

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mike Conklin, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Collin Howard, Don Howard, Joe McLead, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Colleen Smith, P.J. Terry, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary)

Absent - Dan Huffman

GUESTS

Linda Beach, Debbie Jackson, Rick DeVault, T. Thomson, Tony Eyerman and Randy DeVault

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

Jackie Colflesh moved and Tom Roll second the motion to approve the July 16, 2019 board minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Don Howard reported that yard signs are available to pick up out of Sandy Kuhn’s car after the meeting. He read Thank You notes from Jeff Benton for the PAC contributing to his campaign and the Marion County Fair for allowing the use of the water truck during their fair. He also read an invitation to attend the dedication for the Rutherford B. Hayes statue unveiling on October 4.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn discussed her activities since the last meeting which included: serving on the search committee for the Delaware County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Executive Director position; attending the Ohio Ag Council Hall of Fame breakfast and the Celebrity steer show at the Ohio State Fair; hosting Business Before Hours through the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce - thanks to Jon Melvin and Jackie Colflesh for attending; Maddie Skillings coordinated the First Friday in August through Mainstreet Delaware – thanks to Tom and Cheryl Wright and Mike Harter for helping; attending Chamber’s Human Resource Council meeting; getting water donated by Costco; working with sponsorship, ads and the flyer with the Delaware Gazette; participating in both the Delaware High School and Olentangy High School vendor fairs promoting the fair; attending the OSU Wexner and Delaware Areas Career Center’s open houses; working with the City to get the grindings from the road work being done; and coordinating, reference checking and attending the interviews with the two security companies.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Tiffany Rankin reported that the main differences in the financials from last year is the timing of receiving funds, especially the OHHA funding. She reported that both expenses and income are running close to last year. She reported that payables and receivables are almost all current.

She reported that the Worker’s Compensation on site audit is done and we are waiting for their report. She reported that the auditor spent 1.5 hours there and will do the rest of the work offsite.

She reported that the financial audit is wrapping up and there will be a final report presented to the Finance Committee after the fair.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that the committee met August 3 and they are getting ready for the fair. Fair "To Do" lists were turned in by four departments and if they didn't turn in a list they will get the same set up as last year.

Chip read an email from Cheryl Hagerty asking for support from the Board for a 4-H plaza as part of the new Ag Center. Chip moved to support the Endowment Committee's fundraising efforts for the plaza and an event to be held the Sunday of the fair. Tom Roll second and motion carried.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that she contacted Berlin Township and they have decided to waive the fee for the permit for advertising on the semi-trailer. It will be out later this week on Route 36/37.

Chip Thomson reported that the billboards and newspaper ads will begin to run this week.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported that Dean Boerger's company is no longer doing the private security for the fair. The Safety Committee interviewed two companies the previous night. Jackie Colflesh moved and Colleen Roll second a motion to hire Highland Security for the 2019 fair to provide the private security. Motion carried.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report. Larry Moreland said the committee would be meeting soon.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Larry Moreland wanted to thank everyone who provided equipment or helped in the scarifying of the track. There were some issues with equipment but it got done.

He reported that grass seed was planted around the Merchants Building.

He reported that the well house is almost done but the cement truck hit a wire and there was some damage that needed to be repaired. He also said they were told the siting was okay prior to pouring the pad and now they are being told that the building is too close to the gas tanks so he'll work with the inspector on this.

It was reported that the Sheriff's building will be moved after the fair.

RACING

Tom Wright offered a thank you to Larry Moreland and Ted Colflesh for all of their help scarifying the track.

He reported that he, Joe McLead and T. Thomson went to the Milstein in Cleveland.

He also reported that there will be some changes in his staff of the upcoming fair. The Race Secretary and simulcast person will be Dave Binconi, the Jug Barn Steward will be Randy Williams and Mark Brown will be the Mutuel Manager.

There will be simulcasting all five days of racing. There will be a speed meeting next week.

Tom Wright shared with the board that John Cross passed away on August 18 and his service was today. Tom spoke about John and asked to keep his wife Mary and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A fund has been set up at Robinson's Funeral Home if anyone would like to contribute.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that the committee held a meeting before the board meeting to make plans and everything is a go. Dot Morgan will be recognized at the Lady Pace recipient.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

Tom Wright reported that Larry Householder would like to bring a group of 100-150 people for the Little Brown Jug this year. They will be in a tent where the bleachers were removed. It will be an opportunity for T. Thomson to promote that area for sponsor outings for future years.

ALL HORSE PARADE

Diane Winters reported that she met with the City Events Committee and it went well. She was told that Lincoln Avenue will be completed. There will be some new hitches in the parade this year. So far Buckeye Valley, Delaware Hayes and one band from Olentangy will be participating in the parade.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Tony Eyerman passed out a final draft of projects on a map, a packet containing the white papers and a spreadsheet with the projects and costs associated with them. He is working on the zoning plan with the city. He asked if anyone had questions and there were none.

Pat Paykoff reported that the Ag Center is out for bid. It is all online and getting a lot of activity. There will probably be additional paving that will be needed. September 25 is the close date for all bids.

Pat Paykoff said that he would like to see electric down the fence line in the LBJ lot. Discussion was had. Pat Paykoff will talk with Dan Huffman about the overall electric site plan before moving forward.

BED TAX RENEWAL

Chip Thomson reported that the earliest the County Commissioners can vote on extending the bed tax is October 17, which is 90 days out from the signing of the state budget. Chip also gave an update on the bed tax collection.

COVERED ARENA COMMITTEE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Diane Winters reported that there were some drainage issues in the horse barn area and gutters and downspouts needed fixed on Barn 37.

Chip Thomson said thank you to Jackie Colflesh for picking up fans for the Fair at Rural King and saving us an additional \$250.

Sandy Kuhn mentioned that we still need a sponsor for the last Saturday – Sept. 21.

A reminder that Don Howard, Pat Allen and Colleen Smith are signed up to help with the September 6 First Friday.

Barb Walters is leaving First Commonwealth to move out of state. There is a reception on August 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the bank on North Sandusky Street.

Eighteen new stalls were purchased from Cashman's for the tent for horses during the fair.

NEW BUSINESS

P.J. Terry moved to approve the Posh Events, pipe and drape tables and chairs proposal. Pat Allen second the motion and motion carried.

Tom Roll moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to approve the O'Neil Tents tent proposal. Motion carried.

Tom Roll moved and Jackie Colflesh second to spend up to \$8,200 on cleaning, toiletries, etc. for the fair. Motion carried.

Pat Allen has a vendor interested in putting a trailer right inside the gates of the grandstand. Discussion was held and it was decided that Sandy Kuhn would ask Hull's Concession if they were interested in putting a trailer inside the grandstand gates as part of their agreement. She will call them tomorrow and report back to the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Don Howard, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager