

**DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

Attendance: Chip Hastings, Tom Thomson, Boots Sheets, Jim Stimmel, Sheldon Ross, Diana Winters, John O'Brien, Larry Moreland, Tim Wood, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Chip Thomson, Phil Terry; Ex-officios: Carolyn Riggle, Laryssa Hook, Harold Wolford

Guests: see visitors sign-in

Public Comments: none

Review/Approval of Previous Board Minutes: The minutes of the August 19th board meeting were reviewed. Chip Thomson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Diana Winters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 2nd meeting were reviewed. Don Howard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Diana Winters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Terry read a memo from Tom Wright regarding budget issues and reviewed the budget report.

Administration: No Report

Executive Committee: No Report

Education / Ag / Exhibits: Don Howard reported a Steer Committee Meeting to review the fair would be held on November 6th. The Exhibits Committee and the Fair Advisory Committee will meet on November 8th. A complaint from a large poultry exhibitor requesting entry fee refund was discussed. Premiums were prorated as indicated in the fair book. Refund was denied. A letter will be sent to the exhibitor.

Community Affairs: The committee will meet on Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm per Don Howard. John O'Brien expressed appreciation from the Historical Society and their request to continue a yearly display. The Bicentennial Committee will make a donation to the Junior Fair Scholarship for the coliseum space.

Marketing: Tim Wood reported on the advertising program that was managed by Sherry Fisher this year. We had good coverage of the fair and our events.

Motorized Events: Tim Wood reported the completion of 6 of 7 quality shows.

Maintenance: Dan Huffman reported on the 9/14/08 storm, which shows damage totaling \$446,227. The county insures the buildings, which have a \$100,000 deductible. Their insurance company looked at 77 barns. Barn A is a big issue with repairs totaling \$13,608. Discussion followed. Dan will be working on the value of the buildings and

Phil will be working on the value of the electrical systems. The county will be implementing the repairs to the buildings.

Planning and Development: Phil Terry has met with David Carroll regarding a meeting on the EPA issues. We will assist the Parks Dept. to get the Olentangy River Project finished. When all is done, we will go to the EPA and the Corps of Engineers.

Phil reported the progress on stall rents. Currently, we have 21 empty stalls. 30 are needed by Brian Brown. James Kohler and Brian Brown would like to build a new 150' x 86' stall barn. They will build it but it will belong to the Ag Society. The location being considered is behind the track restroom. We will be losing a campground. Discussions include rebuilding the campgrounds with full utilities. A contract will be negotiated for Kohler/Brown's use of the building and our options during the fair. We will be metering for water, electric, sewer etc. Discussion followed. Tom Thomson moved to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the board regarding the new building. Don Howard seconded the motion. A hand count showed 7 approved the motion and 7 opposed the motion. President Chip Hastings broke the tie with a vote to approve the motion. Motion carried.

John O'Brien and Phil Terry will be meeting on Friday the 24th to study the fair survey.

Racing & Simulcast: no report

Security, Medical & Parking: This committee was under budget according for 2008 and a letter of recommendation was suggested for Capt. Vance of the Sheriff's Department.

Special Events:5-K Run: John O'Brien reported the 5-K Run went well and the Berlin 4-H club would be at the next board meeting to present their financials.

All Horse Parade: Diana Winters indicated that the committee has already

met with the 5-K Run committee for 2009.

Mayor's Breakfast: Chip Thomson reported attendance was close to 500 people. Dr. Brown was extremely appreciative of his recognition at the Mayor's Breakfast and presented a print of Fan Hanover to hang in the barn.

Sponsorship: Phil reported that monies are still being collected. Willie Koester would like to see the LBJ as a million dollar purse and is looking for ways to make that happen.

Technology Committee: Don Howard and Harold Wolford announced that they have moved some pictures to the website.

New Business: Directors were reminded that the last day to file a petition is November 3rd by 5pm. There is a possibility of 8 running for 6 positions.

Board President, Chip Hastings appointed the following board members as judges and clerks for the 2008 election on November 11, 2008.

6am-8:30am – Sheldon Ross and Jim Stimmel as judges and Larry Moreland as clerk

1pm-4pm – Diane Winters and John O’Brien as judges and Phil Terry as clerk

4pm-7pm – Hal Clase and Chip Thomson as judges and Chip Hastings as clerk

Chip Hastings also appointed Don Howard as chair of the nominating committee with Don Wolf and Sheldon Ross as committee members. The committee will recommend board members for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Speed Department Secretary

Phil Terry expressed his desire to remain as fair manager on a full time schedule. The Administrative Committee will meet and have a recommendation for the December board meeting.

Chip reminded the board of the OFMA convention coming up January 4th – 8th, 2009.

The 22nd Annual Outstanding Fair Supporter recognition Dinner is Sunday, October 26th at 5pm.

Phil Terry reported on horsemen’s arguments over stall assignments. Discussion followed. Diane Winters moved to allow Phil Terry authority to assign stalls. Chip Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Thomson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chip Thomson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next meeting is November 18, 2008 at 7pm in the Log Cabin.

Kent “Chip” Hastings, President

Phil Terry, Interim Manager