

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Loren Pool, Frank Reinhard, Carolyn Riggle, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Diane Winters, Harold Wolford, Tom Wright and D.J. Young

Absent – Al Myers, Colleen Smith and P.J. Terry

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook - present
General Manager – Bill Lowe - present

GUESTS

Randy DeVault, Rex DeVault, Emma Graham, Kaylee Yarnell, Pat Allen, Phil Terry, Russ Amible, Andrew Kennedy, Vic Vining, Lindsay Hope

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Vice President Frank Reinhard made a special presentation to Delaware Hayes ROTC member Andrew Kennedy for his 4 years of service at the fair, selling race programs. His sales far exceeded those of any other person.

MINUTES

Frank Reinhard moved and Diane Winters seconded the minutes of the February 17th board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Chip Thomson discussed the Junior Fair Scholarship awards for 2014 that were inadvertently not awarded. He pointed out that the board in 2014 decided to award three scholarships from that point forward in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750 and \$750. The recipients for 2014 were Clara Selle, Mallory Hope and Maria Burger. General Manager Bill Lowe was instructed to notify the three recipients and invite them to the April board meeting to receive their checks. The desire for the award of the 2015 scholarships was that they be made to the recipients prior to the beginning of school at the end of summer.

Thomson also reported on meetings he had with State Representatives Andy Brenner and Margaret Rule regarding the fair participating in the new State of Ohio budget.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Bill Lowe reminded board members of the district meeting occurring on April 19th in Washington Court House and the need to make reservations for the event.

Lowe then brought a recent issue involving a registered sex offender who has been working for several horse trainers on the fairgrounds. He discussed the serious concerns that the Delaware Area Career Center has regarding such an individual working in somewhat close proximity to the DACC equine students on the grounds. A long discussion followed after which DJ Young moved and Tom Roll seconded that the following rule be put in place immediately: “The Delaware County Fair will not hire any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or who is a registered sex offender. Any person or company who is a lessee of the Delaware County Fair will not hire and employ any person convicted of a crime of violence, or who is a registered sex offender. The Delaware County Fair or a person or company that is a lessee of the Delaware County Fair shall not utilize on the fairgrounds any volunteer who has been convicted of a crime of violence or is a registered sex offender.” The motion carried with Brad Jolliff abstaining.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman presented the report. He passed out a Balance Sheet, a Profit & Loss Statement, an Accounts Payable Statement and Accounts Payable Statement. Huffman asked the board for authorization to utilize the line of credit if need be in order to pay bills. Huffman discussed the individual bills that are currently owed. Frank Reinhard then moved approve the financial report and authorize Huffman to pay current bills but to stretch out the payments where possible in order to not have to use the line of credit. Tom Roll seconded. The motion carried with Diane Winters abstaining. Huffman then discussed a letter received from the State Auditor’s office announcing that they were ready to schedule the fairs biannual audit.

PERSONEL COMMITTEE

Brad Jolliff reported and discussed two upcoming interviews with fair employees on the 20th of the month. Discussion then followed on the process to come up with a long term solution for the General Manager position currently held by Bill Lowe, as well as the need for a compensation plan for the position.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

BUDGET & FINANCECOMMITTEE

DJ Young reported and discussed his committee meetings on 2/13/15 and 3/11/15, the minutes of which were handed out to board members. Discussion then

continued on getting the computerized P.O. system up and running as soon as possible. Additional discussion concerned not using blanket P.O.s.

Young reported that the committee would like to see Phil Terry paid in full as soon as possible. It would also like to see Jennifer McGowen further trained on Quick Books and Excel and Dee Gillilan further trained on Microsoft Office. The committee also felt that there was a conflict of interest with people currently working at the gate of Pavilion Hill during the fair and that some changes be made.

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported and requested the board approve the separation of meat goats into two classes. The committee felt that more kids would be able to participate in the project with such a move. Larry Moreland so moved and Harold Wolford seconded. The motion carried. Roll then announced a request by the Hyatts Herdsmen to place a bench in front of the Dairy Barn in memory of Ben Gooding. Frank Reinhard moved the bench be approved and Joe McLead seconded. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that an a program in conjunction with OWU and the Strand Theater for May 2nd had been cancelled. Winters also reported that the Powell, Delaware and Sunbury Chambers of Commerce had agreed to a Business After Hours event during the fair on September 21st.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported and discussed the changes that will take place in the 4H campground as the result of the Fire Inspectors edict that larger RVs and trailers will have to be relocated from their current locations. Three alternatives are possible: 1) Move the specified RVs/trailers to non-electric spots 2) Add 6 electric spots 3) Add 28 electric spots. Following a short discussion, Jackie Colflesh moved and Tom Roll seconded that 28 new electric spots be installed. President Chip Thomson tabled the motion until the April board meeting, to further hone in on costs and also to determine what the new charge for an electric camping spot would cost.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Tom Roll reported that 3 contracts had been signed and the schedule for the fair was finalized and in place.

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported and discussed water leaks and the difficulty in finding them, He discussed help received from the City of Delaware utilizing their listening devices and still not making much progress. He then went over the plan for new water lines, mains, hydrants, tracer lines and curb boxes - a virtual revamping of the water system on the fairgrounds.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported. He discussed a request from the producers of a TV documentary that would include footage of the 2004 Little Brown Jug race. Wright denied the producers the rights for the footage because the individual that the documentary was about was in prison and not someone the race wanted to be associated with in any way.

Wright also reported that we were up 23 horses on 3 year old payments versus 2014.

Phil Terry reported that the USTA would like the Jug to be back on national television in 2015, but there were numerous hurdles to get over before that discussion got going.

WALL OF FAME

Chip Thomson reported that ballots were mailed out and a decision should be announced by the April board meeting on the 2015 honoree.

ALL HORSE PARADE

No report

SPONSORSHIP

Phil Terry discussed the Delmar sponsorship from 2014 and the resolution of that payment. Bill Lowe announced that Honda Marysville had reached an agreement to be a sponsor at the 2015 fair.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Riggle announced the various bands and entertainers signed so far for the 2015 fair.

TECHNOLOGY

T. Thomson reported and announced that the fair would be receiving 3 new computers from the County that they were no longer using, with the only holdup

being a licensing issue. The fair's e-mail would go thru the county using their e-mail server, with the intention of that change being completed by the April board meeting. In regard to the fair phone system, the committee would like to tie in with the same company that gets the county's phone system, which out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Brad Jolliff requested that the board allow Pat Allen to use the All-Win Electric name for his electrical work on the fairgrounds, rather than the name of Sid Electric as Allen only uses the Sid name for the Delaware Fair and it costs him quite a bit of money each year to keep that company name active. Tom Roll moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the All-Win name be used in the future. The motion carried.

There being no further business, DJ Young moved and T. Thomson seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Chip Thomson, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager