

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Brad Jolliff, Larry Moreland, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Frank Reinhard, Carolyn Riggle, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Diane Winters, Harold Wolford, Tom Wright and D.J. Young

Absent – Joe McLead, Loren Pool,

Ex-Officio – Laryssa Hook present

General Manager – Bill Lowe present

GUESTS

Lindsay Hope, Phil Terry, Vic Vining

MINUTES

Al Myers moved and Colleen Smith seconded the minutes of the April 21st board meeting be approved as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chip Thomson discussed his meetings with 5 State Senators earlier in the day to promote the bed tax. He announced that local State Senator Chris Jordan had agreed to support the bed tax proposal.

Thomson reported that the Executive Committee had authorized a \$4,000 purchase of drainage tile to repair a damaged storm sewer. He added that Tom Wright had been successful in getting a company to donate 500 feet of tile. The storm sewer was damaged in the process of putting in the new water line in the barn area.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Bill Lowe discussed the subject of some type of promotion for Tuesday of the fair which has traditionally been the worst day at the gate in most years. Various types of special pricing for the day were discussed. Eventually, Don Howard moved that pricing for general admission to the fair on Tuesday 9-22-15 be half price of the usual \$6.00 admission at \$3.00 for the entire day. Senior Citizen pricing for Tuesday will remain the same at \$2.00 all day. Tom Roll seconded. The motion carried.

Next Lowe raised the subject of the Blooded Horse Sale contract extension, which

had been discussed at an earlier board meeting. The Sale Company had desired to extend the contract beyond the current term that expires in 2016 and contains a three year option. Their desire was an additional 5 years thru the year 2024. Following a lengthy discussion about terms and pricing Don Howard moved and Diane Winters seconded the contract be extended thru the 3 year option and look at extension a bit further down the road due to way too many unknowns for an extension any longer than 3 year. The motion carried.

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. After reviewing each statement, Huffman announced the IRS Form 990 dealing with being a 501 (C) 3 non-profit was available at the Fair Office if any board member would like to review it. Don Howard moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the report be approved. The motion carried.

Huffman also asked the board for the authority to write checks for the water line project without having to seek board approval for each outlay, subject to the \$55,000 grant amount from Delaware County. Frank Reinhard moved and Tom Roll seconded that Huffman be given that authority, with copies of the invoices be given to Pat Paykoff for review and then passed on to the Executive Committee for approval before Dan Huffman can pay. The motion carried.

PERSONEL COMMITTEE

Brad Jolliff reported and discussed a new contract for All-Win Electric that would run from the date of signing thru November 30, 2017. Details of the contract were discussed. Brad Jolliff then moved that the contract be approved. Don Howard seconded. The motion carried with Diane Winters abstaining.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported and discussed a letter he had written to the President of the USTA laying out the terms that the fair would accept in regard to televising the Little Brown Jug race.

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

No report

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

No report

ENTERTAINMENT/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

No report

SECURITY/MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported and gave the board a progress update on the water line project. He discussed some collateral damage to old water lines and phone lines that occurred in the excavation process. He reported that some of the excess dirt from the project was being used to create a pad in the barn area to be used for more parking. Paykoff also discussed the proposed addition to the Junior Fair Building and the conversation centered around whether to go ahead and build the shell of the building in the hopes that more donations would be created by doing so, or to build the pad which would be the footprint of the building, again with the idea of creating more donations as people could see a more visual conception of the project.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhard reported on a discussion he had with representatives of Mt. Carmel Health and their desire to become involved from a sponsor standpoint with the fair.

HORSE PARADE

No report

WALL OF FAME

Chip Thomson reported that the 2015 honoree is State Representative Jim Buchy, a long-time advocate and supporter of the racing activities at Delaware .

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

T. Thomson reported that the county tech people had installed 3 new computers in the fair office. E-mail is working and everything seems to be working well.

Chip Thomson reported on Associated Sound Company withdrawing from the fair and their installation and service of the racetrack sound. A new vendor will be selected.

NEW BUSINESS

Chip Thomson asked for 4 volunteers to serve on a committee to examine the maintenance department employees and the execution of their work. He asked them to assess and make recommendations to the board. The Maintenance Review Committee will consist of Brad Jolliff, Tom Roll, Jackie Colflesh and Larry Moreland.

OLD BUSINESS

President Thomson announced the winners of the Agricultural Society's 4H scholarships for 2015. The winners were Ellen Dicken \$1,000 and Tracy Cully \$750. Frank Reinhard moved and Tom Roll seconded the checks be written right away so that Brad Jolliff could present the girls with their checks at their school awards night. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Al Myers moved and Frank Reinhard seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Chip Thomson, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager