

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

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

Roll call revealed Bethel, McNeal, Whitten absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Guests – Chris Hooks, Katie Feldhues, Susan Glandon, Jerimiah Johnson

Clever moved, McCorkle seconded to accept the minutes of July 10 & 31 and August 21, 2017. Motion carried.

The annual election of Directors was held Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 2–6 p.m.

The following directors were elected to a 3-year term:

John “Andy” Hill, Concord Twp; Peggy Gray, Harrison Twp; Gary Prater, Jefferson Twp; Shaun Boggs, Paxton Twp; William Pickerrell, Scioto Twp; Barry Haubeil, At-Large; Cynthia Uhrig, City of Chillicothe.

The following directors were elected to unexpired one (1) year terms:

Jennifer Pickerrell, At-Large; Gerald “Guy” McCorkle, Franklin Twp; Charles “Chip” Chrisman, Paint Twp.

Susan Glandon, Auxiliary President reported that the Home Arts building had 532 exhibitors, 2525 entries and \$1139.00 paid out in premiums to 394 people. Homemaker of the Year was awarded to Bambi Jones who had 148 entries. She received \$290.00 in premiums.

9-1-17: Corcoran moved, Haubeil moved to approve May 17-19, 2018 for the Southern Ohio Forest Rally to rent the fairgrounds. Jerimiah Johnson is the contact person at 740-703-4251. Motion carried.

Clever moved, B. Pickerrell seconded to approve the August 2017 Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

9-2-17: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

The Buyer’s Banquet will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in the Multipurpose building at 7:00 p.m. Total sales for 2017 was \$827,700.00.

9-3-17: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to apply for the 2018 Fair Funds. Motion carried.

9-4-17: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to apply for August 4-11, 2018 fair dates. Motion carried.

9-5-17: McCorkle moved, Hurtt seconded to allow Relay for Life to use the fairgrounds for their event in June 2018 at no cost. Motion carried.

9-6-17: Corcoran moved, Clever seconded to allow a tire collection event to be held on October 28, 2017 in the main parking lot. Motion carried.

9-7-17: Corcoran moved, Hill seconded to donate a campsite and 2 weekly passes for the 2018 fair to the Jr. Civic League Gala. Motion carried.

9-8-17: Hill moved, Chain seconded to have tires on equipment filled to prevent flats at a cost of \$900.00. Motion carried.

9-9-17: Prater moved, Jenny Pickerrell Nelson seconded to pay registration, hotel & meal tickets for the queen at the 2018 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

9-10-17: Clever moved, Hill seconded to pay expenses for Directors attending the 2018 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

9-11-17: McCorkle moved, Prater seconded to nominate Chip Chrisman as Delegate and Andy Hill as Alternate for the 2018 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

9-12-17: Gray moved, Prater seconded for Uhrig to send Miller's Automotive Swap meet a contract for November 4, 2017. They can set up November 3, 2017. Motion carried.

4-H/Jr. Fair Report

Katie Feldhues reported she has met with all Jr. Fair Committees. Superintendents meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Service Center. Jr. Fairboard applications are in. Interviews will be September 24, 2017. A countywide Cloverbud Club has been formed. It will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month October thru May and be headed up by Lynn Speakman, Heidi Lovensheimer and Katie Feldhues.

9-13-17: Prater moved, Gearhart seconded to pay for the Jr. Fairboard and Advisors lunch at the 2018 OFMA Convention. Motion carried.

9-14-17: Hill moved, Clever seconded to offer Karlton Wheeler an employment opportunity for the Fair Manager position. Motion carried. 12-Yes, 5-No.

9-15-17: Hurtt moved, Prater seconded to offer \$30,000.00 yearly salary plus benefits of housing, utilities, cell phone. Motion carried. 2-No.

9-16-17: Clary moved, Nelson seconded to offer one week vacation the first year, two weeks vacation the second year and three weeks vacation after five years employment for the Fair Manager's position. Motion carried.

9-17-17: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to allot \$7000.00 to update the house on the grounds. Motion carried.

9-18-17: Corcoran moved, Chrisman seconded to allow \$4500.00 for Hill to bid on a modular building at auction. Motion carried.

President Cosenza out at 9:36 p.m. Vice President Haubeil continued the meeting.

9-19-17: Nelson moved, Chrisman seconded to offer Smash-It a three-year contract for the May 2018-2020 (Memorial Day weekend) Bash for Cash event - \$32,300.00 for the event, over 400 campers they pay us \$25.00 per night, \$1500.00 for electrician services for the event, plus they pay for any damages. This is a 10% increase and includes the electrician services. Motion carried.

9-20-17: Hill moved, Clever seconded to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRADFORD M. COSENZA
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG
SECRETARY

BARRY HAUBEIL
VICE PRESIDENT RCAS