

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh (6:37 p.m.), Mike Conklin, Mark Fisher, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Jon Melvin, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary)

Absent – Bryan Mellen, Larry Moreland, Aaron Roll and Tom Roll.

GUESTS

T. Thomson

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tom Wright, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken. Some people called in to meeting and some were there in person (noted in board folder).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laryssa Hook reported that the Extension offices will be closing their doors as of 5 p.m. on Wednesday and will be working remotely.

MINUTES

Tiffany Rankin moved and Mark Fisher second the motion to approve the February 18, 2020 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom Wright reported that he attended the State of the County and it was very nice. He presented to the County Commissioners on March 5 regarding the fairs plan for the grounds renovation in phases. Prior to the board strategic planning meeting on March 7 he met a couple of times with Steve Cuckler in regard to the retreat and planning of agenda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn reported that her full report was included in the board e-mail that was sent out. She also reported that they have made phone calls to all people who had events scheduled on the fairgrounds for the next eight weeks that they will need to be cancelled or postponed per the Governor's declaration for no gatherings over 50 people in the next eight weeks. We will continue to follow the recommendations per the Governor and may need to extend the cancellations out further. As of this time, Rugged Maniac has rescheduled for June 27, 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Huffman asked if there were any questions on the financials that were emailed out with the board packet. Tom Wright had a question regarding fair receivables. Discussion was held on this. Discussion was held in regards to limiting spending until we know more about off-fair income and rentals. Benjamin Wenner moved and Pat Allen second a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he has communicated with Aric Hochstettler, attorney for the County and D.J. Young about working out the verbiage for the land lease between the Delaware County Agricultural Society and the County Commissioners. He reported that he sent a note to the full board about having the Executive Committee review the agreement with D.J. Young and bring back to the full board the recommendations. His hope is to have that meeting next week, if possible.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin moved and Benjamin Wenner second a motion to hire Carley Coppler as the summer intern.

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that again, we will be watching our expenses until we have a better idea of income in the next couple of months. Ticket money is coming in well with a May 1 deadline. There may need to be additional discussion if the racetracks end up closing.

Mark Fisher moved and Jon Melvin second a motion to approve the Maloney and Novotny accounting agreement. Motion carried. Tiffany Rankin abstained from voting.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting was held. Benjamin Wenner did report that the swine exhibitor issue from the 2019 fair had been dealt with and appropriate apology letters were sent. The exhibitor's family will be receiving a letter acknowledging her ability to show at the 2020 fair. He also reported that the swine committee is exploring costs and options for testing for ractopamine in swine in 2020.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Mark Fisher reported on the meeting held March 12. (Full minutes in board folder) Board members received the minutes in their board packet. Mark reported that the committee reviewed the contracts at the meeting. More discussion is needed on the demolition derby contract before it will be signed.

Pat Allen moved and Tiffany Rankin second a motion to approve the Central Ohio Truck Pullers agreement once we add some type of cancellation clause. Motion carried.

Pat Allen moved and Mark Fisher second a motion to approve the On the Mark Pulling Sled Rental LLC agreement once we add some type of cancellation clause. Motion carried.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the minutes from the March 12 meeting were sent out in the board packet. (Full minutes in board folder) He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

RACING

Tom Wright reported that has hired Cindy Flahive to replace John Cross in the racing office and things are moving forward.

HOSPITALITY

Colleen Smith reported there was no meeting held but there were some contracts to approve.

Diane Winters moved and Tiffany Rankin second to approve the agreement with CW Trials Bike Stunt Show, to perform Sept. 19-21, after the cancellation clause was added. Motion carried.

Colleen Smith moved and Tiffany Rankin second to approve the agreement with Grand Illusions by the Blooms/Dinosaur Xperience, to perform Sept. 19-22, after the cancellation clause is added. Motion carried.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported on the meeting held March 11. (Full minutes in board folder) Board members received the minutes in their board packet. He reviewed the minutes.

Jon Melvin moved to prioritize the top four building projects – which are the Agricultural Center, two harness horse barns, a covered arena and updating the grandstand. Pat Allen second and motion carried.

Diane Winters moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to place an ad to solicit either an owner's representative or a construction management firm. Jon Melvin will work with Sandy Kuhn to get an ad developed and placed in the paper. Discussion was held and motion carried.

Pat Paykoff reported that the NPDES permit was approved by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the permit from the City of Delaware should be approved by the end of the week.

Bids are to be sought for building a new small tote board in the infield.

The bid package for the building should go out tomorrow (Wednesday) and will be due April 29 at 1 p.m.

COMMITTEE 51

No report. Mike Harter reported that the committee is working on the stall rental agreement and will meet soon to further discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

The OFMA district meeting at Washington Court House scheduled for April 6 has been cancelled. They are exploring a new date and will be back in touch when they have one.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Melvin moved to write a letter granting the Friends of Your Delaware County Fair PAC permission to apply for a beer permit to sell beer at Rugged Maniac. Colleen Smith second and motion carried.

Discussion was held on the protocol for the Covid 19 pandemic. Discussion was held on whether the office should be closed to the public. It will remain open at this time but that may change as needed. Discussion was held on numbers of horses coming back from Florida and the possibility of closing the Canadian border and would that affect our horse number. Sandy Kuhn reported that over 100 additional horses will be coming back the end of March and beginning of April. Discussion was held on keeping the restrooms clean in the horsemen's area. They are cleaned weekly and we will put sanitizing spray in them.

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.

Jon Melvin reported that the county offices are shutting their offices to the public but are still operating.

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

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager