

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Loren Pool, Frank Reinhard, Carolyn Riggle, Tom Roll, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Diane Winters, Don Wolf and D.J. Young

Absent – Larry Moreland, Aaron Roll, Colleen Smith, Harold Wolford and Tom Wright

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook absent

GUESTS

Rick DeVault, Rex DeVault, Charles Miley. Carolyn Sloan, Earl Lehner, Sarah Lehner, Taylor Barker and Faith Hildebrant

MINUTES

Carolyn Riggle moved and Diane Winters seconded the minutes of the June 17th board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman presented the report. He passed out a Balance Sheet and discussed the data contained therein. He stated that the numbers were very close to last year's numbers at the same time. A question was posed about the Junior Fair money account and was discussed at length. Discussion then moved to the Junior Fair scholarship account from which the fair had borrowed after the huge wind damage during the 2008 fair. The fair had not repaid the money to that account, but had funded the scholarships since that time out of the fair's general operating account.

Huffman said he would research the numbers and be able to present an updated accounting of the fund by the next board meeting. Chip Thomson moved with a second from Tom Roll that the Treasurers report be approved. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported for the committee and discussed the minutes of the committee meeting of July 7th, a copy of which was handed out to the directors. He discussed the recent meeting attended by several board members, with Nationwide Insurance regarding the proposed bed tax. He handed out copies of Phil Terry's sponsorship report presented to the committee and reported the

committee agreed to pay Terry's commission due. He discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement that the county wanted signed in order for the County Engineer to begin trenching work for the fiber optic cable. Pat Paykoff moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the report be approved. The motion carried. The next meeting of the committee to be held on 8/12 at 6:30PM at the Fair Office. Chip Thomson then briefed the board on his recent meetings with various entities regarding the bed tax. They included the Berlin Township Trustees, Nationwide Insurance, Delaware Farm Bureau and the Delaware Chamber of Commerce. General Manager Bill Lowe then presented a proposal by Preservation Parks to construct and beautify an area on the fairgrounds that they would maintain on a year-round basis. The proposed area would be south west of the Coliseum adjacent to the Euclid Avenue gate. Following discussion on the proposal, Joe McLead moved and Tom Roll seconded the proposal be implemented. The motion carried. Lowe presented the contract from L & S Pest Control for bee control during the fair, which saw no increase from 2013. Chip Thomson moved and Diane Winters seconded the contract be approved. The motion carried. The next item was the contract for Two Caterers for the Pavilion Tent for 2014. Chip Thomson moved and P.J. Terry seconded the contract be approved. Following discussion on the question of the company's sponsor fee, the vote was called and the motion carried with Al Myers, D.J. Young, Tom Roll and Don Howard voting against the contract. Lowe presented the contract with Posh Events Services for the rental of chairs, tables and drapes for the fair at the same price as 2013. Chip Thomson moved and Loren Pool seconded the contract be approved. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

No report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

No report

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that a small agreement with WOW Cable in Columbus for TV ads had been agreed on.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported and discussed a recent storm sewer blowout in the north part of the property. Block had been re-laid and work completed on the project. He reported that the east parking lot blowout would be fixed when the City was able to bring their jet truck to the grounds to clean out the lines. Paykoff discussed the low water pressure situation in the Grandstand and some possible solutions. He discussed a 4H project, that saw participants paint fair owned fire hydrants and electric poles that were painted safety yellow, up to about four feet above the ground. He also reported that estimates were being requested from companies to do roof work on horse barns 32, 34 and 37 utilizing the Hill estate money to do the work, as approved by the board in the June 17 board meeting. Paykoff then discussed the need to have any employee who operates a fork lift on the grounds to be a licensed fork lift operator. Brad Jolliff discussed the possible availability of some split faced block from Oberfields at a discount for various projects. Joe McLead discussed his meeting with Benchmark Landscaping regarding work to be done on the Pavilion Hill.

RACING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reminded the board about the August 7th meeting with CBS Sports Network and others regarding the telecast of the 2014 Jug.

WALL OF FAME

No report

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Riggle announced that all contracts had been signed and returned for acts performing at the fair and that things were progressing very well.

HORSE PARADE

No report

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported the County Commissioners had agreed to let the County Engineer do the trenching for the underground portion of the fiber optic work and that Bill Lowe had reached a sponsorship agreement with CTS Construction to do the splicing of the fiber optics.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Lowe discussed a request for the use of the fairgrounds as part of a triathlon on Sunday August 17, 2014 at which runners would enter the grounds thru the Euclid Avenue gate run towards the racetrack then to the main gate of the Grandstand, then past the Fair Office and exit the main entrance gate. Following a short discussion it was felt that the condition of the roads on the fairgrounds did not make sense from a safety and liability standpoint.

There being no further business, Chip Thomson moved and D.J. Young seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Al Myers, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager