

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
May 21, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Kent Hastings, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Colleen Smith, Phil Terry, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Diane Winters, Don Wolf, Harold Wolford, Tom Wright.
Absent- Joe McLead, Jim Stimmel and Chip Thomson

Fair Advisory Committee Present – Randy DeVault

GUESTS:

Mel Lauer, Lindsey Carpenter, Maria Burger, Nydia Kuhn, Elizabeth Dresdow and Charles Miley

MINUTES

Colleen Smith moved that the minutes be approved as printed and Diane Winters seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Huffman reported that there was \$178,000+ in the operating accounts. He also reported that receipts for ticket sales were about \$80,000 ahead of this time last year. He also had calculated that the fair in any given year needs about \$500,000 to pay bills incurred during the fair. Al Myers reported that the County Commissioners had delivered a check to him for the fair to pay off the roofing repair bills incurred from the extensive wind damage in 2008 and the resultant roofing repairs in 2009. Tom Roll moved and Diane Winters seconded the report be accepted. the motion carried. Phil Terry reported that he had worked out a sponsorship agreement with the Bailey and Cavilieri law firm to offset \$9,500 in legal fees they were owed by the fair. Discussion followed concerning if commission should be paid for the sponsorship since it was a bill owed by the fair. The President referred the issue back to the Executive Committee for determination. Don Wolf discussed the 990 Income Tax Return for the fiscal year of 12-01-11 thru 11-30-12, a copy which had been e-mailed to each director. Frank Reinhard moved that the board approve the filing. Tom Wright seconded. The motion carried. Dan Huffman informed the board that charges thus far for the state audit were \$6,780. He also talked about the fair paying back the money borrowed from the Jr. Fair Scholarship fund and promised to bring it up for discussion at the June board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported that a candidate for the office coordinator position had been identified from the various people interviewed and that an offer would be made. Al Myers reported that interviews for the General Manager position would be set up and that there were 3 candidates possible to be interviewed. He wanted to contact each of the potential candidates to be sure that they understood the job was not a county job and that there were no health insurance or retirement benefits involved with the position. Bill Lowe discussed the 3 year extension agreement that had been negotiated with the Blooded Horse Sale Company that would allow the board to potentially use Horse Barn D during horse sales by the company. Lowe also reported on the progress being made as to choosing a candidate from 2 firms to sell souvenirs

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al Myers reported that Dick Moxley was going to be hired to do some carpentry and repair work on a part time basis. Bill Lowe discussed the arrangement with Mike Reardon to repair barn roofs in exchange for stall rent credit. Pat Paykoff questioned whether Mike Reardon was

charging by the hour or by the square for the work being done. The rate that he, personally, was paying was \$55.00 per square.

Bill Lowe discussed the dates that box seats would be split up and available to the public. On August 1st, any unsold boxes can be split up into smaller increments with the customer purchasing, for example, 2 or 4 seats rather than all seats in the box. The customer would have to purchase the desired tickets for all race days of that fair. On September 10th single or multiple seats in unsold boxes would be able to be purchased for just specific days of racing rather than for all race days of the fair.

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that the Stratford Ecological Society would be providing animals to the fair for the final three days of the 2013 fair and would have to follow the same health regulations as any other entity that brings animals to the grounds. A question was raised as to whether the fair will provide bedding for the animals that will stay for those last three days. A request for funds for the bedding was sent to the committee. Discussion followed on health safety procedures regarding animals at the fair, particularly swine. Drug notification letters were also discussed.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chip Hastings thanked those board members who participated in the Sunbury/Big Walnut expo and announced that the fair would be participating in the Orange Township July 4th parade.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman reported that the contract was ready to go to the committee regarding security in the Grandstand. He also reported that a meeting was set up with Delaware County Sheriff Russ Martin for the 2nd week in June. He pointed out that the first aid issue for the 2013 fair was still up in the air.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the fair had been the recent beneficiary of a free bat wing mower from the Ohio State Fair as the result of a conversation between Steve Vaughn and Joe Wilson a local horseman, who also works at the State Fair. Wilson arranged for Steve Vaughn to pick up the mower at the State Fairgrounds and it is now being used at the Delaware fairgrounds in the annual effort to control the army of grass that invades each year. Moreland also informed the board that the muffler system on the Kubota tractor used on the racetrack needs replaced due to damage from a fire 3 years ago. Bill Lowe noted that the air conditioner on that tractor does not work, also the result of that same fire and without the use of the air conditioner, it is very uncomfortable in warm weather for the operator due to poor ventilation inside the cab. Moreland also reported that the drivers side window in the sand truck is gone and has been for a few years and needs replaced. Moreland informed the board that CID Electric replaced a cross arm on an electric pole in the horse arena area at no cost to the fair and that the lights in ring 2 in that area were fixed. In regards to equipment needs, Moreland reported that there was a need for another water truck as well as a skid loader. Pat Paykoff reported that he was working with a company to hopefully donate a front end loader to the fair. Larry Moreland talked about the upcoming spraying of weeds by various board members around buildings and facilities.

MEDIA COMMITTEE

Tom Wright highlighted Phil Terry's sponsorship efforts. Wright reported that Terry had contact

with approximately 70 existing sponsors and had also acquired 11 new sponsors

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that the fair needed to send a letter to the Ohio State Racing Commission. The letter is done annually, requesting approval by the commission of desired exotic wagering for the race meet, as well as approval of the preference rule and our requirement for Jug and Jugette horses to be on the grounds earlier than normal state regulations. Wright moved that the board approve submitting the request. Diane Winters seconded. The motion carried. A short discussion then followed regarding the use of social media by the fair and races.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Colleen Smith reported nine requests for proposals were sent out soliciting bids for the catering of the Backstretch Hospitality Tent and the Pavillion Hospitality Tent. Four bids were received that will be reviewed by the committee. The committee will make a recommendation and bring that back to the board in June for approval.

HORSE PARADE COMMITTEE

No report

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Terry reported on the Wall of Fame honoree being named. It is Jim Simpson, the President of Hanover Shoe Farms. His father was also a Wall of Fame Honoree. The Joe Neville Award will go to Dr. Dale Walters. Kyle Mossbarger was named the Lady Pace Honoree.

President Myers discussed again the need for confidentiality by the board regarding numerous sensitive business issues the board encounters.

Diane Winters reported on the 4H scholarship awards. There were 11 applicants with 3 winners selected. The names of the winners will be announced once they each have been notified.

Jackie Colflesh inquired as to the need to move the JVS horses out of the JVS Barn during the fair considering the barn is not used for any other purpose during the fair. It was pointed out that a number of those horses could be racing during the fair and the JVS instructor would not be present due to her own racing commitments. It was suggested that someone from the board discuss the topic with the JVS instructor.

Jackie Colflesh then brought up the issue of moving the Fairboard Meeting back to a 7:00PM start time versus the current 6:30PM start time. She then moved that the time be moved to 7PM. Aaron roll seconded. The motion carried with Phil Terry abstaining.

Phil Terry then announced that the final payment will be received in August from LaVern Hill for the Jugette Barn completing her donation. Terry then moved and Diane Winters seconded that a proclamation be issued thanking LaVern Hill for her very generous donation. The motion carried.

Phil Terry reported that the Ohio Racing Commission has given its final approval for the new race tracks near Lebanon and Dayton, neither of which will have traditional stall barns. Tom Wright reported that he had received 2 prices on training barns. He stated that he was working on a power point display on the barn concept.

OLD BUSINESS

President Myers announced that there was no action taken on the two vacant spots on the board.

There being no further business, Tom Wright moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. Next meeting to be held 6/18/13 at 7:00PM in the Log Cabin.

Al Myers, President

Manager

DON'T FORGET

**JUNE BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 PM
AT THE LOG CABIN.**

**PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE, OR TO THE
BOARD MEETING, ANY YARD SIGNS THAT YOU
HAVE SAVED FROM LAST YEARS FAIR, SO THAT
WE CAN GET THE DATES CHANGED FOR 2013.**