

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
January 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Collin Howard, Don Howard, Dan Huffman (Arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Joe McLead, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Diane Winters, Tom Wright and Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio).

Absent – Mike Conklin and Benjamin Wenner.

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

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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

Mike Harter moved and Joe McLead second the motion to approve the November 20, 2018 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Don Howard read and passed around two thank you notes from the donation to the Rutherford B. Hayes Coming Home Committee. Don also reminded board members that they needed to fill out their Conflict of Interest forms and turn them in to Sandy Kuhn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sandy Kuhn updated the board on Mike Conklin. He had stopped into the office on Mon., Jan. 14 to pay his stall rent and buy his Ag Society membership. He is getting better and starting to eat. He is home and getting physical therapy there. He was in good spirits and said he would try to make the meeting.

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: Attending the final reading for the permit for the Junior Fair/Ag Center Building; attended the OFMA Convention the first week in January; attended the CVB Board meeting where she was elected Treasurer; attended committee meetings; and worked with some April vendors – Zassy's and the Pony Club.

She reminded board members that two cards were going around for them to sign. One for Chris Bauserman, County Engineer, for working with us on purchasing the brine truck and two smaller pick-ups and the other one for Danny Trent, who will be recognized at the OHHA Annual Banquet as Groom of the Year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Board members received the financials prior to the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that the financial statement required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture was completed and delivered to ODA on January 18, 2019.

#### FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported there will be a meeting held February 2.

#### ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that the committee had not held a meeting yet but would meet before the February meeting.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

No Report.

#### MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the committee will be meeting Thursday, January 17 at 6 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

#### FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Don Howard reported that the committee met January 10 and went through their budget. The budget was then submitted to the Fair Office.

#### RACING

Tom Wright reported that he met with Steve Bateson, the new OHHA President. They are guaranteeing up to \$17,500 for the new racing series for 2019. He reported that a Lima radio station would like to come to the fair and do some broadcasting. A new Director for the Ohio Racing Commission has not been appointed yet and it may be awhile before the new governor gets one appointed.

Chip Thomson reported that he spoke with Governor Dewine at the ODA luncheon and invited him to the fair and Jug and he accepted the invitation.

#### HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

P.J. Terry reported that the committee met January 14 and went over the budget. The budget was submitted to the fair office. P.J. moved to accept the following proposals for entertainment: Phil Dirt and the Dozer's for Sept. 21, Hamburg Fireworks; Eli the Magician for three or four days; and Mr. Bubbles (after reference checks are completed). Mike Harter second the motion and motion carried.

Discussion was held on where the WDLR stage would be moving for the 2019 fair.

#### ALL HORSE PARADE

No report.

#### BED TAX COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that the committee met December 27 and reviewed the minutes from that meeting (Full report in board folder). An update was given on the Ag Center – the City approved the plans so we can move forward with demolition and choosing an architect; permits can now be filed; electric can be disconnected; and an architect firm can be chosen. Three Statement of Qualifications for architects were received and Pat Paykoff, Dan Huffman and Jon Melvin are reviewing and ranking. Discussion was held on the bike path. It was tabled to a later date. The four main projects were identified as: Ag Center; Horse Barns; Covered Arena and Grandstand Restrooms. Tom Wright announced the next Bed Tax Committee meeting will be held January 28 at 6 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

Installing automatic gates was discussed. Pat Paykoff will investigate the cost.

Chip Thomson brought up moving the Wall of Fame over in front of the log cabin. There is a need to add on to the wall. Further exploration is needed.

#### BED TAX RENEWAL

Chip Thomson reported that the PAC fund bank account has been reactivated and Randy Turner has agreed to serve as the treasurer of the committee. To date four board member have contributed their stipends to the Friends of Your Delaware County Fair Committee. He very much needs a Master Plan to show people what progress has been done and what still needs done. Discussion was held about the bed tax renewal.

#### COVERED ARENA COMMITTEE

Mike Harter reported that he worked on a business plan for the covered arena project. There is a need to update the restroom and Junior Fair camping electric as well as potentially expanding the Junior Fair camping area. Discussion was held.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the OFMA Convention. It was confirmed that we cannot ban firearms from the fairgrounds. Tiffany Rankin reported that she had a good turnout for her presentation. Pat Allen also said that he had good attendance at his session. Sandy Kuhn said that the camping session she helped with was also well attended. It was noted that the Active Shooter presentation was very good. It was reported that Delaware County had four junior fair attendees.

A reminder was given that the OHHA Banquet is January 19 at the Marriott Columbus for those who sent in an RSVP to T. Thomson.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Board members were reminded to fill out their Conflict of Interest forms and return them to Sandy Kuhn.

Tom Wright moved to allow Zassy's to apply for a liquor permit for their April 5-7 Spring Fling. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

Joe McLead moved and Tiffany Rankin second a motion to donate an eight person box to the Delaware County Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner auction. Motion carried

Sandy Kuhn told members that the District meeting would be held April 7 so they could put it on their calendars now.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chip Thomson moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

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Don Howard, President

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Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager