

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 21, 2007

In Attendance: - Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Hal Clase, Diane Winters-Barker, Sheldon Ross, Colleen Smith, Phil Terry, Bill Millhoan, Chip Thomson, Larry Moreland, Chip Hastings, Tom Thomson, Boots Sheets, John O'Brien, Don Wolf, Gary Must; Ex-Officios: Harold Wolford, Laryssa Hook, Dr. Jim Crawford, Jay Scott

Guests: See Guest List –

Public Comment: Tom Downerd informed the Board he has obtained a display which includes a 10 ft. high cow and a calf for the fair.

Diane Winters-Barker moved to approve the July minutes as written and Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: None

Administration Committee: Colleen Smith submitted contracts (see attachments) for board approval and moved they be accepted. Phil Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Colleen Smith presented and moved the listed pay rates (see attachment) for contract fair employees be approved. John O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Committee: No Report

Educational/Agricultural/Exhibits: Boots Sheets and Sheldon Ross attended the Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce event. Boots notified the board of the placement of a plaque and dedication planned for Francis McCreary at the Pig & Lamb Barn. The steer scales placement is still in the works.

Sheldon Ross reported and moved the Exhibit Committee's recommendation for entry fees for departments 5 and 10 for 2007 be set at 10% of the 1st place premium per line with a maximum fee of \$30 with no limit to the number of entries. Chip Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheldon Ross reported on the steer committee meeting to solve the tie out problem of 2006. The estimated cost of repairs will be between \$550-\$600. Discussion followed regarding the need and use of fence panels.

Community Affairs: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report.

Hospitality: Chip Hastings indicated he still has openings for school and community groups. The Junior Fair Scholarship Auction still needs items. Sept. 7th is the 1st Friday Night Downtown. The committee is in need of judges for judging the window displays. The Fairboard will set up a display to promote the fair in the green space by The Brown Jug Restaurant.

Marketing: No report.

Motorized Sports: Security for the Motorplex will be handled by the alcohol staff this year. Kent Hastings reported the USLMRA being held Sept 1 & 2 in the Motorplex would like to sell beer. They are willing to split the profits. Saturday permit hours will be 10am – 10pm. The Sunday permit hours will be 11am – 3pm. Kent Hastings moved to authorize alcohol sales by the USLMRA. Larry Moreland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gary Must will write a letter authorizing the group to acquire an alcohol permit and Larry Moreland will deliver the letter.

Maintenance: Bill Millhoan informed the board that the new sewer line is in. The Natural Resource Park is underway. The women's restroom in the grandstand is being flooded and quotes for repairs are coming in around \$6,000. They plan to look at using a metal roof over the rubber membrane because the quotes should be around \$3,500.

Larry Moreland reported the Motorplex will have electric by Labor Day. The group will be setting up chairs for the USLMRA event Sept 1 & 2 and will need help. There is a banquet planned in the coliseum Sept. 1 at 7pm. Directors are invited to the dinner.

The City of Delaware has agreed to help with miscellaneous paving projects as long as we buy the blacktop.

Planning & Development: Phil Terry indicated the Master Plan meeting was held August 14,, 2007. Phil Terry and Gary Must met with the City of Delaware on Aug. 21st to discuss the planned bike path. The City is looking at a path on the west side of the fairgrounds.

Phil Terry informed the board the master plan will be displayed on the east side of the coliseum between the pillars.

Racing & Simulcasting: Tom Thomson reported everything is on track.

Security, Medical, Parking: Colleen Smith reported on the meeting with the sheriff. They have a 2007 fair plan in place and it is the same as last year.

The Liberty Gate will become a pass only gate for concessionaires, LBJ Society, Staff, sheriff's department etc. Penn West handicap parking has been combined with the Euclid Gate parking. If the weather is increment, it will be moved back to Penn West because the ground floods.

The Red Cross has requested a blood drive on Monday, Sept 17th during the fair. The security walkthrough will be Aug. 25th starting from the Fair Office at 8am. Emergency Track Training will be Sept. 16th between 9-10 am. Tom Wright will be distributing more information later.

They have been working with the City to designate some key points around the City for fairground signs.

Special Events:

5-K Run: John O'Brien indicated reports from last year regarding streets being opened to traffic during the run. They will check with the City on the issue. Per John, a convertible from Jim Gill will be used as a lead car for the runners. Runners will be directed around the All Horse Parade traffic. He is expecting 175-200 runners.

All Horse Parade: Diane Winters-Barker has met with the City, John O'Brien and Gary Must to determine no parking areas during the parade as well as ambulance placements.

Mayor's Breakfast: Chip Thomson would like a price per plate from Hoggy's. The carriage ride for the honoree will be attended by Diane Winters-Barker. Gary Must reported the Liberty Gate will be open at 6:30am for the Mayor's Breakfast. Tickets have been prepared with the attendees' names or just the word "Guest" for admittance to the grounds and the event. The Hayes Music Group will need tickets or admittance to the grounds.

Sponsorships: Phil Terry & Gary Must reported that they still have sponsorship packets going out.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Must has tickets for the Jug preview at Scioto Downs. Phil Terry asked for a count so Gary Must can make reservations. The group will need to be there at 6pm.

Laryssa Hook reported on the Jr. Fair Queen contest held on August 15th. The queen is Abby Orsborn. Senior attendants are JoAnne Snider and Gretta Heid. Junior Attendants are Meghan Lehner and Bailey Schnurr.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan Huffman reported on the damage to the steer wash rack that happened during the last horse show. He had a sample of the new sanitary hydrants that are required by the Health Department at a cost of \$695 per hydrant. Hydrants will be locked off or open. Backflow preventors will be added where determined necessary. All questions or concerns should be directed to Dan.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: Nicole Craft, Executive Director of Hoofbeats Magazine and a Professor at OSU provided training to the board entitled Media Response.

Chip Thomson moved the meeting be adjourned. Larry Moreland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Sept. 4th at 7pm.

Don Howard, President

Gary Must, Secretary

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