

**DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 18, 2007**

In Attendance: Chip Hastings, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Bill Millhoan, Larry Moreland, Sheldon Ross, Merlin Sheets, Jim Stimmel, Phil Terry, Tom Thomson, Don Wolf, Tim Wood, Colleen Smith, John O'Brien, Gary Must. Ex-Officio Members: Laryssa Hook

Guests: David Shippo of TranSystems asked for comments or any corrections to the draft of the Delaware County Fairgrounds Master Plan provided to all directors prior to the board meeting. Brief discussion followed with David indicating there were a couple of minor changes to be made before sending to Post Printing. He anticipates having final documents available for distribution by year's end.

Review / Approval of Previous Board Minutes. Phil Terry moved to accept as written and Don Wolf seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report. Gary Must presented the current financial report.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Colleen Smith moved that Gary Must continue to be the Delaware County Fair's representative to the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Bill Millhoan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Colleen Smith also informed the board that employees will be on holiday leave Dec. 24, 25 and 12/31/07.

Executive – Kent Hastings discussed the audit on the stadium. It was inspected today by Floyd Browne. The report should be back in 30 days. The inspector does not seem to be concerned.

Education/Ag/Exhibits – Don Howard announced that committee has met and determined their calendar for the rest of 2007. They hope to have the handbook changes done by Feb. 9, 2008. They discussed a separate handbook and fairbook. Recommended changes will be sent out before the board meeting. Some of the goals for 2008 include: Move the meat rabbits to an earlier time. Possibility of limiting Senior Fair Poultry entries per person, or pro-rating premium. Look at a rule for the goats to limit championship wins to 1 per year. They are considering electronic filing for entries.

3 more people have volunteered to assist with technology updates. Next meeting is January 12, 2008.

Community Affairs – John O'Brien announced the Bicentennial Kickoff will be at the JVS north on Feb. 10, 2008. Brent Carson has funding for 2-3 signs for the Bicentennial to place on the fairgrounds.

People In Need may need to add the Merchant's Building to their yearly Holiday Clearinghouse.

Gary Must has met with Rick Helwig, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, regarding possible themes for the year. Ideas included the last 200 years of transportation.

The Car Show may expand to the last 2 days of the fair, pending a sponsor.

Finance – Gary Must presented a recommendation to increase show ring charges, horse show stall charges and stable area parking passes. Discussion followed.

Don Wolf moved to increase the horseshow stall charges from \$30 (plus \$1.50 for manure removal) to a flat \$35.00. Dan Huffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Huffman moved the rates for a 1 day and a 2 day show be increased \$50 each, and a 3 day show increased by \$25. Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Don Huffman moved the cost of stable area parking permits be increased from \$15 to \$20. Don Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried with 2 objections.

Colleen Smith recommended additional signage to direct people to the 23N Gate, and deter access to the stable parking from Liberty St. Gate.

Discussion held on reducing property damage by horse shows.

Marketing – No Report

Hospitality- No Report

Motorized Events – No Report

Maintenance –

1.) Bill Millhoan reported the value of the International diesel truck that Henderson has offered is \$4,500. This would be a no cash, 4 year sponsorship arrangement in exchange for 4 tickets to the Hospitality Pavilion, arrangement for 4 of their signs on the fairgrounds and the school bus entry fee waived for 4 years.

2.) The Cost to move the water tank from the Louisville truck to the Henderson truck would amount to \$2,200. The old truck would be scrapped for \$700-800.

3.) Phil Terry has also worked a replacement motor for the race track truck with Greg Coon. This would be a sponsorship arrangement in exchange for advertising during the fair.

Tom Thomson moved that the 3 items listed above be approved. Don Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding stall bedding for horse shows and junior /senior fair events. Do we want to be in the bedding business? An evaluation will be done on the feasibility of sawdust removal by a supervac. Not enough information to make a decision at this meeting.

The concrete has been poured at the EMS drive according to the agreement. Our electric sign had to be put up where they had their driveway.

Planning & Development: No Report

Racing & Simulcast: No Report

Security, Medical & Parking – No Report

Special Events – John O'Brien reported that Diane Winters-Barker for the All Horse Parade and the 5-K Run Committee will be getting together.

Sponsorship – Phil Terry offered that he is working on his sponsorship report for 2007.

New Business – Kent Hastings announced the USTA/OHHA banquet will be January 19, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Dublin.

Discussion followed on the OFMA schedule. Delaware County Fair will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 8th in the suite. Phil Terry suggested a get together with District Rep Jon Petersen. The OFMA district 6 meeting will be Tuesday at 2 pm in Union B. Wednesday the 9th, at 8:15am, Don Howard will be in Delaware B Room for the discussion on Concessions. The Harness Racing Workshop will also be on Wednesday the 9th, at 9a.m. Dan Huffman will be attending the Annual Meeting on Thursday at 10:45am.

Old Business- Don Howard inquired about the letter that was to be sent to the steer committee addressing the concerns with the judge from 2007. Gary Must indicated the letter had been signed tonight. Boots Sheets inquired if the steer scale we received was the one we had ordered. Not verified at this time.

Colleen Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Don Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kent Hastings, President

Gary Must, Manager

Prepared by MLJumper 12/21/07