

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Mike Conklin, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Collin Howard, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, , Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary)

Absent – Pat Allen and P.J. Terry

GUESTS

Jason Maxey, Debbie Jackson, Charlie Miley and T. Thomson

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Don Howard, President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Tom Roll moved and Jon Melvin second the motion to approve the September 3, 2019 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Don Howard commented that we had a great Fair and thanks to all who pitched in to make it happen.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn reported her activities for the month which included: having a good Fair with a good team in the office; visiting the concessionaires the last day of the Fair to say thank you, which was much appreciated by the ones she talked to; please keep Jim Baker in your prayers as he has bladder cancer; Maddi Hovda’s last day was last Friday; had IT person from the PEP Insurance group come in and conduct an IT audit; Steve Walters came to get information to do a quote for fans for the Rabbit and Poultry barn as that Committee and the Pig and Lamb Committee are interested in raising funds for fans for the 2020 Fair for those buildings; assisting with on-board the new Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Board’s new Executive Director and attending committee meetings.

Chip Thomson asked if DCAS had IT insurance and Sandy Kuhn said she wasn’t sure she would have to check. Joe McLead asked how much Directors and Officers insurance DCAS had and Sandy Kuhn said she would check.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dan Huffman reported that we had a good fair. He went over the financials that were e-mailed to the board.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin moved to increase Jaden Christian by \$1/hour. Jon Melvin second and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Don Howard reported on the meeting held October 7. He reported that the Executive Committee voted to have ODA staff audit the 2019 DCAS board member election and that the DCAS board member election hours had been set by the Executive Committee for 2-7 p.m., expanding it from the 3-7 p.m. that was printed on the membership cards.

Joe McLead moved to change the hours for the 2019 DCAS election to 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. Mike Harter second the motion and motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that the Finance Committee met with the State Auditor's staff who conducted the DCAS audit for an exit interview and that it was a very good meeting. The audit team was pleased with the audit, had no findings and deemed it a clean report. They had a few suggestions and those will be looked at.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that he would like to put a 75th Jug Anniversary ad in Hoof Beat's Christmas edition but that the current cost was too high. T. Thomson will have further discussions with the Hoof Beat's staff on a better package. Joe McLead suggested checking on banner ads on the website.

Joe McLead also suggested having a couple of big screens up during the Fair in prominent places with the day's activities scrolling on them.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that it was a very quiet Fair. Colleen Smith mentioned that the night security she had on Pavilion Hill was very good. The board felt that the new security company did well.

Mike Harter said that the board needs to look at the safety and liability issues related to those people putting up scaffolding around the track. He also said that having charcoal grills under tents would need to be addressed. Discussion was held regarding allowing tents around the racetrack.

Mike Harter suggested raising the budget to increase the amount of security back at the Motor Sports Complex for at least two nights.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that it was a good Fair week back at motorsports with increased attendance for all of the events. He did say that the Committee would need to review a better way to get people into the pit area more efficiently and effectively.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Don Howard reported that the dumpster truck was vandalized sometime over the weekend. The Sheriff's office was called to investigate. The need to have a fence all the way around the grounds was discussed as well as increasing the number of cameras.

Larry Moreland reported that the maintenance staff is in the process of getting things ready for winter and winterizing buildings that will not be used for the remainder of the fall and winter.

RACING

Tom Wright reported that they really didn't have any problems with racing during the Fair. The new options that were tried in regards to betting were very successful. He challenged Mark Brown, new paramutuel manager, to increase the number of tellers by 20 for Jug Day and he was able to do that and it was successful. The number of horses racing throughout the week was good. There was a problem with the phones not working in the Judge's Stand. He reported only having around 50 checks that still need forms in before being released to the winners.

Chip Thomson brought up the implementation of adding a driver's changing station back into the paddock. Discussion was held as to the amount of use it had in the past.

Joe McLead reported that he and T. Thomson went to Lexington to the Red Mile. He feels that we are starting to see sponsorship results with T. getting around to the races and meeting people. Next Friday, Chip

Thomson, Joe McLead and T. Thomson will be going to the final of the Breeders Crown at Woodbine Mohawk Park in Canada.

WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

No report.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

Colleen Smith reported that there was great attendance at all of the hospitality tents, with about 1050 on Pavilion Hill, increased numbers in the Top of the Stretch and the Backstretch Tent being sold out on Thursday. She said that the Householder get together went well and there will be some tweaks for 2020.

Mike Conklin reported that the Veteran's Dinner was very nice and that the office staff (Jennifer McGowan) had done an excellent job on it. Colleen Smith mentioned that a Director needs to be involved with it in the future.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that the All Horse Parade was very good, with amazing weather and several new units participating.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported on the two meetings that were held on October 3 and 7. At the October 3 meeting, they reviewed the bids that were submitted on the Ag Center, they were all very high, some of the items were in line with what was anticipated but some of the items were very high. The project will need to be rebid. The process has started to revisit the package to determine what can be reworked to get the price down. The October 7 meeting hosted Don McCarthy of McCarthy and Associates, who is an owner's representative. He explained the role of an owner's representative and how it can help move projects forward. Next steps after that meeting were for Jon Melvin and Pat Paykoff to meet with Harper Architectural on building rewords, bringing Jerry Warner on board to assist with this, and meeting with Don McCarthy to determine how exactly his type of position could assist.

Pat Paykoff reported that he and Jon Melvin were discussing ways to keep the project moving and one option is to get the Civil Package ready to go to bid. He reported that they will rework the value added engineering options and look at all places where potential costs can be cut. Jon Melvin mentioned that the current construction market had a big impact on the high bids.

BED TAX RENEWAL

Chip Thomson reported that the Committee met on October 14 and discussed his meeting with Gary Merrill, went over his projections for future revenue should the bed tax be extended by the commissioners and discussed developing something for the commissioners that would show what money has been spent where, what would be spent on what the next 2 ½ years and what would be spent with the added money.

Steve Cuckler offered to put together a projected revenue timeline for the extension and options for getting the revenue quicker, example bonding the money out. In addition, Steve Cuckler offered to do a retreat on a Saturday morning to put together a more solid plan of projects for using the projected extension bed tax funds. Chip Thomson moved and Mike Harter second a motion to conduct a retreat to put together a plan for using future bed tax funds. Motion carried.

COVERED ARENA COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Chip Thomson met with the 4-H Endowment Committee regarding the 4-H Plaza at the new Ag Center. The Endowment Committee has committed \$5,000 to get a plan with drawings and renderings started. The Committee is asking the DCAS Board to commit \$5,000 of matching funds for the project. Discussion was held on who the check would be made out to and could there be some kind of in-kind donation from OSU

landscape architect department or from a local landscape architect. Benjamin Wenner moved to table the motion until further research could be done on what exactly the project looks like and how the Board could contribute. Mick Fisher second the motion and motion carried.

Benjamin Wenner moved and Dan Huffman second a motion to take the Constitutional and Bylaw Changes discussion off the table. Motion carried. Dan Huffman moved and Benjamin Wenner second the motion to accept the changes presented to both Section 2.32 and Section 7.1. (See below). Motion carried

Section 2.3.2 Constitutional and Bylaw changes

(Delete what is in black below and replace with what is in red)

Members may amend the Constitution or Bylaws of the Society at a special meeting called by the President or at the annual meeting of the members.

Members may amend the Constitution or Bylaws of the Society at a special meeting of current DCAS members called by the Executive Committee or at the annual meeting of the members. Such amendments must be processed in accordance with Article VII.

Article VII Amendments

Section 7.1

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The constitution or by-laws of the society shall not be amended except by a majority vote of the membership voting at the annual meeting of the members amendments to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:

(A) A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot; or

(B) Filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least fourteen days prior to the annual meeting of the membership of the Society Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by no Less than twenty-five members in good standing of the Society.

Amendments and alterations of this Constitution and/or bylaws may be made at a special meeting of current DCAS members called by the Executive committee or at the annual meeting of the members. A two thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to adopt.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Wright moved and Tom Roll second a motion to approve the Application for 2019 Fair Funds Request from ODA. Motion carried.

Colleen Smith moved to refer the Buckeye Valley Boosters Food Stand agreement to the Personnel Committee to review the hours they are open. Chip Thomson second and motion carried.

Larry Moreland moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion for ODA staff to audit the November 12 DCAS board election. Motion carried.

Diane Winters moved and Mick Fisher second a motion to approve Don Stover's lifetime pass nomination. Motion carried.

The District 6 OFMA Meeting will be held November 7 at Richwood Independent Fairgrounds. Don Howard and Sandy Kuhn said they would be attending.

Sandy Kuhn passed around a sheet for members with no potential conflict of interest to sign up to work the election on November 12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chip Thomson moved to adjourn. Tom Roll second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager

* After the board meeting, the proposed bylaw changes above were reviewed in the Red Book and after consultation with OFMA staff, it was deemed that the changes were not allowed per the Red Book so they will not appear on the annual meeting ballot. DCAS board members were sent an email explaining this to them.