

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jackie Colflesh, Mark Fisher, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Bryan Mellen, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland, Pat Paykoff, Aaron Roll, Tom Roll, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary)

Absent – Mike Conklin, Joe McLead, Tiffany Rankin, Colleen Smith and Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio).

GUESTS

Jeff Armentrout and T. Thomson.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tom Wright, President, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – No report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

General Manager, Sandy Kuhn reported that she had sent out her report in the board packet but highlighted a few items. (Full report in board folder.)

- Attended Ohio Soybean Council Banquet – we received a \$4,500 grant from them for Monster Mural and Chick Hatchery.
- Attended the Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Columbus.
- Attended the Task Force on Aging Christmas Party – they were involved in Senior Citizen’s Day at the fair in 2019. They are interested in doing a summer event at the fairgrounds.
- Staff hosted Christmas in the Cabin – thanks to all Board Members who attended and thanks to Ted and Jackie Colflesh for donating the hams.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dan Huffman went over the financials that were e-mailed to the board. He reported that payables are up-to-date and receivables are good. There are a few people who owe that we are working with. He asked if there were any questions. He reported that the financials for ODA will be done by the OFMA Convention. Benjamin Wenner moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Jackie Colflesh second. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Don Howard would like to have a committee meeting between Christmas and New Year’s. Watch your email for meeting information. Don Howard moved that DCAS give the seven part time employees a \$25 gift card for Christmas and five full time employees a \$50 check for Christmas. Mike Harter second the motion and motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that there will be a committee meeting December 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Log Cabin.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported on the meeting held December 11. Board members received the minutes in their board packet. Larry Moreland moved and Mike Harter second a motion to purchase two cameras to be installed back at the Motor Sports area. Motion carried. Larry invited anyone attending the OFMA Convention to speak with Motor Sports vendors and bring ideas back to the next committee meeting. He also said all were invited to visit booth 49 at the convention to talk to one of the Monster Truck vendors.

FACILITY/FACILITY PLANNING

Pat Paykoff reported on the meeting held December 11. Board members received the minutes in their board packet. He said that there was a big list of things that needed to get done and that per Tom Wright's suggestion the committee would be splitting up the buildings among board members to be in charge of doing walk-throughs on a quarterly basis to develop "To do" lists that need addressed in their assigned buildings. Jackie Colflesh moved to purchase a camera to be put on the 23 gate. Pat Allen second the motion and it carried. Tom Roll moved to sign a new IT agreement with Delaware County. Pat Allen second the motion and motion carried. Jon Melvin abstained from voting.

RACING

Tom Wright reported on the American Harness Race Secretaries of America (AHRS) meeting held in Florida that he attended. He said that in the past many sire stakes races were in conflict with each other but that New York has changed theirs to the first week of September so now they aren't in conflict with our races now. Kentucky's will still conflict but that doesn't affect us much. Additional events have been moved off of our races so that was good. There will still be some problems with the three year old races. Tom Wright was elected president of AHRS. He reported that Chicago is reopening a track that has been closed for over a year. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Santa Anita Thoroughbred racetrack and the high number of horse deaths at that track. The thought is that the horses were probably over raced. Public perception is critical and this has given horse racing negative publicity. Kentucky has passed some rules that includes, no heat racing and no racing within 7 days of another race. These are things to keep in mind as we move forward with our race program.

WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

No report.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

No report.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported on the meeting held November 26. Minutes were sent out in the board packet. Chip Thomson and Dan Huffman are working to put together a proposal for the state budget that would include extensive work to upgrade many facets of the grandstand. They will get it to the appropriate legislators before the end of the year.

Pat Paykoff reviewed the items that the committee decided to change on the Ag Center to lower the cost of the building. He reported that the hope is to get the civil engineering package out to bid as a separate contract by the end of the year. Tony Eyeran sent out a document regarding zoning. It should be submitted by the end of the year. Sandy Kuhn is to let Tony Eyeran know to move forward the proposed zoning documentation to the City of Delaware.

Chip Thomson reported that he needs the information from Tony Eyerman for the plaza plans that he has designed as he has a couple of potential donors.

Tom Wright reminded the board that there would be a Bed Tax Committee meeting Thursday, December 19 at 6 p.m. in the Log Cabin.

Chip Thomson reported that there was a good turnout for the fundraiser December 10 for Representative Carfagna and Senator Jordan sponsored by Joe McLead and Sugar Valley Farms. Thanks to those board members who attended.

COMMITTEE 51

Mike Harter reported on the meeting held December 12. Minutes were distributed to board members on December 13. Mike reported that the committee would like to bring at least five new events to the grounds in 2020 with three of the events being board sponsored and run events.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that the OFMA Convention is January 2-6 and to let her know if you need a reminder on what you signed up for

Sandy Kuhn announced that DCAS did not receive the OHHA 2019 Fair Capital Improvement Matching Grant but resubmitted for the 2020 grant using the same application.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that DCAS would be donating a six person box for the OFMA Silent Auction Saturday at the convention.

Sandy Kuhn reported that the Beef Committee has agreed to help with providing animals for a Celebrity Beef Showmanship at the 2020 Delaware County Fair. They will partner local celebrities with Junior Fair beef members to show their animals in a showmanship contest at the fair. Sandy Kuhn will begin working on identifying celebrities and moving things forward.

Sandy Kuhn announced that the OHHA Banquet would be held January 18, 2020. T. Thomson got a count on the number who wanted to attend and will take care of sending in the reservations.

Sandy Kuhn reported that the ODA grant application is out and is due on or before May 30, 2020. She will work with the Facilities/Maintenance Committee to get a list of what they would like to use the grant money for.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Winters wanted to have in the minutes that the All Horse Parade will be held September 13, 2020 at 3 p.m. through downtown Delaware, Ohio.

Larry Moreland moved to adjourn. Benjamin Wenner second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager