

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2021 – Log Cabin

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jeff Armentrout, Jackie Colflesh, Mark Fisher, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter (arrive at 7:13 p.m. during Adv Comm), Dan Huffman (arrived 7:06 p.m Secty/Mngr Report), Joe McLead, Bryan Mellen, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Benjamin Wenner (arrived 7:09 p.m. Treas. Report), Diane Winters, Tom Wright, D.J. Young, and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary).

Absent –Don Howard and Laryssa Hook

GUESTS – T. Thomson, Deb Jackson, and Linda Beach.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tiffany Rankin, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Kuhn read a thank you letter from the Delaware County Historical Society for their support with the USTA Little Brown Jug oral history project grant.

MINUTES

Jon Melvin moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to approve the June 15, 2021 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Full report in board folder)

Sandy Kuhn thanked Diane Winters for helping at the June First Friday downtown with Melody Kerr and Aubrey Mazey. She invited the board to the Delaware Chamber Business Before Hours that we are hosting Aug. 5 at the Log Cabin from 8-9:30 a.m. Also, Aubrey needs help with the August and September First Friday if anyone would like to help.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Tiffany Rankin reviewed in detail the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, Accounts Receivables and Accounts Payables with the board. Numerous questions were asked and answered. Jackie Colflesh moved and Bryan Mellen second a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Benjamin Wenner said that it was a long trip in from 4-H Camp and that his Ohio State Fair work starts tomorrow.

RACE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

T. Thomson gave a race sponsorship update. He said sponsorship proposals are slowly coming in. Many of the sponsors from 2019 will be back for 2021. We have opportunities to sell tickets at some local Delaware locations, Sam Dong and possibly PPG. Sheetz is probably not going to be a sponsor. He is working with Byers on a possible sponsorship. He has been in touch with and is still in discussion with the Harness Racing Hall of Fame Museum out of Goshen NY regarding a Wednesday night event in place of the New Vocations auction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes were in the board packet and emailed out. The Executive Committee has put together a team of three to do Sandy Kuhn’s review. It will be Aaron Roll, Larry Moreland and Tiffany Rankin.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reviewed the meeting minutes. The person who had previously opened and locked buildings and gates at the fair does not want to do it anymore so options are being explored. The times for opening and

closing buildings needs to be sent out in the vendor's packets. Facilitating parking should be easier with the new tree plantings. The paddock people will be on racing's payroll. The employment trailer will handle the gates around the track.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Covered in Treasurer's Report.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that the Exhibitor's Books were out. There will be a meeting the first Saturday in August and the department's "To Do" lists are due to Sandy Kuhn.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that there had been multiple emails exchanged regarding the new web site proposals and meetings. He reviewed that a \$25,000 grant had been secured and that six companies had submitted proposals. The advertising committee plus Jen McGowan, T. Thomson and Aubrey Mazey had reviewed the proposals and chose three to do Zoom presentations to the committee. They were interviewed via Zoom. Additional questions were addressed to some of the companies to get additional information. Sandy Kuhn got input from Jane Hawes, Delaware County Communications Director. Chip Thomson took it personally that Sandy Kuhn doubted the committee's ability to make decisions on the web site provider. Benjamin Wenner ran the last meeting where the participants voted on the website provider. In a 3-2 vote, Dotson Design Studio was chosen as the new website designer. Chip abstained from voting on the website design company. Chip reviewed the pricing for Dotson Design. A motion to accept Dotson's proposal will come forward in Old Business.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that the request for proposals went out for towing and they only received one back. Both it and Tri Township's new proposals will be addressed in new business.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Bryan Mellen reported that the committee met with Earl Kidwell regarding the demolition derby. The agreement was adjusted accordingly and Earl will send a new agreement to Sandy Kuhn. Larry Moreland is working with Kevin's Towing to load demo derby cars on Sunday morning, Sept. 26.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the Sheriff's Building is being retired. He talked to AEP about getting electric for concessions at their new parking lot area. There was an estimate provided for parking lot repairs and paving and it was very high so other options are being explored. The gutters are being installed on barns 34, 35 and 37. They will need to be checked when they are completed. The dumpster truck is having problems and was involved in an accident. There are additional dumpsters that need repaired. The water truck needs a pony motor.

Chip Thomson brought up that the railing needs fixed on the deck upstairs in the Log Cabin. There is also external work that needs done on the cabin. An estimate is needed.

Dan Huffman reported that Tackett Fence has been contacted to fix the track fence that was damaged as well as the front gate.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he will present to the OHHA Board of Directors on Friday to get funds for racing and to thank them for their continued support. He has had a few hurdles recently but has overcome them.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Colleen Smith reported that Jon Anthony can't perform on the first Saturday of the fair so she is exploring other options. If anyone has any ideas please get them to Colleen. In working with D.J. Young, the rental agreement for the Ag Center has been finalized. She wanted to thank D.J. Young for his work on this and Pat Paykoff for his input. She reported that all three tents are moving full bore ahead to sell tickets. T. Thomson

has already updated the group on a possible Wednesday evening event. They are still exploring a date for an Open House at the Ag Center. They are hopeful for the end of July but are waiting for the punch list and building completion and the temporary occupancy permit before setting a date. Colleen is still working on a tables and chairs quote to present.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the building will be done before the 2021 fair. There are still a few items that need completed by Marker. The parking lot is an issue. Pricing has went up. The amount that has been encumbered needs reviewed as well as how much money is available in the Bed Tax account. There is still discussion on including pavement as part of a county project.

He provided an update on the grandstand project. A 3D model has been completed and they should have something back this week from the company who did it.

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Mike Harter reported that the gentleman interested in the Hunting and Fishing Expo is still interested in the facilities but will probably look at 2022 dates. They are working on an agreement with Angel's High Steppers to rent the Log Cabin two nights a week starting in October for 12 months.

The MUDGIRLS pits are okay so their deposit can be returned to them per Pat Paykoff and Larry Moreland. There are some issues with the Rugged Maniac pits. Larry Moreland and Pat Paykoff will get a list of what needs done and an estimate to Sandy Kuhn to get to Rugged Maniac.

OLD BUSINESS

Mick Fisher moved to accept Dotson Design Studio's proposal. Tiffany Rankin second the motion. Diane Winters moved to table the motion due to lack of information. Motion died for lack of second. Additional discussion was held. Original motion carried. Chip Thomson abstained from voting.

Mick Fisher moved and Joe McLead second a motion to purchase furniture at a price of \$35,000 and computers for \$3,014. Mick Fisher moved to amend the motion by spending up to \$40,000 on furniture and computers. Joe McLead second amendment. Amendment carried. Original motion carried with four people opposed.

Sandy Kuhn provided an update on the 23 sign. Steve Moore, with Moore Signs, is working with the City of Delaware on permitting and moving things forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Harter moved and Mark Fisher second a motion for the Caribbean Festival to get a liquor permit for a \$500 fee paid to DCAS. Motion carried.

Jon Melvin moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to accept the following agreements for the 2021 Delaware County Fair – Sunshine Cleaning, O'Neill Tents, Tri Township Fire, Kevin's Towing, Bow River/Pig Foot Catering for Backstretch Tent, and Heritage Catering for the Top of Stretch Tent. Motion carried.

Tom Wright provided handouts comparing MPS to Teletimer for video production. There were one year and up to four year agreements. Discussion was held on the proposals and options. Tom Wright moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to accept option three with a four year agreement with Teletimer. Motion carried.

Tom Wright moved to accept Teletimer's proposal for Photo Finish. Pat Allen second and motion carried.

Colleen Smith reminded Tom Wright that new breathalyzers were needed.

Jon Melvin moved that we spend up to \$7,500 on rain insurance for both Sunday and Thursday. Joe McLead second the motion and motion carried.

Jon Melvin moved and Mick Fisher second a motion to spend up to \$7,850 for plumbing services for the 2021 Delaware County Fair. Motion carried.

Jon Melvin moved and Mick Fisher second a motion to approve the trash agreement with Capitol Waste for the 2021 Delaware County Fair. Motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn reviewed the Event Director position proposal that the County is offering to DCAS. A lot of discussion was held. Colleen Smith does not want rental prices publicized on the website. There were a lot of questions and concerns. Chip Thomson moved to table the motion. Diane Winters second the motion. It was decided that board members would send their questions and concerns to Sandy Kuhn so she could get them to the County and Destination Delaware (CVB) for their responses. Their responses will then be shared with the board.

Mike Harter brought up having a security system for the Log Cabin and the Ag Center. They will get three quotes and report back to the board.

Tom Wright moved and Larry Moreland second a motion to nominate Marvin McIntire for a lifetime pass. Motion passed.

Chip Thomson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Diane Winters second. Motion passed. Sandy Kuhn was asked to leave prior to Executive Session. Pat Paykoff left prior to Executive Session.

Chip Thomson moved to return to regular session, noting that no decisions were made nor actions taken. Jackie Colflesh second.

Jackie Colflesh moved to adjourn. Bryan Mellen second. Motion carried.

Benjamin Wenner, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager