

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent – Frank Reinhard and Don Wolf

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook present

GUESTS

Rick DeVault, Randy DeVault, Charles Miley. Carolyn Sloan, Carmen Jolliff, Vic Vining, Andy Brenner and Tim Wood

MINUTES

Colleen Smith moved and Chip Thomson seconded the minutes of the July 15th board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman presented the report. He passed out an Accounts Payable Aging, and Accounts Receivable Aging and a Balance Sheet and discussed the data contained therein. A question was posed on the amount of funds that were available as the result of setting aside 15% of rental fees. Huffman will provide a report. Another question posed was in regard to All Horse Parade money. Huffman will provide a report for the All Horse Parade and for the Veterans Dinner. Next the 4H Scholarship account was discussed and Huffman explained the balance still owed to the account by the Fair Board as the result of borrowing from the account some years ago. Loren Pool moved and Joe McLead seconded the report be approved. The motion carried. Tom Wright then discussed the bank loan extension with PNC Bank and that it signed and finalized. Wright then brought the issue of another person on the board being able to verify and authorize payroll if Dan Huffman is not available. Huffman described the process that is utilized to authorize the payroll with Delaware County Bank and it was agreed that Al Myers would be given the authority should Huffman not be available in order to ensure that payroll gets to the employees on time. Discussion then followed on the amount of money in 4H scholarships to be given out in 2014. Tom Wright then moved and Loren Pool seconded that the amounts be set at \$1,000, \$750 and \$750 until changed by the Board at a later date. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard was absent so Al Myers reported for the committee. He discussed the minutes of the committee meeting of August 12th, talking points of which were handed out to the directors. The loan from Delaware County Bank for funds to open the fair and mutuals was explained and the need for a resolution from the Board to secure the fund. Chip Thomson moved and Joe McLead seconded the fair borrow \$237,000 from Delaware County Bank and include the names of President Al Myers and Treasurer Dan Huffman as part of the resolution to act as agents for the fair board. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

D.J. Young announced that a committee meeting would be held at his office on 8/21/14 at 5:30PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported and discussed the issue of numerous department heads not attending meetings. He also discussed the need for gates for the Sale Arena for the fair and the arrangement he had reached with Cashman where the fair would borrow the gates for this year's fair with the intent to buy the gates after the fair with donations raised during the fair. Roll then talked about how many local 4H kids had done extremely well in exhibiting at the Ohio at the Ohio state Fair and elsewhere. Chip Thomson suggested a press release touting their success.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported on the committee's recent meeting at which radio, TV and print advertising was planned for the fair.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported and talked about the agreement with the private security company for 2014. She also had met with the Sheriff's Office regarding their participation and that there would be a slight increase in their hourly rate. She announced that the Sheriff's Office would have 4-6 cameras installed on the grounds during the fair to monitor activities, at no expense to the fair. She then discussed the fire inspection by the City Fire Department Inspector. A major

problem was the panel box in the Coliseum that must be corrected. The County Fire Inspector will tour the grounds on 8/20. She reported an agreement reached with a new towing company for the 2014 fair.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported and announced that Lyons Equipment Auction would be bringing in two dozers that will be used in the Motor Sports area. He also said the lawnmower racers would need the backstretch tent on Saturday PM and Sunday AM.

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported and discussed new water leaks caused by wrong fittings being used in previous years. The repairs should save the fair significant money in water bills over time. The big hole on the east side of the racetrack has been filled in. The water pipe that goes under the track to the location of the big hole has been cleaned out by the City's Jet Vac.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported and informed the board that condition sheets for the 2014 race program were almost complete and would be out soon. He announced that a new starter had been hired to replace long time starter Greg Coon, who was stepping down. Bob Mount is the new starter and is the current starter at Scioto Downs. Wright announced that the Cabin will open with a skeleton crew on 9-7 and a full crew on 9-9. The intern recently hired has begun to write stories that were being sent to various media promoting harness racing and the Jug. Wright then brought the board up to date on numerous meetings with Clyde Perfect who desires to build a new horse barn on the fairgrounds. Perfect is a horse owner who has horses being trained on the Delaware Fairgrounds. The site of the barn has been agreed on, which will require the moving of the manure pile and will cut off a portion of the jog track. Perfect would like to begin site preparation by 8/25 and complete that portion of work by 9/5 with the fair being able to use the area for parking during the fair. Financing and stall rent rates were discussed and final details of the agreement will be very soon worked out.

WALL OF FAME

No report

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Riggle discussed the contract for the Backstretch Hospitality Tent with Pig foot Bar BQ. President Myers did not accept a vote on the contract because of uncertainty on the pricing.

HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported and discussed donations and sponsor dollars that have been received including a new primary sponsor for 2014, Byers Auto Group.

VETERANS DINNER

Harold Wolford reported that the dinner had received \$7,100 in sponsor fees or donations with a budget of \$6,000. The cut-off date for reservations would be 9/5.

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

Al Myers reported and discussed the work that had begun on installing the fiber optic cable. The underground portion was completed and is at a pole just east of the paddock. An aggressive plan is in place to have all of the work done in time for the fair. He discussed various companies involved that were performing the work in exchange for sponsorships.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Myers announced that the September board meeting would be held on September 2nd at 7PM at the Log Cabin.

OLD BUSINESS

Al Myers announced that director's tickets packets could be picked up at the Fair Office. He stated that requests for additional passes, tickets, etc. needed to be submitted to the fair office and would be reviewed at the September meeting. He also discussed the Pavilion procedure for tickets and that there would no longer be a list used but a system just like the will-call procedure used at the 23 gate and the walk-thru gate.

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

Al Myers, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager

