

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

July 2, 2020 – Zoom Conference Call & Cabin

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Conklin, Mark Fisher, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Bryan Mellen, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary).

Absent – Tom Roll

GUESTS – T. Thomson, Jacci Smith, Charlie Miley, Linda Beech and Gary Budzak.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tom Wright, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken. The meeting was held via a Zoom conference call and some members at the cabin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Full report in board folder)

Don Howard reported on the meeting held June 29, 2020. Topics discussed included, amusement rides and games, employment staffing needs for a modified fair, people movers driven by the antique tractor club and how to social distance on them, Shriner's golf carts and how to social distance, fair directors golf carts, locating a vendor for handicapped fair goers to rent scooters from, wearing face masks, spacing of vendors in the Merchants Building and Coliseum, reducing the hours for the vendor buildings, the board members stipends, social media postings by an employee and a previous employee's wife, an OSHA complaint that was filed, and Sandy Kuhn's performance review.

Don told board members that we will need a golf cart count at the July board meeting.

Don Howard moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to change the hours during the fair in the Merchant's Building and Coliseum to 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekend days and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. Motion carried.

Don Howard moved and Pat Allen second a motion that board members forego their stipend for 2020. Motion carried.

Tom Wright gave an update on Wayne Byus's health and that he was back to work.

Tom Wright thanked the Personnel committee for holding a very productive meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman reported that the Paycheck Protection Program money has run out. We will work on the documentation needed for it to be forgiven. He will give a full report on finances at the July board meeting.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll and Benjamin reported that the Governor, through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, is giving \$50,000 to fairs that have a Junior Fair. The FAC members have worked hard to get sponsorship money and have raised over \$22,000 in sponsorships. Ribbons will cost around \$4,000. There was discussion on paying premiums. There will be a meeting held soon to come up with the final version of Junior Fair. Benjamin

Wenner asked that board members email him their thoughts on having either 3 or 5 days of animals. Discussion on open class is ongoing and there will be a full report at the July board meeting.

Tom Wright thanked the FAC on their continued work to ensure a good Junior Fair and Open Class.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that committee needs to meet soon to secede on the revised budget for 2020. A meeting will be held July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Log Cabin.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh and Mike Harter reported that they need to determine what the fair is going to look like and then determine the security needs for it. They will begin working on this and then have a meeting.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Mark Fisher reviewed the minutes from the meeting that was held June 30, 2020. Discussion at the committee meeting included renting the Motor Sports area on August 8 for a truck pull and then asking that same group to conduct a pull during the 2020 fair with no cost to the fair.

Discussion was held on what events to have at the 2020 Fair. It was decided to only have those events which the fair runs the events and/or there was no cost to the fair to have the event.

The following events were decided on with tentative dates:

Garden Tractor – Saturday, Sept. 19

Truck Pull (tentative) – Sunday, Sept. 20

Straw Stacking/Tug of War – Monday, Sept. 21

Motor Cross – Wednesday, Sept. 23

Figure Eight Races – Friday, Sept. 25

Rough Truck – Saturday, Sept. 26

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Full report in board folder)

Pat Paykoff reviewed the minutes from the June 30, 2020 meeting. He said the committee had discussed ways to cut expenses for the fair, started to develop a list to get ready for the fair, discussed moving portable toilets around to decrease the number rented, revising the electrician contract for the fair, a complaint filed to OSHA and to approach Tackett's Fence Company on fixing the holes that were cut in the fence.

Jon Melvin brought up having multiple work nights to get ready for the fair. All board members and any other volunteers will be needed to get things ready.

RACING & HOSPITALITY (Full report in board folder)

Tom Wright reported on the combined Racing/Hospitality meeting held June 23, 2020. Discussion at the committee meeting on the following topics was held; hospitality tents, elimination of hospitality tent tickets for directors, tent capacity for concerts, fireworks show, sponsorship, insurance payment by the county commissioners, sharing signage cost, rain insurance, betting machines, race program on the website, status of box seats in future years, whether Speaker of the House will return for the Jug, marking off squares to sell on the backstretch, limiting the number of people in the paddock during races, limiting the number of people allowed in the winner's circle, marking spots in betting lines to assure social distancing, additional restroom cleanings and cleaning of the restrooms.

Recommendations of the Committee

- a. Cancel Tuesday night in the cabin
- b. Cancel Wednesday night Auction
- c. Wednesday night horseman's party. Need a breakdown of our costs and revenue for the event.
Assigned to **Colleen and Hastings**.

T. Thomson gave an update on the status of sponsorships with the board.

Benjamin Wenner moved and Joe McLead second a motion to eliminate the Horsemen's Party on Wednesday night. Motion carried.

Colleen discussed moving the McGuffey Lane concert to the grandstand for increased capacity. A stage would need to be rented for a cost of \$1,600.

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday July 7 with hope of getting answers to the above items. The Hospitality Committee members only will meet at 5:30 p.m. on July 7 to go over

BED TAX COMMITTEE

No report. The subcommittee for the Owner's Rep will be meeting soon to make a recommendation to the board at the July board meeting.

COMMITTEE 51(Full report in board folder)

Mike Harter reported on the meeting that was held June 25, 2020. Discussion at the committee meeting was held on the following topics; camping during the fair; hand sanitizing stations and ideas on where to get them; and selling areas around the racetrack.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that the Fair Food Frenzy was a huge success. Dates for future ones will be July 18-19, August 1-2 and August 22-23. Thanks to all fair board members who participated.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that Carley Coppler, intern, had completed a chalk art to participate in the Unity in Community remote First Friday. She drew on the concrete just west of the Arts and Crafts Building. Board members should take a look when they get a chance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Winters wanted to have in the minutes that the All Horse Parade will be held September 13, 2020 at 3 p.m. through downtown Delaware, Ohio.

Pat Allen moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager