

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER8, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Harold Wolford, Mark Wood, Tom Wright and D.J. Young

Absent – Carolyn Riggle, P.J. Terry and Diane Winters

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook absent

General Manager – Bill Lowe present

GUESTS

Lindsay Hope, Phil Terry, Vic Vining, Randy DeVault, David Hyatt and John Norris

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Thomson introduced David Hyatt and John Norris from American Legion Post #115 who presented a plaque to the board commemorating the many years of partnership with the fair board in regard to the building and continued shared use of the Log Cabin. The arrangement came to an end August 31st with the merger of the Legion Post with an Amvets Post in Delaware.

MINUTES

Al Myers moved and Colleen Smith seconded the minutes of the August 18th board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chip Thomson announced that former board member Don Wolf had offered to pay for the wood needed to repair the upper deck of the Log Cabin. In addition, Thomson discussed some water damage and rot that has occurred primarily to the south side of the Cabin that will need repair.

Thomson reported that a number of stands used to sell race programs were in bad repair and that he and Bill Cawley were going to build 4 or 5 new stands.

Thomson reported that the Executive Committee examined the issue of paying for the new track conditioner in full or financing it with a loan. The committee

decided to pay for the equipment in full. It was then announced that Spring Haven Farm had agreed to a deal worked out by Joe McLead that would in fact pay for the conditioner over a 4 year period.

Other items discussed by Thomson included a meeting held recently in the cabin with Delaware Partners at which the upcoming fair and the Hotel/Motel bed tax were discussed at length with a number of important people in the Delaware community who attended the meeting. Thomson announced that the Cabin had been rekeyed as the result of the Legion Post no longer sharing the Cabin.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Bill Lowe gave a short report and announced that outside space was sold out as well as booth space in the Merchants Building. There were 3 or 4 booths still to be sold in the Coliseum.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman presented the report. He passed out a Balance Sheet, a Profit & Loss Statement, an Accounts Receivable Statement and Accounts Payable Statement and discussed each report. Tom Roll moved and Brad Jolliff seconded the report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Tom Wright informed the board that the amount needed to fund the gates and mutuals would be \$170,000 from Delaware County Bank for the week of the fair.

Thomson then went around the board room and asked directors to offer information on their particular area of the fair. Mark Wood said that over 50% of horse entries now are entered on line. Harold Wolford reported that he was working on picture IDs for directors and employees and that Fair Books were available to be distributed. T. Thomson discussed wifi and that he would make sure it was working. Tom Wright informed the board that the Governor had been invited to present the Jug trophy to the winner but had declined the invitation. The Lt. Governor had also been invited. Chip Thomson requested approval to purchase 10 new flat screen televisions to replace some of the heavy tube tvs that the fair owns. Al Myers so moved and Tom Wright seconded. The motion carried. Wright discussed a recent conversation with Clyde Perfect regarding the Perfect Horse Barn and that would probably be gifted to the fair in November. He also announced that Perfect would be formally recognized at the Wall Of Fame reception. Colleen Smith discussed the landscaping work being done at the entrance ramp to Pavilion Hill by Benchmark Landscaping. Joe McLead discussed

the saddle pad issue that arose at the August board meeting. Larry Moreland talked about the great job done by fair employees in cleaning up and organizing the tool room in the Coliseum. Pat Paykoff discussed the street sweeping he had done, the road grader parked in the infield waiting to be repaired and water usage being down. Jackie Colflesh reported the rates that security would be receiving – Sheriff’s Deputies \$35 per hour, unarmed private security \$23 per hour and armed private security \$29 per hour. She also discussed the fire inspection recently completed and how well it went and how pleased the fire marshall was with the upgrades in electric that had been completed. As part of that inspection it was determined that 10 fire extinguishers needed to be replaced. Don Howard reported that 4H project judging would take place on 9-12 and reminded the board that Dr. Louise Warner would be inducted into the Agricultural Society Hall of Fame on Monday 9-21. Phil Terry reminded board members to be sure to thank OHHA representatives for their generous contributions to the race purses in general and the Jug purse in particular.

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

Chip Thomson, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager

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