

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Don Howard, Lindsay Hope, Dan Huffman, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Frank Reinhard, Carolyn Riggle, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Kirt Trimble, Diane Winters, Harold Wolford and Tom Wright

Absent – Colleen Smith and P.J. Terry

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook present

General Manager – Bill Lowe present

GUESTS

Randy DeVault, Rex DeVault, Pat Allen, Dee Gilillan, Jack Taylor, Tom Van Fleet, Vic Vining, Jennifer McGowan, Chris Frentsos, Sandy Kuhn, and Beckie Kyle

MINUTES

Don Howard moved and Carolyn Riggle seconded the minutes of the March 15th board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Van Fleet, a fairgrounds neighbor, voiced his displeasure with the fairgrounds in regard to campers parked on the grounds in view of his house as well as horse trailers and a car parked where he could see them. He also claimed that the grass on fairgrounds property near his house was only mowed twice last year. General Manager Bill Lowe refuted the grass mowing claim and addressed the issue of the horse trailers and the car.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Frank Reinhard reported and introduced Sandra Kuhn the fair's new General Manager. He announced that she would be starting in the position on May 2nd. Kuhn discussed her excitement in taking her new position and told the board that she is in the process of moving to Delaware. Reinhard announced that he had appointed a 3 person committee to analyze repair projects needed within the fairgrounds and to make recommendations to the board in regard to scope and priority and to work with the Commissioners in requesting bed tax funds to complete those projects. That committee consists of Pat Paykoff, Tom Wright and

Chip Thomson. Brad Jolliff asked Reinhard to consider putting someone from 4H on that committee, not only for their input in regard to the 4H area, but also to increase transparency to the public.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Bill Lowe discussed OFMA passes that had been given out to board members. He also recapped the recent cancellation of the circus in March as well as an edict from the Delaware Area General Health District in regard to campers located adjacent to the Track Restroom were not within the fairgrounds non-fair camping area and needed to be moved. Lowe also addressed the news story about the County Commissioners considering deeding fairgrounds parcels of land that they own over to the Agricultural Society. Lowe then brought up the need for a board policy regarding concessionaires selling their business and the new buyer expecting to get the concession location at the fair and the fair not having any say in the matter. Lowe laid out a proposed policy and following a discussion about the fairness for a new concessionaire to occupy a premium location versus a longtime concessionaire having to stay put, Harold Wolford moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the proposed policy be adopted. The motion carried.

WALL OF FAME

Chip Thomson announced the 2016 Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame honoree was General Manager Bill Lowe

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Dan Huffman gave the report and passed out a Balance Sheet, an Accounts Payable Report, an Accounts Receivable Report and a Profit and Loss Statement and went over each. Tiffany Rankin discussed the completion of the State Auditors audit and the official report on same. Dan Huffman then discussed the board's desire to increase the Line of Credit and to move the boards loan to in its entirety to Delaware County Bank, which would make for a simpler process for everyone involved, since the loan is currently split between PNC Bank and Delaware County Bank. Pat Paykoff talked about Delaware County Bank has verbally approved to him the line could be increased to \$150,000 and Paykoff wanted make the board aware that DCB had approved the increase prior to Bed Tax vote on March 15th. Following a short discussion Chip Thomson moved and Tom Wright seconded to approve increasing the Line of Credit and to move forward in consolidating the fair's loan with DCB. The motion carried with Frank

Reinhard abstaining. Huffman then discussed various requirements needed to handle excessive amounts of money such as the purse accounts. Harold Wolford moved and Aaron Roll seconded the financial report be approved. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No Report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

AGRICULTURAL/EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

No report. Next meeting to be held May 7th.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

No report

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Carolyn Riggle reported and handed out a schedule of entertainment that had been secured thru April 19th.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

No report

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported and announced the Motor Sports schedule for 2016 as follows: Mini Tractor Pull on 9-17, Truck Pull on 9-18, Big Tractor Pull on 9-19, Rough Truck on 9-20, Moto Cross on 9-21, Figure 8 Racing on 9-23 and Demolition Derby on 9-24.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported and discussed expanding the parking lot adjacent to the Perfect Barn. He also reported on the progress of reshaping the Motorplex as Truco Construction had moved 28,000 yards of dirt from the Pennsylvania Avenue/Route 23 project to the Motorplex for reshaping plan. Grading was to start on April 20th and grass is to be seeded next week. Paykoff announced that

last phase of the water line project should begin in about a week. Bill Lowe explained issues that had arisen with the Fire Marshall and the City of Delaware Building Inspector with people doors and 2 overhead doors in the Coliseum. The overhead doors had to be removed and the people doors with panic bars will have to be installed before the fair. The fair was allowed to install one set of doors per month leading up to the fair and still be in compliance.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported and discussed his recent meeting with the Chairman of the Ohio Racing Commission Bob Schmitz. He also announced that Beth Cain was retiring from administering the Ohio Breeders Championship races. The number of 3 year olds eligible for the 2016 Ohio Breeders Championships was up nearly 30%. Wright had hoped to have a contract in hand for the board meeting from the new tote company but had not received it yet. He informed the board that negotiations for televising the Jug for a third consecutive year on CBS Sports Network had fallen apart due the cost being \$130,000 and the entities that were going to pay for it were short in meeting the cost.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he and Frank Reinhard had met with Phil Terry on an agreement for 2016.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that she had secured advertising early in anticipation of the political races in the fall gobbling up ad space in all forms.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported and thanked Pat Allen for moving the telephone issue forward and asked Pat to update the board on the progress. Allen discussed the committee's decision to have new phones installed at the Fair Office by July 1st, which the county will provide. The committee recommended an initial budget of \$5,000. Phone for the rest of the fairgrounds would be installed after the fair. Consolidated Electric has phones available at a severely discounted price as the result of installing a completely new system. The committee is trying to figure out how compatible those phones are with the county's system. Following a short discussion, T. Thomson moved and Joe McLead seconded the initial \$5,000 be approved. The motion carried. The next topic was directional boring under the race track. The desire was for two 2" bores to be made and one 4" bore with the

locations being from D Barn to the infield, the Log Cabin to the infield and from Pavilion Hill to the infield. Two quotes have been received but there were variances between the two quotes, so it wasn't a real apples to apples comparison. Aaron Roll voiced concern with one of the quotes. It was requested that new quotes would be secured that would allow for a better comparison. T. Thomson moved and Joe McLead seconded that new quotes be obtained. The motion carried.

VETERANS/HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Harold Wolford reported and discussed commitments he had received for Army equipment to be on display at the fair. He announced that All Occasions Catering would cater the Operation Forever Grateful dinner. He also reported that he was making progress with the Exhibitors Handbook for 2016.

BED TAX

Chip Thomson handed out copies of the vote certification from the Board of Elections and copies of the vote totals by precincts. He stated that the Bed Tax passed in 145 out of 152 precincts. He discussed questions that exist regarding exactly how many dollars might be generated over the five years of the tax. He talked at length about transparency regarding how the funds will be used.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn discussed a fund raiser being conducted by the local Farm Bureau. President Reinhard appointed a committee to award Junior Fair scholarships consisting of Tom Roll, Aaron Roll, Brad Jolliff and Lindsay Hope.

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

Frank Reinhard, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager