

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, P.J. Terry, Diane Winters, Tom Wright and Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio).

Absent – Colleen Smith and Benjamin Wenner.

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

Michael Newbern, Robert Owens, Lynne Lammers, Mark Lammers, Mark Duffey, Cindy Patrick, E. Scott Hatter, Leonard Mullenix, Dillon Davis, Mallorie Watts, Ethan Watts, Jackie Walker, Michael Fisher, Kevin Green, Catlin Frazier, David Norris, Debbie Jackson, Anevay Jackson, Vic N. Vining and Paul Comstock.

CALL TO ORDER

Don Howard, President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge and roll call were done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people provided public comment in regards to Delaware City Council Resolution No. 18-22 which states, “A resolution encouraging the Delaware County Agricultural Society Board of Directors to require background checks for all firearm purchase completed on the premises.”

Michael Newbern, Robert Owens, Cindy Patrick, Mallorie Watts, Jackie Walker and Vic N. Vining.

Frank Reinhard moved to refer this to the executive committee to do additional research into the matter of Delaware City Council’s resolution no. 18-22 to assure that any action taken by the Ag Society is just and equally applicable to all parties that might be affected. Issues involving school safety, fairgrounds security and enforcement, legal authority, consideration of state and federal laws, constitutional rights and to permit the society to work with the city to make certain that a comprehensive solution is found that covers all venues in the city and truly affords the safety that is being sought. Tom Roll second the motion. Discussion was held and motion carried.

MINUTES

Chip Thomson moved and Diane Winters second the motion to approve the March 20, 2018 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Full report included in board folder.)

Don Howard reported that he and Sandy Kuhn attended the District 3-4-6 Spring Regional Meeting in Washington Court House.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: working with off fair vendors GOBA, Pork Council, and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; attending the Delaware Now meeting; getting bids on items for bed tax – Coliseum windows, siding and gutters; coordinating the Exhibitor Book with department chairs and Junior Fair; attending committee meetings; coaching the Big Walnut Ag Issues team; and coordinating volunteer days with Domtar for May 7, Olentangy Orange 8th graders for May 11, Scott Cubberly for May 12 and DGHD on May 18. Information from the District meeting included updates from ODA, a press release packet from a third party vendor promoting ride safety will be arriving at fairs soon and the lobbying group and OFMA are working with the Ohio Fire Inspector on new “mobile food unit” rules that could affect county fairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Huffman gave the report. He reviewed the balance sheet, accounts receivable and accounts payable reports. He reported that we are \$19,000 behind last year on ticket sales but there is no need to worry as the ticket invoices went out 10 days later than last year. Ticket deadline for payment is May 1, 2018.

Tom Wright moved to accept the treasurer's report. P.J. Terry second and motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin moved to send Jennifer McGowan through the Leadership Delaware program starting summer of 2018. Tom Roll second and motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Dan Huffman reported that the new credit card machines are up and running. He is working on getting fiber to the liberty gates and 23 gates so that we can have credit card machines at those gates for the fair. The applications to increase the credit line and credit card have been finished and given to First Commonwealth for approval. He will be closing the Ashley Junior Fair account and the \$200 per year needed for those awards will be taken out of general funds in the future.

AGRICULTURAL/EXHIBITS/EDUCATION/FAC COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported on the meeting held April 7. Discussion was had on the need for a veterinarian to be on the grounds Friday evening before the fair to check animals. They will explore piloting a program using Ohio State Vet students. They will pilot with cattle, goats, poultry and rabbits for 2018.

A committee is needed for scholarship awards. The committee for 2018 will be Joe McLead, Diane Winters and Aaron Roll. Discussion was held on how to increase the number of applicants. A committee will be formed to review the current application and see if it needs updated as well as review the criteria used for selection. It was mentioned that it would be worth exploring utilization of the Delaware Foundation to administer the scholarship process.

Sandy Kuhn reported that she has reached out to D.J. Young to develop a waiver that all Junior Fair participants utilizing stalls or pens will need to sign before putting their animal in it for the fair.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that the committee will meet soon to move forward with an advertising plan.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/EMPLOYMENT TRAILER/GATES COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that a meeting was held with all involved in security for the fair at the county, city and personal security level on April 12 and there will be a follow up meeting closer to the fair to work out final details.

Jackie Colflesh moved to award Tri Township a three year (2018-2020) agreement for \$4,500 per year. Chip Thomson second the motion and motion carried.

Jackie Colflesh presented a 2018 Budget of \$60,500 for the committee to include fire, towing, private security and the sheriff. P.J. Terry second the motion and motion carried.

A meeting with Deb Jackson and Linda Warner (via phone) was also held on April 12 to review the list Linda and Deb had put together. Additional work will be done in this area and a follow up meeting will be held.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the committee did not meeting but will be having a meeting soon to discuss the employment trailer ideas and the electric bids for additional lighting.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Larry Moreland reported that work has started on taking down the stadium bleachers and repurposing the aluminum. Board work days will be planned to work on this. Staff has been cleaning out the storage area in the Coliseum; mowers have been overhauled and are ready for the start of mowing season; a meeting was held with DACC to further explore the sewer line problems and it was discovered they had a problem with the plumbing in the classroom trailers verses a line problem; bids are being collected or updated for the Jug and Juliette roofs; in the process of getting bids on windows, gutters and siding for the Coliseum; the Ford tractor is now running again; discussion was held on moving forward with redoing the kitchen area under the grandstand; the bathrooms in the Merchant's Buildings have been redone; and working on potholes around the barns and in the blacktop.

Pat Allen reported that the grandstand electric and bleacher area will need looked by an electrical engineer before updating project can be moved forward.

Discussion was held on what could be done to improve the overall looks of the grounds.

Discussion was held on how to move projects forward utilizing bed tax money.

RACING

Tom Wright reported that a meeting was held April 9 to discuss simulcasting all five days of racing. It was determined that all five days will be simulcast for the 2018 fair.

He reported that Gary King's widow had sent a thank you note for the Jug that was sent in his memory.

Tom Wright has agreed to serve on a Little Brown Jug History Committee so he has attended some meetings with the committee.

Tom Wright will be presenting the budget to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and it will be similar to last year but adding the Stallion Series.

SPONSORSHIP

P.J. Terry reported that he had met with Sandy Kuhn to try to formalize a reporting mechanism for both her and T. Thomson to report sponsorship information to the board.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT/SPECIAL EVENTS

Chip Thomson reported that the following acts will be at the 2018 Delaware County Fair – Jon Anthony and the Wishful Drinking Band on Sat., Sept. 15, Thirsty Travelers on Fri., Sept. 21 and McGuffey Lane on Sat., Sept. 22. Discussion was held on making the concession area under the grandstand into a bar and food area. The committee will work with the Facilities Committee to move this forward. There is also discussion on moving the fencing behind the stadium bleachers to allow for more vendor and open space. The committee is still exploring an entertainment venue to replace part of the stadium bleachers area.

Joe McLead moved to spend \$2,067 to purchase a portable sound system to be utilized during the fair and rented for off fair events. Discussion was also held on exploring an inventory tagging system for equipment.

All Horse Parade – Diane Winters reported the parade will be held September 9 starting at 3:00 p.m. She has six entries so far.

Wall of Fame – Chip Thomson reported that a “quasi-meeting” was held to discuss potential Wall of Fame inductees. He proposed giving them a Jug in lieu of the current trophy given. He reported that there will be a lot of work done in the next 30 days in choosing the award recipients.

Veterans – Sandy Kuhn reported that the Veteran’s Services office will provide funding of up to \$5,000 for the 2018 Forever Grateful Veteran’s Dinner. Sandy Kuhn will contact Sandy Lewis to move forward with her group of quilters to make Veteran’s quilts for the event.

Fair Book – Sandy Kuhn reported the Exhibitor Book updates were handed in at the April FAC meeting and will be proofed at the May meeting with the goal for the book to go to print the first week in June.

BED TAX COMMITTEE (Full report included in board folder.)

Pat Paykoff reported that he met with Scott Harper, architect, to design a smaller building.

The Kleinger’s Group and Tony Eyerman are working together to move things forward in getting ready to take a proposal to the City for their input.

The Junior Fair Building will be up for the 2018 Fair and will be utilized for events leading up to the fair.

TICKET/PRICING

No report.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Pat Paykoff reported that they may have a solution to a portable staging in having a fabrication company utilizing metal form the bleachers to build one. More information to follow.

TECHNOLOGY

P.J. Terry reported that there would be a technology committee meeting April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reminded board members to turn in their Conflict of Interest forms. Only one more is needed.

Sandy Kuhn reported that with the help of Taft Law staff, Tiffany Rankin, Dan Huffman and Don Howard, a certified letter was sent to the Ohio Department of Taxation April 12 asking for exemption on the proposed taxes on the Perfect Barn.

Sandy Kuhn gave an update on preferred vendors. Currently there are two – Dan’s Deli and North Star Concessions. They are exploring additional vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Chip Thomson moved to adjourn. Mike Harter second the motion. Motion carried.

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager