

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2018

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent – Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson and Benjamin Wenner

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

Debbie Jackson

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Aaron Roll moved and Jackie Colflesh second the motion to approve the December 19, 2017 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Don Howard said he would report under Executive Committee report..

SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: working on a Board Member Policy and Procedure Manual which she will send out after the board meeting for the board to review; attending committee meetings; participating in the Ohio Fair Managers Convention and conducting a session on handbooks; and attended the horsemen's meeting at the cabin. Thanks to all board members who were able to attend and there will be another one in February.

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 \$100,000 ahead of last year. There is a meeting with the bank on Thursday for explore credit card sales for the gates.

Tom Roll moved to accept the treasurer's report. Diane Winters second and motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Don Howard reported that an Executive Committee meeting was held January 15. Topics discussed included a Rhino Shield update where the committee recommended to request the original amount of \$20,655 paid to Rhino Shield back; Kleinger's survey and the alleys that need vacated during the zoning and permitting for the Ag Center; and the insurance claim related to the electric line that was hit during the November horse sale.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Tiffany Rankin reported that she presented on 990s at the OFMA Convention. She also reported that Maloney and Novotny would begin working on the fair's financials the next day.

AGRICULTURAL/EXHIBITS/EDUCATION/FAC COMMITTEE

No report. They will plan to meet the first Saturday in February.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that the sessions she attended at the OFMA Convention said we should start publicizing fair dates now.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/EMPLOYMENT TRAILER/GATES COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report but Larry Moreland said that he would be scheduling a budget meeting for the committee soon.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

It was reported that the electrical claim from the Blooded Horse Sale was settled for \$9,447.90 and discussion will be held on what needs to be done to fix the lines and whether it would be best to go underground with the electric in that area.

Larry Moreland reported that the maintenance crew is in the process of making the truck that was donated by Bruce Miley into a flat bed and put a spreader on the back for winter. Two hydrants have been broken and will need to be replaced. It was discussed that a pre and post event walk through is needed with every rental so that if things get broken the renter is liable for it. Snow removal has been going well with the county spreading salt when needed.

Tom Wright reported that he will be discussing facility and barn issues with the horsemen at the upcoming meetings.

Dan Huffman reported that the restroom project under the grandstand is moving forward. He has a building permit for the work. Dan Huffman will coordinate a meeting with Simco Electric, himself and Pat Allen on the electrical diagrams and work that needs done under the grandstand.

Jed Alexander has been doing walk-thrus on buildings and putting together a list for each one on repairs and work that needs done.

RACING

A Racing Committee meeting was held January 2 to work to finalize the simulcasting. Tom Wright reported that the simulcast final report is almost done. He is going to explore the cost of adding Sunday and Monday to the simulcasting schedule. He gave an update on the Buckeye Stallion Series coming to the Delaware County Fair. This would add 18-21 races and would replace most of the overnight races.

Tom Wright reported that a horsemen's meeting was held January 11 with good attendance. He updated the attendees on the following items: the bed tax; new barns, the Buckeye Stallion Series; and suggested meeting on a more regular basis with the group to keep them updated. He felt it was a very productive meeting and thanked the board members who attended.

Tom Wright reported that the Delaware County Fair was well represented at the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association's annual Meeting. He reported that Brian Brown was recognized as the "Trainer of the Year" and Chris Beavers was recognized as the "Trainer of the Year" for the Sire Stakes.

SPONSORSHIP

No report.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT/SPECIAL EVENTS

All Horse Parade – No report.

Wall of Fame – No report.

Veterans – No report.

Fair Book – Sandy Kuhn reported that FAC members will be given their part of the Exhibitor's Book to update at the February meeting.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that he met with Dave Efland, City Planner, regarding the Ag Center and what is needed from the city. There will be a meeting January 25 at 11:00 a.m. with Dave Efland and additional city staff to further discuss what the next steps are with the city. Pat Paykoff said that there will need to be plans sent to the Planning Commission and then they will eventually go to City Council for multiple readings and approval. We will need to get a conditional use permit and will include things like vacating the alleys. Eventually all of the land within the city limits will need rezoned as it is currently zoned residential. Paykoff reported that we will probably either pay a fine for the tree that was cut down without the city's approval or need to plant new trees to equal the tree removed.

TICKET/PRICING

No report.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Pat Paykoff gave report above with Bed Tax but will continue to work with Hasan Reza to update the building plans and get them to the city.

TECHNOLOGY

P.J. Terry reported that he will be meeting with Steve Lewis to discuss technology in the next week or so.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to all board members who attended the OFMA Convention January 4-7, 2018. Reservations were sent in based on forms turned in. The group will have two tables reserved for Friday night and one for Saturday night.

P.J. Terry moved and Joe McLead second a motion to accept the two year contract for Tidy Tim's for portable bathrooms for the 2018 and 2019 Delaware County Fairs. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Reinhard moved to donate an eight person box to the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn reminded board members to turn in their Conflict of Interest forms.

Sandy Kuhn reported that the city would like to use the new fair logo in replacing all fair signage within the city. The cost to the fair would be \$800. Tom Roll moved and Jackie Colflesh second to spend the money and work with the city to get the signs replaced. Motion carried. It was also requested that when contacting the city to let them know we will pay for the decals for signs to ask them for any of the old "Brown Jug" signs as well as any other signs that they may want to get rid of. We can repurpose them on the fairgrounds.

Mike Harter reported that he has feelers out for having the PBR at the fair the first Saturday, hosting a “Turn and Burn” Barrel Racing Futurity on Friday night and the potential for an Open Cattle Show, possible a prospect show. He will keep working on this and have more to report at the February meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

P.J. Terry moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager