

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Present – Jackie Colflesh, Lindsay Hope, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Brad Jolliff, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Frank Reinhard, Carolyn Kay Riggle, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Kirt Trimble, Diane Winters, Harold Wolford and Tom Wright.

Absent – Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry and Laryssa Hook.

General Manager – Sandy Kuhn present

GUESTS

Randy DeVault, Rick DeVault, Patrick Allen, David Shipps, Tim Wood, Steve Lewis, Dave Winters and Phil Terry.

A special introduction of David Shipps from TranSystems was done as he is working with the Bed Tax Committee on a new comprehensive plan.

Dave Winters and Steve Lewis were introduced and thanked for their work on the new phone system. They gave a few comments on the new phone system.

MINUTES

Chip Thomson moved and Tom Roll second the motion to approve the August 16 board minutes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Frank Reinhard reported that: Executive Committee did not meet but a Bed Tax committee meeting with David Shipps from Tran Systems was held Aug. 1; Sandy and Frank met with county administrator, Ferzan Ahmed and Fiscal Services Director, Seiji Kille to discuss bed tax money and the commissioners requested a master plan; rain insurance was purchased for \$50,000 for Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. for ½” rain for \$1,500 and \$200,000 for Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ½” rain for \$6,000; Rinehart, Rishel and Cuckler LTD was secured as a Jug Day Sponsor; Sandy will be presenting to Delaware Rotary on Mon., Sept. 12 with Ron Potter; thanks was again expressed to Steve Lewis and John Melvin with the County and Dave Winters and Pat Allen for all their efforts with the fiber and phone system installation; and a reminder that the fair board

will be meeting at 7:30 a.m. starting Sat., Sept. 17 through Weds. Sept. 21 behind the fair office.

MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities over the past month which included an employee group meeting, a progress meeting regarding the 23/Pennsylvania/Sandusky exit; attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting; attended the Delaware Partnership meeting; met with Delaware Area Career Center Equine, Horticulture and Construction teachers regarding work they can help with prior to the fair; and has done a lot of work getting the fairgrounds ready for the fair.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Huffman gave the report. He said that we are ahead this year by about \$20,000. Discussion was held and Aaron Roll moved to approve the financial report, Diane Winters second and motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No meeting. Frank Reinhard reported this in his president's report.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

AGRICULTURAL/EXHIBITS/EDUCATION/FAC COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that he, Brad Jolliff and Jackie Colflesh met with Sandy Kuhn to give her the list of needed items for the fair that the FAC came up with at their meeting. Aaron Roll and Brad Jolliff brought forth the proposal to allow a Barn Hunt demonstration to happen during the fair. It was a new program at the Ohio State Fair in 2016 and they would like to do a demo during the fair. Discussion was held. Tom Roll moved to allow the demonstration, Diane Winters second and motion carried.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that all is going well for the Horse Parade and they are ready for it. She also mentioned that she has heard radio ads for the fair.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/EMPLOYMENT TRAILER/GATES COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that things are moving forward in preparation for the fair. The gates are not going to be changed this year but two will be widened to allow for easier accessibility both in and out of the fairgrounds. Jackie presented the concerns that Troy

Morris emailed from the Tri Township Fire District. She also reported that the new livestock parking area will be by the beef tie outs.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported the trophies have been ordered and they have sponsors for a lot of their expenses. The track is 80 percent finished. Barriers are being set in the next few days and things are moving forward to get everything completed by the fair.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the Delaware County Agricultural Society received a \$1,000 check from the Delaware Foundation at the Symphony at the Barn. He also reported that the driveways are done, new gates will be installed Thursday, the panic doors are in and installation will start on those soon. A proposal from Benchmark Landscape to do work on Pavilion Hill was shared with the board. Chip Thomson moved that up to \$9,000 of bed tax money be spent on this project. Tom Roll second the motion. Discussion was held and motion carried. Pat Paykoff then discussed the need for a permanent roof to be installed over the grandstand para-mutual/tote area to protect them from rain. The labor cost will be \$6,243. Tom Roll made motion to move forward with the project. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he went to Northfield for an event last week and he expressed thanks to those who also attended. He reported that the races at the Delaware County Fair will receive over \$700,000 from the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. He encouraged board members to promote the Monday night racing and happy hour under the grandstand. Bridget Houser has hired 140 people to serve as para-mutual clerks and still needs a few more. The tote company is moving forward and everything will be ready for the fair.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Phil Terry passed out a sponsorship list and said to thank the sponsors as you see them at the fair. He reported that the sponsorship money should be very similar to last year's amount.

Sandy Kuhn reported that Frank Reinhard picked up a Jug Day sponsor – Rinehart, Rishel and Cuckler LTD and that Grady Memorial/Ohio Health has come on board to sponsor the fireworks.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT/SPECIAL EVENTS

Carolyn Kay Riggle reported that everything is ready to go.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that the parade will be held Sun., Sept. 11 starting at 3 p.m. There will be a 911 memorial service and then the parade will follow. There are currently 120 units in the parade and Roger Huston will be riding in the parade.

WALL OF FAME

Tiffany Rankin reported that things are moving forward and the invites are out for both the reception and the event.

VETERANS/FAIR BOOK/EXHIBITORS HANDBOOK

Harold Wolford reported that the fair book is out. Things are coming along for the veteran's display and the veteran's dinner is scheduled and reservations are coming in.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Sandy Kuhn reported that the back-up internet line has been ordered and the phone lines only utilized during the fair have been turned back on by Frontier.

Aaron Roll requested IT back up during the livestock sales. Steve Lewis and/or his guys will be available throughout fair week for phone and IT support.

The ID badge maker is in and T. Thomson and Kirk Gibbs worked with it and it is ready to make IDs. Please get with Sandy Kuhn if you have IDs that need to be made for the fair. There will be a limited number of IDs printed this year.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that a meeting of the Bed Tax committee was held Sept. 1, 2016.

Chip reported that a master plan is needed and the committee will work towards this. The commissioners have requested one and it makes sense to do one. David Shipp from TranSystems will be around during fair week, talking to people to get ideas on how they would like to see the bed tax used to improve the fairgrounds. Please make sure you take him around and introduce him to people who could provide good input on this if you see him at the fair. Chip thinks that there is merit in the bed tax committee going up to the Holmes County fairgrounds as they have just built a new fairgrounds. The grandstand painting on the west side is almost done and looks really good.

The commissioners and county administrator have agreed that 10 percent of the monthly bed tax funds can be put into a contingency account.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Moreland moved to spend up to \$1,380 for a large Porta Kleen trailer back at the Motor Sports area. It was decided that Larry would work with Sandy Kuhn to decide if money was available and the trailer should be ordered.

Carolyn Kay Riggle asked if anyone had any ideas for an article for the Columbus Dispatch as they had reached out to her. If anyone thinks of anything please let her know. She also brought up that we need more recycling totes around the fairgrounds during fair week.

It was brought up that the bee people should be called as there were bees in the infield and on the porch of the cabin. Sandy Kuhn will follow up with the company on taking care of the bees.

Phil Terry handed out cards for the Ohio Wesleyan "A Show of Horses" exhibit at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum. There will be a special event from 6-8 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 15 with two artists featured in the exhibit.

The question of whether brining of the roadways was occurring prior to the fair was brought up and it was delegated to Larry Moreland to take care of.

Joe McLead asked permission to have a tent that might impose on some handicap parking and it was decided for him and Jackie Colflesh to determine the best placement of the tent so as to have a minimal impact on handicap parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Don Howard reminded everyone that opening ceremonies will be held in front of the Junior Fair building at 9 a.m. on Sept. 17 and as many board members should attend as possible.

Harold Wolford moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie Colflesh second. The motion carried.

Frank Reinhard, President

Sandy Kuhn, General Manager