

**DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
March 20, 2007**

In Attendance: Don Howard, Sheldon Ross, Colleen Smith, Larry Moreland, Tim Woods, Phil Terry, Don Wolf, Bill Millhoan, Jim Stimmel, Hal Clase, Chip Hastings, Boots Sheets; Ex-Officios: Harold Wolford, Laryssa Hook, Jim Crawford

Guests: Beth Tom, Michelle and Melissa Downerd; Dan Huffman, Larry Ufferman-Delaware Soil & Water; Dona Leonhard-Delaware Soil & Water

Guest comments were from Dona Leonard and Larry Ufferman of the Soil & Water Department. They presented a layout and projected plan for the ½ acre Natural Resources Park they are building between the Pig and Lamb Barn and the Saddle Horse Barn on the west side of the fairgrounds. The opening of the Park is scheduled to be in line with the 2008 Bicentennial. They have also talked to different groups regarding long term maintenance of the park. The pond will be drained during the winter. They have many donations from area businesses. Construction this summer will cover the excavation of the pond on the west end of the park and build up for the waterfalls on the east end. Retaining walls on the east end are expected to be completed also. See the summary and details of the project on the attached documents. Laryssa Hook will provide the Soil & Water Department the new members of the Pig and Lamb Committee for mailings.

Phil Terry moved the minutes from the Feb. 20, 2007 meeting be approved. Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: Don Howard read a resignation letter received from Sherry Fisher, and a request to be considered as an Ex-Officio member. Letter included in committee notes. Phil Terry moved to accept the resignation of Sherry Fisher. Larry Moreland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Colleen Smith moved to appoint Sherry Fisher as an Ex-Officio member. Don Wolf seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Sherry will continue to assist with the advertising that is needed during the fair.

Don Howard moved the board accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to appoint Dan Huffman to **fill the vacancy**, until the next regular election. Motion was seconded by Phil Terry. Motion carried.

Dan Huffman was sworn in as board member by Marsha Jumper, Notary Public, as requested by Don Howard.. He has been, and will continue to be, a big asset to the Education/Ag/Exhibits Committee and the Maintenance Committee.

Administration Committee: Colleen Smith informed the board of the unexpected funds received from the Ohio Fair Fund, which was a prior insurance company.

The committee has been discussing the badges used during the fair and ways to give them a consistent look. Harold Wolford will have 2 samples for the next board meeting.

Educational/Agricultural/Exhibits: Sheldon Ross and Boots Sheets thanked those that helped with the booth they had set up at the Farmer's Breakfast on March 17th. The door prizes that were given away are in the fair office to be picked up. On April 26 they will have a booth at the Sunbury Chamber event at Big Walnut High School.

The committee has been getting quotes for the replacement steer scales. When Gary Must returns from vacation, they expect to settle on a scale. The question was raised about the possibility of requesting money from the Auditors. Don Howard asked that Boots Sheets continue to pursue the scale matter and try to have the issue resolved by the April board meeting.

Sheldon Ross reported on the contact he has had with Mary Lou Ringes, DVM. She has requested an increase of \$100 over 2006, which raises her fee to \$1,000 for fair week. Sheldon Ross moved to pay her the \$1,000. Hal Clase seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion Carried.

Open show non-animal exhibitor fees are being restructured. An initial fee of \$5.00 will cover up to five still projects and includes a one day exhibitor's pass, unless the project requires a higher per entry fee. See committee notes.

Dan Huffman has prepared a Code of Ethics and a Request for Information form with a Chain of Command flowchart which will be posted in each barn. The Code of Ethics is currently being reviewed by the attorney.

Sheldon Ross reported that Gary Must requested Harold Wolford to work at putting the fairbook together. The plans are to have fairbook changes finalized by April 1st. May 1st is the goal to have the book to Post Printing for printing. The Exhibitors Committee and the Marketing Committee will coordinate, review and proof the entire fairbook prior to sending to the printers.

Harold Wolford indicated that any contest, (horseshoes, corn hole, scarecrow, pedal tractor, etc.) in the fairbook will be moved to the front of the book. Discussion followed on the possibility of moving the scarecrows to the Buehlers' building. The committee is looking at adding a class for Professional Photographs with an entry fee of \$20. Any person with entries in the professional class can not exhibit in the regular class.

Dan Huffman proposed the entry deadline for Junior Fair and Open Show as 5pm on the 4th Friday in August. A late entry fee of \$30 will be accepted up to 7 days after the 4th Friday.

Sheldon Ross moved the adjustments to still projects fees of 5 for \$5, the addition of a professional photograph class, the entry deadline for Junior Fair and Open Show to 5pm on the 4th Friday in August, the inclusion of a 7 day late entry fee for \$30 be accepted as presented. Hal Clase seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Affairs: Chip Hastings reported that 14 people attended the committee meeting, including some city officials. The article in the Gazette regarding the addition of the Buehlers' sign to the annex was discussed. **Larry Moreland** has talked to the sheriff on the possibility of using county inmates for work needed on the fairgrounds this summer. No decision has been made.

Finance Committee: No Report

Hospitality: Kent Hastings reported that he has started booking entertainment groups. There is nothing new regarding souvenirs.

Marketing: Tim Wood moved that the committee recommendation to continue our arrangement with Beacon Advertising & Marketing to buy and design advertising for the fair, including Oldies 107.9, with the exception of our arrangement with The Dispatch Media Group be approved. Larry Moreland seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried. The committee also **noted** that prior to sending advertising invoices for the 2008 fairbook that the marketing committee will review the pricing.

Phil Terry reported that Dave Stolz is designing placemats for distribution to local restaurants. A stand up animal advertiser for local businesses to display by cash registers or counters was presented. Discussion followed. Tim Wood moved that 500 of the displays, at a cost of \$69 per 100, be authorized. Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee had considered the inlaid ads that would be on the Corner Café tables. They recommended passing on this advertising, citing the inability to customize information from year to year.

Motorized Sports: No Report.

Maintenance: Bill Millhoan reported on the need to tie 3 buildings, the log cabin, paddock and Juliette barn, into 1 of the tap lines available from the City waste system. The log cabin is currently hooked to 1 septic tank and the paddock has 1 septic tank. Both have problems with spill overs. He will be putting together the cost of combining the buildings into 1 tap by the next meeting.

He reminded the board that Alex Lyons will be having their equipment auction Saturday, March. 31st.

Bill explained the current situation with the Corps of Engineers and the EPA. There is currently a document in the Engineers office awaiting a response. The 3 year holdup by the Corps and the EPA has resulted in 3 years of erosion in that area. Discussion followed.

Dan Huffman reported the commitment of \$15,000 in donations for turning the old unused bathroom into a Junior Fair Office. The office will be usable by this years' fair. The electric pole by the Natural Resources Park will need to be moved, and the suggestion is to move it next to this office. The Berlin 4-H club has \$622 from the 5-K Run for the metal roof on the office.

Dan Huffman indicated commitments for remembrances of John Lane & Ronnie Jackson should be expected

Planning & Development: Phil Terry reported the committee is working on a formulized report for long range planning.

Racing & Simulcasting: Phil Terry indicated entries in Grand Circuit races were about the same as last year, but the Bucket and Buckette were down a little.

Security, Medical, Parking: Colleen Smith reported that a decision from the Ohio Ethics Commission regarding Sheriff Myers working here has not been received. It is totally up to the Sheriff to decide if he will be here this year. The security budget will be reduced this year.

Special Events:

Mayor's Breakfast: No Report

Horse Parade: No Report

5-K Run: They are expecting to have a celebrity starter this year.

Sponsorships: Phil Terry informed the board that Hoggy's is increasing their support for the Saturday night event and Wednesday & Thursday on the Hill. They would also like to assist in the Motorsports Complex. Phil has been asking all sponsors for a 10% increase over last year. The Fantasy will be the same as last year. The conflict with the Wednesday night event and the Breeder's Sale has been settled. The Breeder's Sale is moving to Monday and Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS: Kent Hastings announced that Phil Terry was the Master of Ceremonies at the USTA annual board of directors meeting. Phil was also recognized for his outstanding contribution to the racing industry.

Jim Stimmel showed a picture of the 12" x 24" monument for Louie Huffman. The cost will be \$625 and will need the grounds crew to prepare a footer for it. Bill Millhoan moved the board purchase the monument. Larry Moreland seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Don Howard informed the board he will be out of town 3/23/07 through April 1, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

Phil Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting is April 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Don Howard, President

Gary Must, Secretary

Prepared by MLJumper 3/29/07

(CORRECTIONS IN RED)