

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Loren Pool, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Diane Winters, Don Wolf, Harold Wolford, Tom Wright and D.J. Young

Absent – Carolyn Riggle

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook present

GUESTS

Arnold Johnston, Charles Miley, Randy DeVault, Michael Prickett, Michael Rardon and Mike Walker

MINUTES

Tom Roll moved and Don Howard seconded the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried. Don Howard moved and Colleen Smith seconded the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> special board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman reported. He stated that there was \$35,000 plus in the checking account. He discussed Accounts Receivable and pointed out the largest receivable was Churchill Downs. Accounts Payable amounted to \$208,000 plus, with the largest being Elite Turf , which is a simulcast settlement. He talked about the need for a backup plan for the renewal of the fairboard loan that comes up in May. There was a short discussion on the Finance Committee’s decision to sell the fair’s Delaware County Bank stock. Loren Pool moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the report be approved. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported on the committee meeting of March 10. He reviewed the Accounts Payable that the committee agreed to be paid. He also discussed the committee’s decision to sell the fair’s Delaware County Bank stock.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

No report. General Manager Bill Lowe asked for help in setting guidelines for free use of the fairgrounds facilities and requests for free tickets and/or passes. Don Howard moved and Colleen Smith seconded the Administrative Committee meet and try to set some guidelines in those areas. The motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

#### AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported and informed the board that changes to the exhibitor's handbook were all in.

#### COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported and discussed recent meetings with the City Manager Tom Homan, County Commissioner Ken O'Brien and Convention & Visitor director Debbie Schatzer regarding the possibility of the 3% bed tax. President Al Myers then appointed a committee of Chip Thomson, Don Wolf, Pat Paykoff, Bill Lowe, Al Myers and Tom Wright to review the existing Master Plan.

#### SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report

#### MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report

#### FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported for the committee and discussed an upcoming meeting with AEP on April 3 at which an engineer would go over the entire grounds and audit buildings and facilities for electric usage. He also talked about working with City of Delaware staff to locate possible water leaks on the grounds. He also talked about a conversation with Preservation Parks and perhaps partnering with them in some way.

Next was a discussion regarding the Hoop Barn and converting its usage from storage to stalls for rent by building stalls and enclosing the ends. There was discussion with contractor Mike Rardon regarding the work and some changes to Rardon's original quote for the work. Chip Thomson moved that the work go forward with Rardon doing the work at a price not to exceed \$7,000 with \$6,400 coming from an anonymous donor to be paid back in 4 equal installments. The motion carried with Al Myers voting no. Tom Roll moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded that an arrangement be worked out with Rardon regarding the payment for his labor on the barn. The motion carried.

President Myers announced that the County Commissioners had agreed to award the board \$55,000 to be used on the Junior Fair building project. Discussion then focused on establishing a trust fund for all monies for the project to ensure that all aspects of the project were transparent for anyone who was interested.

Next was the topic of the proposed \$10 stall winterization fee and the \$50 stall deposit fee. Following input from horse trainers Mike Walker and Michael Prickett and various board members, it was the consensus that the Administrative Committee reexamine the topic.

#### RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported for the committee and stated that he had talked with PNC regarding the loan renewal. He talked about the OBC stake payments being reduced from 2 payments to just 1 payment which will save some money in bookkeeping. He talked about his recent conversation with a USTA official about increasing publicity of the Delaware race program. In a related matter he talked about the possibility of getting an intern to help with any additional publicity. A conversation followed regarding the potential of increasing simulcasting fees.

#### HALL OF FAME

No report

#### HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

No report

#### HORSE PARADE

No report

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Lowe presented a request by Midland Acres to rent a small building near the Euclid Avenue entrance to use 3-4 days a week for about 3 hours each day as a drop off/pick up point for horse semen. Discussion centered on a rental fee. Chip Thomson moved and Loren Pool seconded Midland be offered the location for \$250 a month. The motion carried with Joe McLead abstaining and Tom Roll, Don Howard and DJ Young voting no.

There being no further business, Chip Thomson moved and Colleen Smith seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

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Al Myers, President

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Bill Lowe, General Manager