

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

March 19, 2013

Attendance: Don Wolf, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Joe McLead, Jim Stimmel, Dan Huffman, Aaron Roll, Frank Reinhard, Colleen Smith, Don Howard, Harold Wolford, Jackie Colflesh, Tom Wright, Chip Thomson, Pat Paykoff, Phil Terry, Diane Winters; **Ex-Officio:** Laryssa Hook

Fair Advisory Members: Carolyn Riggle, Randy DeVault, Tim Wood

Interim Fair Manager: Bill Lowe

Guest: See list.

Al Myers welcomed Bill Lowe as an Interim Fair Manager and Fair Secretary. Bill will begin working on March 15th, 2013.

Colleen Smith moved to accept the minutes from the February 19, 2013 board meeting and Jackie Colflesh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative and Finance Committee:

Financial Report: Don Wolf reported that the State of Ohio Auditors will begin the 2011 – 2012 audits around March 15. They will start with the fair office detail on March 25th and will finish with items from Wolf, Rogers and Dickey's office around Mid May. A tentative final report will be in mid to late June.

Dan Huffman noted that Delaware County Bank is showing more than 1 tax id number for the Ag Society. He will forward the detail to Don Wolf and work on any corrections that may be needed. Dan also detailed the balances on the bank accounts, accounts receivables and accounts payable. Discussion followed on individuals needed to sign checks at the PNC and Delaware County Banks. Chip Thomson made the motion that the board authorize Dan Huffman, Al Myers and Tom Wright as signors for both banks and issue a resolution for the banks as board approval. Don Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried with Frank Reinhard abstaining.

It was also noted that any request for information should be forwarded to the Administrative & Finance Committee. Currently, the committee is pressed with finalizing 2013 contracts.

Executive Committee: Al Myers informed the board the committee had met and discussed the hiring of Bill Lowe as Interim Fair Manager / Secretary. The committee had also authorized the payment of 50% of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio invoice. The liability insurance payment was \$20,716 for the first half. Al Myers will meet with Tim Hensley on the request for funds from the county commissioners.

Ag/Exhibits/Education & FAC: Aaron Roll reported on meetings that had been held with the Pig & Lamb Committee, the Steer Committee and the Dairy Committee. Jackie Colflesh will meet with the Dairy Committee on March 20 for the Spring Dairy Committee Meeting. Discussion followed. Aaron reported that there will be 1 committee for the 4-H Sales, not 2. The FAC Committee is also looking at using 1 barn for multi-species to maintain animals after the sales through the end of the fair. The committee is considering the dairy barn as a multi-species barn.

Community Affairs: Diane Winters is looking at participating in more civic events. Discussion followed, including having a wagon prepared for parades.

Security/Medical/Staffing/Transp: Dan Huffman reported on the reports prepared by RACE last year and suggested discussing with the EMS regarding our first aid needs. Discussion followed, including 1st Aid Kits as a project for 4-H. No decisions made.

Sheriff Martin has indicated that he was pleased with the security setup for the 2012 Fair. A meeting will be held after the 4th of July to start the planning process for 2013. Dan has also been talking to the new Health Department Commissioner.

Motorized Sports: Larry Moreland is the new Motorized Sports Committee Chair. Tim Wood confirmed that new bus races have started in Bucyrus.

Facility & Facility Planning: Larry Moreland reported that stalls are at a premium this year. Steve Vaughn says we will not have enough stalls, even with the Jug Barn. Discussion followed on other options, including using D Barn. Joe McLead confirmed that after Criswell ships in, we will only have 4 stalls open. Currently, we cannot use A, B or C or D because of our contract with the Blooded Horse Sale. If Scioto Downs closes their stall rent side, the opportunity is great for additional rentals here. Joe McLead will meet with Larry Moreland and Don Howard to discuss additional stalls.

Larry Moreland reported on the \$50,000 grant that had been applied for in 2008. Request was denied because we are not cultural enough.

Larry updated the board on the state of the ground's equipment. The tractor that was being repaired by Evolution Ag has been returned. Invoice has not been received yet. The sand truck has been dismantled and parts are being researched. The crew has been preparing the mowers for the season. Discussion followed on bringing back part-time or full-time help for the season. Building maintenance was also discussed. Larry Moreland recommended money from all rentals should be set aside for building maintenance. Don Howard moved that 15% of all building and grounds rentals, from all events, be set aside for a maintenance fund. Tom Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry also informed the board of the need to replace the cross arms on some high lines in the arena area. Estimated cost is \$3200. Jackie Colflesh moved money be allocated to cover the cost of needed repairs. Harold Wolford seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the priority of needed repairs. It was agreed the Facility Committee will prioritize the repairs. Motion carried with Diane Winters abstained.

Al Myers reported property and liability insurance needs are being considered by the committee.

Fiber Optics Committee: Frank Reinhard noted that Delaware Hayes may be getting fiber optics.

Media/Advertising/Sponsorships: Tom Wright reported the committee has met. Committee minutes are in fair office. He reported discussions are proceeding on preparing a consistent marketing packet together. Also considering a 90 second DVD for advertising. Sherry Fisher is being consulted. Discussion followed. Joe McLead is working on a media presentation. Next meeting is March 25.

Racing: Tom Wright reported that staking on the Jug, Juliette, Bucket and Buckette is up 15%. Winbak has 37 horses entered. Joe McLead informed that board that a new rule for 4 year old races has resulted in the increase in the Winbak entries. Phil Terry noted that OHHA is still promising additional monies. USTA is moving toward using more social media for their advertising needs.

Hospitality/Entertainment/Special Events: Al Myers reported the committee will be meeting soon. The All Horse Parade is September 8, per Diane Winters. Chip Thomson noted discussions are already progressing on names for the Wall of Fame.

Chairman's Committee: Al Myers reported the committee will be meeting soon.

New Business: the bids for mums for the fair were discussed. Chip Thomson moved to accept the bid from Thorsen's for \$4,045. Jackie Colflesh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Laryssa Hook reminded the board that the Jr. Fair Scholarship forms are due and recommended the finalizing at the May board meeting. Don Howard reported the application for the scholarship is ready for the web and will be added this week.

Old Business: Jackie Colflesh moved the fair board meeting be moved back to 7:00 pm. Harold Wolford seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken with 7 votes to return to the 7:00pm time and 9 opposed to returning to 7:00 pm. Motion failed.

Chip Thomson moved the meeting be adjourned. Dan Huffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is April 16, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Al Myers, President

Fair Manager

Prepared 4/15/13 by mlj