exhibitors' projects to make sure of accuracy of enrollment and email and or text messages will be sent to the individual families of exhibitors as a back-up.

Sales Committee Report

Hooks reported that the exhibitor's checks are being mailed. The buyers are paying well with 39 buyers that have not paid to date.

10-3-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to accept July 22, 2019, August 19, 2019 and September 9, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

10-4-19: Hill moved, Whitten seconded to accept the Treasurers' report. Motion carried.

10-5-19: Nelson moved, Hurtt seconded to pay September 10-31, 2019 bills totaling \$27,482.49 and October 1-7, 2019 bills totaling \$37,469.99. Motion carried.

Haubeil Jr. arrived at the meeting at 7:20 pm.

AEP has replaced an electrical insulator in the campground area.

The profit/loss report from December 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 was discussed.

10-6-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to pay Karlton Wheeler one week of unused vacation pay. Motion carried.

Bethel reported that the motocross contract with Scott Plessinger has been signed and the Boy Scout contract is ready to be signed.

10-7-19: Clary moved, Prater seconded to have Cosenza to initiate plans for obtaining a permanent camping license. Motion carried.

Cosenza is concerned with using blank contracts he would like to have our lawyer to go over and update if needed all contracts that are used by the RCAS. Prater would like to see if there is a way to use a generic contract. The lawyer would still approve each contract before signing.

10-8-19: Hill moved, Clary seconded to sign the Boy Scout Contract. Motion carried. Cosenza opposed.

10-9-19: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to have a generic contract that the lawyer will write for fairground events. Motion carried.

10-10-19: Whitten moved, Hurtt seconded to send completed contract to Jim Wirth with Chillicothe Trader Days. Motion carried.

10-11-19: Prater moved, Hill seconded to send the contract covering the fair to All Win Electric. Motion carried.

10-12-19: Cosenza moved, Pickerrell seconded to send the hourly contract to All Win Electric. Motion carried.

Bethel asked Feldhues if 4-H would like to help with the Calf Scramble. Feldhues has been working with the Calf Scramble Committee to change the program. Prater suggested that maybe having a scholarship program with the Calf Scramble would help with more interest in the program.

10-13-19: Hill moved, Haubeil seconded to sign a three-year contract with 168 tickets to receive the \$4,500.00 credit and keeping the equipment of ten Dell computers and six Zebra printers. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the renewal of the Easyrider Rodeo's contract. Bethel compiled what RCAS has profited over the last 5 years. Cosenza suggested to raise the fee for rental to \$75,000.00. Whitten suggested to raise the fee to \$150,000.00 flat rate. The Sheriff has commented that he doesn't want to have the event back.

10-14-19: Prater moved, Hill seconded, motion withdrawn.

A show of hands on how many would even want to proceed with the Easyrider Rodeo. Results, 5 Board members did not want to proceed, 8 Board members wanted to proceed to discuss the prospect of a contract, 1 Board member did not vote.

10-15-19: Hill moved, Gearhart seconded to offer Easyrider Rodeo a one-year contract with a flat fee of \$100,000.00 for grounds rental plus expenses and to pay all attorney fees with the condition that Easyrider Rodeo uses the Ross County Sheriff's Department for security. Motion carried. 8 for and 6 opposed.

The deadline for Easyrider Rodeo to respond is November 4, 2019.

10-16-19: Hill moved, Hurtt seconded to permit the Farm Bureau to use the MPB and the JVS Building for Ag-Career Day on Mon November 25, 2019 free of charge. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Christmas party reservations were taken. The board has asked to use Corky Que for catering.

OFMA reservations were discussed.

Caretakers Report

10-17-19: Cosenza moved, Hill seconded to permit our tent vendor to wash their tents in the fall at no charge. Motion carried.

Four water hydrants are needed for the beef barn. The rest of the buildings are being prepared for winter storage.

10-18-19: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to have K&K Carpet Care to clean and polish the floor in the MPB for \$2,731.50. Motion carried.

10-19-19: Clary moved, Hill seconded to have a budget of \$500.00 for prizes for the Halloween Campout. Motion carried.

10-20-19: Whitten moved, Chain seconded to pay \$500.00 for insurance coverage during the Halloween Campout. Motion carried.

Clever reported that the skid steerer will not last much longer.

Cosenza reported that the OFMA District fall meeting will be held at the Ross County Fairgrounds in the fair office.

10-21-19: Hurtt moved, Nelson seconded to hold the OFMA District Fall Meeting on October 23, 2019 at 7:00pm in the fair office with a budget of \$200.00 for food. Motion carried.

The Harness Racing grant for \$10,000.00 is due October 19, 2019.

10-22-19: Prater moved, Clever seconded to match \$10,000.00 for Harness Racing Grant. Motion carried.

The sheriff's office will be using the Sheriff's Building on the fairgrounds as an outpost.

10-23-19: Prater moved, Nelson seconded to nominate Chip Chrisman as Delegate and Bryan Bethel as alternate for the OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

A District 9 representative has contacted Bethel concerning the use of the 207-connector exit.

10-24-19: Cosenza, with regret moved, Clary seconded to accept Cindy Uhrig's resignation. Motion carried.

Dan Elliott is considering trying to become a Senior Fair Board Director.

10-25-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to reserve at the OFMA Convention three tables for Friday's President's Showcase and one table for Saturday's Extravaganza. Motion carried.

10-26-19: Gray moved, Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS

