

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Conklin, Mick Fisher, Collin Howard, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Tom Roll, P.J. Terry, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters and Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio).

Absent – Mike Harter, Joe McLead, Aaron Roll, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson and Tom Wright.

General Manager/Secretary – Sandy Kuhn

GUESTS

Brian Goodman, Jeff Benton, Brad Lutz, Harold Wolford, Jim Crosbie, John McAllister, John Crouse and Merlin Reimer.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Don Howard, President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Benton, Delaware County Commissioner, thanked the board for their hard work and said he is excited about the new building and the transformation of the fairgrounds. Jeff introduced, Brad Lutz, Director of Business Operations and Financial Management, who was recently hired in Delaware County. Brad also serves on the Pickaway County Fair Board. Brad talked about all of the new buildings going up on the Pickaway County fairgrounds. He offered to serve as a resource to Delaware County as they work through their new construction.

Brian Goodman presented to the board regarding a motion that was passed back in 2015 that did not allow Brian to work on the grounds. The board agreed that Brian could work on the fairgrounds until further discussion was held regarding the motion. The Executive Committee would meet after further information was gathered and get back to Brian. An answer to Brian was promised in a few weeks.

Harold Wolford said thank you to the board for inviting the Vietnam Veterans group to return to being involved in the fair. Numerous members of the group were present and agreed that they are happy to work with the fair again. They are currently working on the Horse Parade, the Color Guard, getting a speaker for the Veteran's Dinner, the presentation on the track for Jug Day and having equipment on the grounds for Veteran's Day.

MINUTES

Jon Melvin moved and Tom Roll second the motion to approve the March 19, 2019 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Don Howard reported that he thought the ground breaking for the new building went well. He had a board from the old building that those in attendance signed.

He reported that mowing has started.

He gave the board an update on the portable stalls. Stalls arrived and were not in the condition expected so Mick Fisher negotiated a new price with the gentleman. He agreed to the new price but when a bill/agreement was written up he changed his mind and wanted \$10,000 more than was agreed on. At that point Mick told the gentleman that we did not want the stalls so he took them down and left.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: attending the District OFMA meeting along with Don, Sheree and Collin Howard and Diane Winters; meeting with Deb

Jackson and Linda Warner (via phone) to go over their proposed employment trailer agreement; attended committee meetings; attended FAC meeting and working with the committee to develop a plan to increase entries; attended a meeting regarding the Farm Bureau tent/farm display at the fair and potentially writing a grant to get them some funding; met with Chuck Bresson regarding ATMs; picked up an incubator that was donated for the chick hatchery; met with Michelle from WDLR regarding pre fair promotions and writing press releases; working on sponsorships and fair book ads; and working on the Exhibitor's Book.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Huffman went over the financials that board members received in their email packet. Ticket money is coming in and we are starting to build up money for the fair opening in September. Dan Huffman moved to approve the Maloney/Novotny accounting agreement for 2018-2019. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried. Tiffany Rankin abstained from voting. Dan reported that there will be a Finance Committee meeting before the next meeting. P.J. Terry moved to accept the Finance Committee report. Benjamin Wenner second and motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin moved to hire Jack Graham to work in grounds maintenance, to rehire Maddy Hovda to work in the office and to increase Tom Turnbull's pay by \$.95 per hour. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried. Tiffany also reported regarding the meeting that was held April 4 to discuss the employment trailer agreement. Additional meetings will be held with Deb Jackson and Linda Warner to get an agreement for the 2019 Fair in place.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Don Howard reported on the committee meeting held April 10. Discussion was held on one of the people working back at the barns. Further information will need to be gathered before any decisions can be made.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Benjamin Wenner reported on the FAC Committee meeting held April 6. Updates were given on the numbers of entries for the 2018 Fair as well as the entry fees collected. Discussion was held on whether to increase entry fees for 2019. A decision will be made at the May meeting. Benjamin Wenner presented the fair veterinary agreement for the 2019 Fair at \$2,000. He moved to approve the agreement. Tom Roll second and motion carried.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Sandy Kuhn reported that there will be an Advertising Committee meeting on April 22 at 6 p.m. at the Fair Office.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that we still need sponsors for Monster Truck and can't sign a contract with them until we get at least half of the money. They still need to get bids on building the concrete pad for the scales.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Larry Moreland moved to purchase a new analog package to upgrade the phone system in the Log Cabin. P.J. Terry second the motion. Jon Melvin explained that the county is upgrading the phones and the current switch in the Cabin needs upgraded. Motion carried.

RACING

No report.

Wall of Fame – No report.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

P.J. Terry moved to accept the sound contract with Pugsley Audio to do sound for the Blessid Union of Souls concert on September 14. Mick Fisher second and motion carried.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that she was invited to Equine Affaire with their Clydesdale and she promoted the All Horse Parade there. She reported that everything from last year is ready for this year.

BED TAX COMMITTEE (Committee Report in Board Packet)

Pat Paykoff reported that the additional money needed for the Kleinger agreement is to pay them for the additional drainage and water calculations needed for the Ag Center.

The tentative date for the bid package for the Ag Center to go out is May 20. Weekly meetings with Pat Paykoff, Tom Wright and Scott Harper are occurring and they will report back to the board on these meetings to keep everyone informed.

Tony Eyerman is ready to submit for zoning but needs the White Papers completed. The City has been good in working with us on this.

Benjamin Wenner moved to rescind the motion to spend \$45,000 on temporary horse stalls. Mick Fisher second the motion and motion carried. If stalls are needed in the future this will be revisited.

BED TAX RENEWAL

It was discussed that at one point in time that there was the availability of a historical grant to restore the Coliseum. This will be further explored.

COVERED ARENA COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Five people attended the OFMA District meeting on April 7 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

Tom Wright and Chip Thomson will work on developing a spreadsheet for people to sign up and work the beer tent at the Rugged Maniac race on May 11. The proceeds will benefit the Friends of Your Delaware County Fair.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Roll moved to spend up to \$10,000 for repairs on the Junior Fair horse barns. Larry Moreland second and motion carried.

Don Howard appointed a committee to review and score applications for the DCAS Junior Fair Scholarship. The committee will be Collin Howard, Tom Roll, Tiffany Rankin and Jennifer McGowan. Sandy Kuhn will coordinate the delivery of scholarship applications and the timeline for them to be scored and returned to her. Pat Allen moved to grant the committee the ability to select two students for scholarships. Tom Roll second and motion passed.

Don Howard passed out the Director Golf Cart Policy and went over it. Discussion was held and suggestions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Tom Roll moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager