

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

July 16, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Kent Hastings, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Colleen Smith, Phil Terry, Diane Winters, Don Wolf, Tom Wright.

Absent-, Pat Paykoff, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Jim Stimmel, Chip Thomson and Harold Wolford

Fair Advisory Committee Present – Randy DeVault and Carolyn Kay Riggle. Absent – Kenny Edwards

GUESTS:

Brad Jolliff, Rex DeVault, Logan Sellers, Sam Thomas, Ellen Dicken and Charles Miley

MINUTES

Phil Terry moved that the minutes be approved as printed and Tom Wright seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Huffman gave the report. He discussed a discrepancy with the John Deere Farm plan (fuel) bill. He also reported that there were two old simulcast bills that had not been paid because the tracks were no longer in business and efforts to reconcile the amounts owed were no longer possible. He reported that there was approximately \$90,000 in the operating account. A discussion followed on problems with Canadian checks being cleared thru our banks. A short discussion on the excessive fees charged by American Express followed. Joe McLead moved and Diane Winters seconded that the financial report be accepted.

The motion carried.

Phil Terry reported on a positive opinion from the OFMA lobbying efforts to make it easier for fair to sell alcohol using non-governmental money.

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Don Howard reported for the committee. He discussed 4H service projects to be held on weekends during which there were no horse shows. Howard informed the board that former board member Jay Scott had purchased a vacation during the 2011 pavilion auction held during that years fair and the company that offered the vacation had gone out of business. Scott had received 50% of the purchase price from New Vocations, the fairs partner in the auction.

It was strongly felt that the fair should also refund its 50% share to Scott. Tom Wright so moved and Colleen Smith seconded.

Next was a travel expense for Phil Terry to attend the 50th anniversary of the Meadows Racetrack in Pennsylvania. Colleen

Smith moved and Tom Wright seconded the \$500 expense be approved. The motion carried.

Al Myers read thank you notes from two of the three recent scholarship winners. Myers also reported that the fair would be switching its e-mail from Next Gen to GoDaddy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al Myers reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee.

The committee approved the purchase of \$5,000 of sawdust bales for horse shows. It also approved the printing of 500 copies of the

exhibitors handbook to be distributed by 4H in addition to the availability of the information on line. Myers also talked about the need to review the fairs vacation and sick time policy. The current policy needs to be worked on and the committee would undertake that task in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported on an upcoming meeting about providing animals for the final three days of the 2013 fair.

Al Myers discussed the need for start-up money for expenses that the Sale Committee might incur. Dan Huffman felt that \$400 to \$500 would be the maximum amount needed and that the General Manager could administer those expenses.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Colleen Smith reported that she had attended a Dublin Chamber of Commerce event and Diane Winters reported that the fair was represented in two 4th of July parades.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman reported that a meeting was set up with Delaware County Sheriff Russ Martin for the 24th of July. He would also

be meeting with Delaware county EMS the following week.

Huffman also discussed analyzing statistics provided by the employment trailer on fair labor. A discussion followed about

the need sooner than later for cameras to be installed at the entrance gates to cut down on theft and vandalism. Huffman felt that

there was a good chance that fiber optics would reach the fairgrounds by 2014 facilitating the installation of cameras. Joe

McLead stated that he would donate \$500 for a camera when the fiber optics were installed.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that some committee members attended the Crawford county Fair and assisted with some of their motorized events.

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the damage done to underground mutual wiring near the Top of the Stretch tent prior to last years fair had been repaired. Additionally, electric for the infield judges stand had been repaired.

MEDIA COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reviewed Phil Terry's 2012 sponsorship report and that he expected the committee should be able to accept it by the next meeting. He discussed the advertising mailer to be sent to the southern part of Delaware County and the 2 for 1 coupon for Monday, September 16th. He reported that he would be meeting with Sherry Fisher regarding the fair's media buy.

RACING COMMITTEE

Phil Terry reported that very little equipment was available for the fair to use for the races other than a grader from Shelly and Sands.

The fair will still get 2 tractors from John Deere. A spreader is still needed from Ohio Gro. Dan Huffman added that he would set up accounts with various equipment companies as a backup in case of rental needs.

Tom Wright reported on discussions regarding scarifying the racetrack including a conference call with Greg Coon and Wayne Byus. He also talked with trainers Brian Brown and Ron Potter

who both felt the track was in excellent shape and did not need the work done. Pat Paykoff discussed having difficulty finding equipment to use during the scarifying process. It was decided that the work would be put off until at least October.

Wright reported that there will be 6 guys on the track crew during the fair, 2 of whom are volunteers.

Phil Terry relayed that 9 of 10 colts in the Meadowlands Pace are Jug eligibles. Terry also informed the board that \$6,000 had already been pledged for the Wall of Fame ceremonies.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Al Myers discussed the various local acts that will perform during the fair. He also questioned what to do the last Saturday night of the fair besides fireworks. He had looked into various bands and they were too expensive. With no act booked for the hill on that night, he suggested various ideas including the possibility of moving the event to the Top of the Stretch tent and using a DJ.

HORSE PARADE COMMITTEE

No report

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Chip Hastings moved and Don Howard seconded the fair accept the proposal from ABC Restrooms as presented by General Manager Bill Lowe. The motion carried.

Diane winters moved and Colleen Smith seconded the fair accept the proposal from Capital Waste regarding trash removal during the fair, as presented by General Manager Bill Lowe. The motion carried.

Don Howard moved and Phil Terry seconded that Boots Sheets represent the board and attend the Jr. Fair Auction to buy animals with a \$3,000 cap. the motion carried.

Al Myers discussed the ad deadline of 8-15 for fair books.

Dan Huffman reported the fair could expect an upcoming 4% increase in its electric bill as announced by AEP. Additionally the City of Delaware would be increasing its water rates by 2-7% in 2014.

There being no further business, Colleen Smith moved and Joe McLead seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. Next meeting to be held 8/20/13 at 7:00PM in the Log Cabin.

Al Myers, President

Manager

PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE, OR TO THE BOARD MEETING, ANY YARD SIGNS THAT YOU

HAVE SAVED FROM LAST YEARS FAIR, SO THAT
WE CAN GET THE DATES CHANGED FOR 2013.