

**DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
September 4, 2007**

In Attendance: - Don Howard, Dan Huffman, 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, Tom Wright, Tim Wood, Jim Stimmel, Gary Must; Ex-Officios: Harold Wolford, Laryssa Hook, Jay Scott

Guests: See Guest List –

Phil Terry moved to approve the August 21st minutes as written and Colleen Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Tom Wright noted it was time to obtain funds from Delaware County Bank to cover the pari-mutuel setup. Chip Thomson moved that a promissory note for \$238,000 from Delaware County Bank be signed for pari-mutuel setup. Tom Thomson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Gary Must explained the budget overages on the financial report. The new sewer line, Barn 36 repairs, Juliette Barn restrooms, Grandstand painting and electrical work on the grounds accounted for the differences. Dan Huffman noted that 2 additional taps were added while they were working on the sewer line for future use.

Tom Wright and Phil Terry reported on 2 meetings that have been held with Bridget Houser regarding pari-mutuels. All clerks will be paid the same. There will be the same number of pari-mutuels and machines. They expect to have 10 roving pari-mutuel clerks this year. An ad is running in the newspaper this week. If they are short of tellers, the Shriners will be asked.

Colleen Smith indicated that the track safety training will be 9a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16th for ½ to ¾ of an hour. Post time on Sunday is noon.

Administration Committee: No Report

Executive Committee: No Report

Educational/Agricultural/Exhibits: Boots Sheets reminded the board of the placement of a plaque and dedication planned for Francis McCreary at the Pig & Lamb Barn at 11:30 a.m. Sunday the 16th.

Sheldon Ross indicated the extension office had 3 Junior Fair entries that had requested exemptions from the current rules. The exhibitors committee had met with the entrants with the following results:

The committee recommended that Paige & Jessie Walker be allowed to arrive late on Sunday Morning, Sept. 16th, because they also were attending the National Barrel Horse Association Show on Sept. 15, 2007 in Jackson, Ohio.

The committee recommended that Taylor Thompson be allowed to use a replacement horse because her project horse tested HYPP positive & became lame. She will show without back numbers just for the experience. She will go through grading and receive that premium.

The committee recommended that Mikayla Conklin be allowed to show a replacement horse (her mother's horse) and wear a back number and compete for placing. A vet's certification letter saying the horse and safe and sound and a letter from her 4-H advisors had been received.

Sheldon Ross moved the committee's recommendation on Paige & Jessie Walker, Taylor Thompson, Mikayla Conklin were approved by the board. Diane Winters-Barker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheldon Ross reported that the new fence for the steer tie out is up. Bedding for the Junior Fair animals will not be supplied by the fair.

Community Affairs: Connie Hoffman reminded the board of the City's 1st Friday of each month and the activities the Fair will have as advertising on Friday, Sept. 7th from 6pm – 9pm. Tents will be set up at 4pm on the green space by the Brown Jug Restaurant for a petting zoo, souvenir sales, weekly pass and ticket sales. If a short school bus from Motorized Sports is available, she would like to have it there also. The city will have a fair window decorating contest also.

Finance Committee: Nothing additional.

Hospitality: Kent Hastings reported only a couple of spots are left open for local entertainment.

An alcohol permit has been received to allow alcohol sales at the horseshoe contest. The only alcohol permitted in the area will be the alcohol that is sold by the permit holder.

Marketing: Tim Wood indicated that there has been lots of publicity from the Morrow County Fair on our events and Beacon Advertising is progressing as planned.

Phil Terry reported the Columbus Dispatch is advertising their Readers Reward for the Delaware County Fair.

Motorized Sports: Tim Wood reported on the good weekend on the USLMRA held in the motorized sports arena on September 1 & 2. The group was very respectful of our property. Thanks were offered to Larry Moreland and Al Meyers for all the hard work they did to help make it a successful event.

He also indicated that 14 buses for the school bus race were expected. This is 3 short of the 2006 entries.

Maintenance: Bill Millhoan informed the board Quality Buildings will be replacing the roof on the grandstand women's restroom with a new metal roof by September 12. The cost of the roof will be \$4,250.

Mike Clark will be our fair electrician this year. This is his 48th year with the fair.

Planning & Development: 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 and his crew will begin work at 8am Sept 10th.

Security, Medical, Parking: Colleen Smith indicated the parking personnel are being reevaluated. Colleen reported on the current policy in place for motorized sports breathalyzer testing. Currently, only school bus drivers are tested.

Colleen Smith moved breathalyzer testing on all school bus drivers continue and on all other motorized events only when there is probable cause. Don Wolf seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Special Events:

5-K Run: John O'Brien said a convertible donated from Jim Gill will be used as a lead car for the runners and 2 trucks, also donated from Jim Gill, will be used to pick up runners. We need to provide 2 drivers for the pickup trucks. Berlin 4-H'ers will be at Second Sole on the Sept. 7th 1st Friday to advertise the Run.

All Horse Parade: Diane Winters-Barker announced the Bicentennial Committee will have an entry in the Parade to promote their event next year. One of the 4-H clubs will be riding in their horses in the parade and one their wheelchair members will be riding in the Jr. Fair Wagon.

Mayor's Breakfast: Chip Thomson has talked to the honoree and he's excited about the Mayor's Breakfast. The committee has decided not to use a carriage to transport him to the tent to eliminate the \$400 cost.

Sponsorships: Phil Terry reported on two sponsorship packets are left to go out.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil Terry explained a request received from a "games of skill" vendor for addition to the racing venue. Discussion followed. Chip Thomson moved the board explore the possibility. Tom Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried with 2 "no" votes, one of which was from Diane Winters-Barker.

On 9/15 at 8am there will be an opening day program at the Junior Fair Building. Don Howard reminded the board of the 7:30am daily meetings held behind the fair office every fair day except for Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS: Phil Terry verified the count from the board for the Jug Preview at Scioto Downs. The attendees are to arrive by 6:30 pm to gate 7 and announce themselves as Delaware County Fair board members.

Dan Huffman reported the Junior Fair Office is being painted this week. Sheldon Ross reported the dairy wash rack has been repaired. Larry Moreland stated the electric repairs in the merchant building have been started.

Tom Thomson moved the meeting be adjourned. Chip Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next meeting will be October 16th at 7pm.

Don Howard, President

Gary Must, Secretary

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