

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday September 9, 2019 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was call to order at 7:05 pm by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed that Boggs, Gearhart, McCorkle, Nelson, Uhrig and Whitten were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryan Bethel.

Guests – Kelly O’Bryant, Maria Williams, Joe Letsche, Tom White, George W. Lavender Jr., Glenn Detty, Heather Crago, Rachel Elliott, Ryan Elliott, KJ Crago, Chris Hooks and Katie Feldhues.

Maria Williams and Kelly O’Bryant would like to hold an event at the fairgrounds, renting the 4-H Building, Flower/Vegetable Building, Commercial Building and spots for food vendors on May 1 & 2, 2020 to have a vintage market. They would like to have April 30, 2020 for set-up. Information was left with the Board and the Board will contact Williams and O’Bryant with a decision.

Heather Crago with the Ross County Boer Goat Association addressed the Board with concerns of the price that they are being charged to hold an open goat show. The Association donates money back to the 4-H program and would like for the Board to reconsider the amount of the rental charge.

9-1-19: Cosenza moved, Clever seconded to waive the fee for the Ross County Boer Goat Association Open Show being held on September 14 & 15, 2019. Motion carried.

The Board did request that there be no parking on the grass during the Boer Goat Association Open Show.

Tom White and Joe Letsche from the Ross County Park District asked if the Board could please spread the word to voters of how important it is for their operating levy to pass this November.

Sheriff Lavender expressed his feelings on going forward with the Easyriders Rodeo. His concern is with providing enough security to keep the public safe at the fairgrounds, it will take more manpower in the future, costing more to the Easyriders Rodeo Organization.

4-H Report

Katie Feldhues reported they are conducting surveys and will let the Board know the results when available. She would like to increase the number of complimentary wristbands for 4-H club advisors. The Jr. Fair Board will be conducting interviews for new Jr. Fair Board applicants on Sunday September 15, 2019, there are 27 applicants. The Jr. Fair Board is working on their projects for the OFMA Convention. Superintendent meetings will be held next week. The decision on if the numbers on a certain livestock show are low, should they still have the show, or should the members only exhibit their project. The 4-H Halloween Campout will be September 27-29, 2019.

Sales Committee Report

The Buyer's Appreciation Banquet will be on September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm, all Board Directors were invited. The sale total increased \$2,500.00 from last year totaling approximately \$86,000.00.

Correspondence

A letter was received from PERSO informing the Board that the insurance claim on the person injuring her heel at the end of the 2018 fair has been closed.

The minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting and the August 19, 2019 meeting have corrections that need to be completed.

9-2-19: Hurtt moved, Free seconded to accept the July 1, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

9-3-19: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to table the July 22, 2019 and the August 19, 2019 Minutes until the October 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

9-4-19: Prater moved, Clever seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

9-5-19: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to pay August 20-31, 2019 bills totaling \$190,516.15 and September 1-9, 2019 bills totaling \$28,812.54. Motion carried.

9-6-19: Clary moved, Chrisman seconded to hire Audrey Wheeler to start on August 11, 2019 at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, not to exceed 39 hours per week. Motion carried.

9-7-19: Prater moved, Hill seconded to send application for 2019 Ohio Fairs Fund Money. Motion carried.

9-8-19: Free moved, Chain seconded to submit the Fair Date Request Form requesting August 8 – 15, 2020 for the Ross County Fair. Motion carried.

Cindy Uhrig's letter of resignation was read to the Board.

9-9-19: Clary moved, Haubeil Jr. seconded to accept Uhrig's resignation. Motion carried.

9-10-19: Cosenza moved, Prater seconded to table Uhrig's resignation until October 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Bethel will be contacting Uhrig to ask her to reconsider.

Caretaker's Report

The pressure washer fell off the wagon and broke.

The following damages occurred during the Easyriders Rodeo.

A pipe in the JVS Building was broken from the wall in the restroom.

Mop and bucket missing from the MPB, \$200.00 to replace.

The mailbox was ran over twice, already repaired.

The Show Arena door needs repaired.

Ink stain on the floor of MPB, floor needs to be stripped and polished.

Jim Davis, with the Garden Brother Circus contacted Wheeler wanting to rent the Grandstand for one day, October 2, 2019.

9-11-19: Hill moved, Chain seconded to charge Garden Brother Circus \$1,500 to rent the Grandstand on October 2, 2019, \$750.00 for the Grandstand and a \$750.00 cleanup deposit which will be returned if cleanup is satisfactory. Motion carried.

The sewage was not pumped after the Easyriders Rodeo, Brad's Johns will complete the job and bill Easyrider directly.

The Contract Committee will meet with Scott Plessinger concerning the lease of the motocross track.

The rental contracts concerning the Home and Fine Arts Building should include a clause stating that any damage done to the glass cases will have to be paid plus a 25% of the cost of the damages to RCAS.

Committee Reports

Haubeil Jr. has requested volunteers to help with the October 11-12, 2019 Halloween Campout. The insurance company will be contacted to inquire if addition coverage will be needed for this event.

Free has set-up tours of a barn for September 12, 18, or 24, 2019 to consider the lay out for ideas for the replacement of the Commercial Building.

Free also suggested to purchase a brick for the plaza area to commemorate the 75th annual Ross County Fair.

9-12-19: Hill moved, Prater seconded to purchase a 75th Ross County Fair Anniversary brick for the plaza. Motion carried.

Cosenza reported that Sheriff Lavender has spoken to Charles Ortman concerning widening Fairgrounds Road. We are also checking on using the exit onto the Rt 207 Connector to be used on heavy traffic nights.

9-13-19: Hill moved, Free seconded to nominate Cindy Uhrig for the Hall of Fame Award. Motion carried.

9-14-19: Hill moved, Chain seconded to nominate Edwin Kruger for the Outstanding Fair Supporter. Motion carried.

The Fall Committee Meeting will be held on October 12, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Ross County Fair office.

9-15-19: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRYAN BETHEL
PRESIDENT RCAS

MARY LUDWICK
SECRETARY RCAS