

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
September 4, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Frank Reinhard, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters and Tom Wright.

Absent – Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio)

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

Linda Warner, Deb Jackson, Chris Conroy and T. Thomson.

CALL TO ORDER

Don Howard, President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge and roll call were done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Conroy, Conroy Coatings, updated the board on the work he is doing pre-fair in the press box, fence painting and ends of buildings painting. The board thanked him for the extra in-kind work he is doing to help the grounds look good for the fair.

MINUTES

Diane Winters moved and Colleen Smith second the motion to approve the August 21, 2018 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: hosting Nate Spector from Rugged Maniacs on a site visit at the fairgrounds; attended the Delaware Partnership meeting at the Delaware Foundation; coordinated 45 church volunteers doing service work; spoke about the fair and gave a bed tax update at the Rotary meeting; had a table promoting the fair at the Sunny 95 Block Party in Hilliard; met with the Gazette and Delaware This Week regarding fair stories for their papers; hired a concessions manager; assisted at the Little Brown Jog by having horses there for participants to pet/feed; and met with T. Thomson and David Stolz regarding sponsor ideas for the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Huffman gave the report. He said we are in full fair mode. Tom Roll moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin presented pay raises for Todd Cochran to serve as concessions manager for the fair – increase \$1/hour and increase Jim Cochran \$.50/hour to serve as golf cart manager for the fair. Joe McLead moved to approve the raises, Colleen Smith second and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE

No report.

AGRICULTURAL/EXHIBITS/EDUCATION/FAC COMMITTEE

Benjamin Wenner reported on the meeting held September 1. He said that the pen agreement has been given to OSU Extension to get to the livestock participants to sign off on prior to putting their animals in pens at the fair. He also reported that there is now a written Quarantine Protocol in place should there be a need for it during the fair.

Aaron Roll moved to purchase an additional eight fans seeing as the weather report is for very hot temperatures during the fair. Chip Thomson second. Discussion was held and motion carried. T. Thomson offered to coordinate this and find the fans.

COMMUNITY/MEDIA/MEDIA/ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Diane Winters reported that the committee is happy with the advertising and received positive feedback on how much they have seen and heard about the fair from people at the FAC meeting.

SECURITY/MEDICAL/EMPLOYMENT TRAILER/GATES COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that they have been through both safety inspections and are working on getting everything addressed that came up. She confirmed with Tom Wright that private security would be needed every day of racing to get people across the track to the winner's circle. Mike Harter brought up some concerns he had with the safety inspections.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the work night scheduled for September 3 was moved to September 5 at 6 p.m. He also reported that the new lights are up in the motor sports complex.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Larry Moreland reported that the brine will be applied to the roads and in the rabbit barn as usual. He reported that stone will be needed on the driveways before fair. Colleen Smith moved and Mike Harter second to spend up to \$5,000 for stone for driveways. Chip Thomson moved to spend up to \$1,500 for two string trimmers and a new push mower. Jackie Colflesh second and motion passed. Larry reported that there are several projects that the grounds crew are finishing up in preparation for the fair.

RACING

Tom Wright reported that on behalf of the Little Brown Jug Society Directors, they say thank you for supporting them with the director's insurance and starting their own checking account. He reported that the racing staff will be moving in to the cabin next Tuesday. Sandy Kuhn let him know that the carpets and cabin will be cleaned before the staff moves in.

Chip Thomson would like to have trees planted in memory of the Neville Award Recipients, Gary King and Bill Cawley. Aaron Roll made the motion, Tom Roll second and motion carried.

SPONSORSHIP

No report.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT/SPECIAL EVENTS

All Horse Parade – Diane Winters reported that the Horse Parade is September 9.

Wall of Fame – Chip Thomson reported that the Wall of Fame event is shaping up to be a very nice event. There will be quite a few dignitaries there. The Lady Pace Recipient is Cindi Johnson.

Veterans – Diane Winters reported that a committee meeting was held August 29. They have a color guard lined up and things are moving forward.

Fair Book – No report.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

No report.

TICKET/PRICING

No report.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Pat Paykoff reported that the new patio at the log cabin passed inspection. The City of Delaware has requested a meeting to discuss putting a new back flow system in. The bleachers are down and something will need to be done in that area to make it safe for walking. Tom Roll moved to spend up to \$85,000 for preparation and paving of the area. Chip Thomson second and motion carried. Paykoff reported that he is in the process of pulling the permit to demolish A Barn. The asbestos report came back clear. Tom Wright moved to spend up to \$4,000 for gravel for that area once the building is gone and hauled away. Pat Allen second the motion and motion carried. Pat Paykoff abstained from voting. The concession area under the grandstand is moving forward and will require a final inspection as well as a health inspection for food service.

TECHNOLOGY

P.J. Terry gave an update on the license plate reader cameras. It looks like the third camera that they have tried is going to work. It takes pictures of the plates as they come and go.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that D.J. Young looked over the Rugged Maniac contract they proposed and revised a new one. We are waiting for Nate Spector from Rugged Maniac to respond with questions or proposed changes. Nate did make a visit and the grounds are suitable for their event.

The Little Brown Jog was held September 1 and they had 120 participants. People in Need was very happy with the event and the partnership between the fair and PIN in conducting the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Chip Thomson met with Steve Cuckler to discuss putting the Lodging Tax on the 2019 ballot. Steve Cuckler put together an informational sheet/resolution to seek renewal. Don Howard appointed Chip Thomson to chair the ballot committee and to choose additional committee members.

The following were nominated for lifetime passes:

Bridget Houser – moved by Tom Wright, second by Aaron Roll. Motion carried.

Beth Lehner and Earl Lehner – moved by Dan Huffman, second by Diane Winters. Motion carried.

Debbie Jackson and Linda Warner – moved by Tom Roll, second by Colleen Smith. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Harter announced that Olentangy Berlin was having a golf outing and asked for the board's support. Sandy Kuhn said to have a representative call the office and we could give a gift certificate for their auction.

Sandy Kuhn reported that she had talked to Jack Lyons about the trucks on the grounds and moving them. A good discussion was held.

Sandy Kuhn said there have been some issues with O'Neil tents but they were working to get everything resolved.

Sandy Kuhn also asked if any board members had a box truck to pick up items at Costco and possibly other locations. Tom Roll volunteered to help.

Chip Thomson moved to adjourn. Colleen Smith second the motion. Motion carried.

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager