

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

November 20, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present - Jackie Colflesh, Dan Huffman, Don Howard, Brad Jolliff, Al Myers, Pat Paykoff, Loren Pool, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Diane Winters, Don Wolf, Harold Wolford, Tom Wright and D.J. Young.

Absent- Joe McLead, Larry Moreland andCarolynn Kay Riggle.

Ex-Officio - Laryssa Hook

GUESTS: Charles Miley and Rex DeVault

MINUTES

Chip Thomson moved that the minutes be approved as printed with the correction of a mis-spelling on Pat Paykoff's name. Don Howard seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dan Huffman gave the report. He presented numerous reports, including preliminary reports on the All Horse Parade and the three hospitality tents. There were questions on some of the numbers reported for the horse parade as a sponsor's payment did not show in the report. Huffman surmised that the payment was probably coded to the wrong account and that he would find it and make the correction. There were also questions regarding some of the numbers

for the Pavilion. Huffman stated that the report did not include some totals that Phil Terry had yet to provide and they would be forthcoming. He then went over the payable list and some of the issues involving that area and then concluded with receivables.

Tom Roll moved and Diane Winters seconded the report be approved. The motion carried.

Al Myers then discussed a meeting that he and Dan Huffman and Bill Lowe recently had with a group of Delaware County administrators regarding a requirement by the County Commissioners that the Fair pay its portion (\$5,789) of the County's insurance premium, covering the fairgrounds buildings, as the result of the fair selling alcohol on the fairgrounds. Discussion followed on the issue and it was felt that the numbers derived from alcohol sales needed to be examined to see how this would affect the bottom line in regard to alcohol sales. Don Wolf moved that the money be paid to the commissioners, but to try to get their approval to enable the fair to pay it in payments by 12/31/13, rather than in a lump sum. Pat Paykoff seconded. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al Myers reported that the committee had approved payment for

Tom Wright's expenses to attend the annual Race Secretary's December meeting in Florida. The committee also approved the expenditure for Phil Terry to attend the grand reopening of the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey.

AGRICULTURAL & EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported for the committee. He announced that the FAC Committee met for the final time in 2013 on 11/16/13. They discussed the pluses and minuses of this year's fair with no major complaints.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report

SECURITY /MEDICAL/STAFFING/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No report

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report

FACILITY AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson discussed the idea about removing 2 sections at the west end of the stadium and selling the aluminum. An extended discussion followed. Pat Paykoff emphasized that while we have an all weather track and various hospitality tents that can protect our customers in inclement weather as well as some portions of the grandstand that are under roof, the stadium is not covered and the threat of bad weather can really affect attendance in that area with no protection.

MEDIA AND SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he had spoken with Phil Terry in regard to his sponsorship report and that it should be finalized by the end of the week.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he would be attending the annual Race Secretary's meeting in Florida. He also discussed the Blooded Horse Sale Company Standardbred show currently taking place on the fairgrounds. He reported that 1,469 horses were cataloged for sale and that prices thru the first three days were high. Chip Thomson reported that the potential honoree for 2014 had a

severe illness and that a decision on the honoree would be put off until March.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

No report

HORSE PARADE COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that the 2014 parade would take place on Sunday, September 7th. She also asked if the board felt it would be helpful to buy a table at the annual Chamber banquet in January as a means of promoting the fair. Colleen Smith asked the board if we should advertise in the Dublin Chamber's annual directory.

FIBER OPTIC COMMITTEE

Frank Reinhardt reported that a meeting with Accent Communications had recently toured the fairgrounds as part of the effort to bring fiber optics to the fairgrounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Myers discussed his recent committee assignments for board members. Chip Thomson asked what the criteria was for a person to be named an honorary board member. When told that it required a minimum of 10 years of serving as a board member, he moved that Phil Terry and Chip Hastings be made Honorary Board Members. Frank Reinhard seconded. The motion carried.

Don Howard moved and Harold Wolford seconded that the board dispense with the \$500 Directors stipend for 2014. The motion carried.

Tom Wright discussed the possibility of conducting a seminar for new board members to acquaint them with all the whys and wherefores of the fair. He also discussed the possibility of having a holiday get together for all board members in an effort for everyone to get to know each other better, considering how many new board members there were. He said he would look into the idea.

Don Wolf discussed the ongoing work of compiling them numbers from the 2013 fair and the 2014 budget deadline of January 10, 2014 set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Pat Paykoff discussed his contact with a land owner on Stratford Road regarding the low-head dam issue. He stated that it was a complex issue and that straight forward answers were needed in order to move the issue along. He also talked with a representative of the Army Corp of Engineers and representatives of the City of Delaware

and that he would meet with the Stratford Road resident and /or that person's representatives again.

President Al Myers re-appointed Laryssa Hook as a Board Ex-Officio for 2014. Hook thanked the board for moving the date of the November board meeting in order to not conflict with the annual Junior Fair Advisors banquet.

There being no further business, Chip Thomson moved and Jackie Colflesh seconded the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Al Myers, President

Bill Lowe, General Manager