

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Conklin, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Collin Howard, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Joe McLead, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, Diane Winters, Benjamin Wenner, Tom Wright and Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio).

Absent – Pat Paykoff, Colleen Smith and P.J. Terry.

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

T. Thomson

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Don Howard, President, called the meeting to order. He welcomed Mike Conklin back and said it was great to see him. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Benjamin Wenner moved and Jon Melvin second the motion to approve the January 19, 2019 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Don Howard read a thank you note from the Delaware Chamber of Commerce thanking us for the donation of a box for their annual dinner and auction.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: Submitted for an Ohio Soybean grant to build a chick incubator for the fair and to purchase a Monster Mural for the fair and other events on the fairgrounds; Met with three people regarding doing a luncheon and activities for the Senior Citizen’s Day at the 2019 Fair; attending numerous committee meetings and finalizing budgets; conducted intern interviews; attended the Delaware Chamber of Commerce dinner with T. Thomson and Jennifer McGowan; judged the Big Walnut FFA Sales Contest and the Buckeye Valley Speaking Contest and a thank you to Chip Thomson for also judging; Attended the Stratford Ecological Center luncheon and working on potential collaborative projects with them; met with Sunny 95 and Radio Ohio sales people regarding fair advertising; and working on the contracts for fair entertainment and motor sports events.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Board members received the financials prior to the meeting and Dan Huffman went over them. Tiffany Rankin reported that the compiled financials will be presented at the March meeting. Aaron Roll moved and Tom Roll second a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that she would be calling a meeting in the near future to discuss the proposal from Deb Jackson and Linda Warner for the employment trailer and other employee raises.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Benjamin Wenner reported on the meeting held February 2, 2019. Discussion was held at the meeting on moving the veterinary checks of animals to the fair gates and enforcing the animal care rules more closely. FAC members also discussed having background checks done on FAC committee members that don't already have them. It was brought up to the fair board on whether they would be willing to pay for those background checks. Discussion was held. Committee reminded Sandy Kuhn that they wanted a report of the amount of entry fees taken in and paid out for each Open Class division. She said she would email them out to the Open Show superintendents next week.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported on the meeting that was held January 28. He reported that the committee agreed to move forward with the two billboards that had been done in the past – 33 and Post Road and 23 by Waldo. Other items were discussed regarding where to spend advertising budgets. Bumper stickers and magnets were purchased and distributed to begin advertising fair dates now. Chip Thomson moved and Diane Winters second to approved \$40,000 for the advertising committee budget for 2019. Motion carried. Tom Wright reported that the Lima radio station would like to do some live broadcasts from the fair this year for free.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported on the four meetings that were held between the January and February board meetings. Larry presented the budget and schedule for Motor Sports. Larry Moreland moved to approve \$50,000 for the motor sports budget for 2019. Pat Allen second and motion carried. Discussion was held on the sled that broke during the 2018 tractor pull.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Don Howard reported that a lot of maintenance was being done on equipment. The dump truck, loader, manure truck and grader have either been or are in the process of being fixed. Larry Moreland reported that he is working with Dan Huffman to get bids for fans in the Perfect Barn. Discussion was held on having an air movement assessment done to determine the need for fans. A decision on the fans was tabled until the March meeting.

RACING

No report.

Wall of Fame – Chip Thomson reported that Tom White passed away. He was the previous Publicity Director for the Little Brown Jug.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

Sandy Kuhn reported on the meeting that was held February 9, 2019. She reported that the following agreements were to be signed for entertainment for this year's fair. DinoTrail Contract for six days; Bike Stunt Show/CW Trials for three days; Blessid Union of Souls for the Sept. 14 concert; COSI for four days; Frisbee Dogs for four days; and Glenn Parks for two days strolling.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that the radio station was going to apply some credit for the 2019 Horse Parade advertisement since the horse parade was cancelled and that no money was paid out to the exhibitors in 2018.

BED TAX COMMITTEE (Committee Report in Board Packet)

Tom Wright reported that the committee met January 28. He passed out and went over the highlights of the minutes.

He reported that Harper Architectural Studio was chosen to be the architect. Tom Wright moved to accept the proposal from Harper Architectural Studio for 7.5% of the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) for Ag Center. Mike Harter second and motion carried.

Ben Lehner was awarded the demolition contract for the Junior Fair building. It was also reported that Ben had filed for the asbestos report and the permit to demolish.

Chip Thomson gave an update on the chain link fence and the need to have it fixed. Discussion was held and it was decided that it would be on the agenda for the next Bed Tax Committee meeting.

BED TAX RENEWAL (Committee Report in Board Packet)

Chip Thomson reported that a meeting was held February 19 with Randy Turner, Chip Thomson, Steve Cuckler and Jeff Benton to discuss how to move forward with the Bed Tax renewal. They discussed what a renewal would look like, the need for a master plan showing financial projections and the rezoning, bike path and survey clean-up work needed. Discussion was held about the bed tax renewal. Chip Thomson will keep everyone updated as things move forward.

COVERED ARENA COMMITTEE

Mike Harter reported on a meeting that was held earlier in the day. Scott Harper, architect, was able to attend. Discussion was held regarding the new arena needs and pictures were provided to Scott on other arenas so he has an idea of what is needed. Scott will get back with the committee with some drawings and further questions he may have.

OLD BUSINESS

An update was given on the OHHA Banquet that was held earlier in the month. The weather was bad so it effected attendance. It was a nice event other than low attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron Roll moved to allow the Ohio Pork Council to apply for a liquor permit for their May 18 Pork-A-Palooza. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn reminded members that the District meeting would be held April 7 and that she will need RSVPs by the March 19 meeting.

Tom Roll moved to continue our insurance agreement with PEP for 2019. Pat Allen second and motion carried.

Chip Thomson moved and Pat Allen second a motion to spend up to \$4,000 on mums with Thorsen's Greenhouse for the 2019 fair. Motion carried

Jon Melvin moved and Tom Roll second a motion to award a three year contract for bees and pests during the fair to Francis Animal and Pest Control. Motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn let the board know that they would be continuing the off-fair trash agreement with Capitol Waste.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager