

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2020 – Zoom Conference Call & Cabin

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent – Chip Thomson

GUESTS – T. Thomson, Jacci Smith, Charlie Miley, Linda Beech, Dillon Davis, Mary Fleming, Caleb Durham, Kendall Sestili and Tom Downerd

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tom Wright, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken. The meeting was held via a Zoom conference call and some members at the cabin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two of the four DCAS Junior Fair scholarship recipients were introduced to the board, Caleb Durham and Kendall Sestili. They introduced themselves, told where they graduated from, their Junior Fair experiences and shared where they would be attending school and what they were majoring in.

T. Thomson updated the board on sponsorships. He said that sponsorship dollars are down. He will follow up with all sponsors in the near future. A lot of them are waiting to see what happens with the fairs and the governor's orders.

MINUTES

Jon Melvin moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to approve the June 16 board meeting minutes. Motion carried. Jackie Colflesh moved and Jon Melvin second a motion to approve the July 2 special board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom Wright reported that he, Dan Huffman and Sandy Kuhn have had numerous conference calls with the Delaware General Health District regarding protocols for the Delaware County Fair. They are working with us to try to figure out what the fair can look like as well as providing the latest information from the governor's orders regarding fairs, camping, food vendors, etc. We will continue to have discussions with them as things move forward.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Full report in board folder)

Sandy Kuhn said that she had sent her report out with the board packet. She thanked T. Thomson and Laryssa Hook for attending the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at the cabin. There were around 15 people who attended. She reported that the first Fair Food Frenzy was a success. She asked if there were any questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Huffman reviewed the financials with the board and mentioned that funds were getting tight. Discussion was held on the fair. It was decided that another board meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 28 to have additional discussion regarding the fair.

Mick Fisher moved to accept the financial report. Benjamin Wenner second the motion and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Don Howard presented a new social media policy for the employee policy manual. Delaware County provided their policy as a template. Tom Wright read the policy to the board. Discussion was held. Don Howard moved to accept the social media policy. Jon Melvin second and motion carried.

Don Howard reviewed the letter that was sent out to the State Representative Juanita Brent asking that all fairs prohibit the sale, display, possession, and distribution of confederate memorabilia. Don Howard moved that the Delaware County Fair prohibit the sale, display, possession, and distribution of confederate memorabilia. Joe McLead second the motion. Discussion was held on whether this had already been done a few years ago. Benjamin Wenner moved to table the motion until further research was done. Jon Melvin second the motion. Motion to table carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman reported that he has concerns when it comes to the cost of having a fair – specifically the cost of security, added money for purses, simulcast costs and catering costs. Discussion was had on having a fair or not having a fair. Tom Wright explained the reasons for having the races as it would be a logistics nightmare to try to locate all of the owners of horses staked and write all of the checks back to the owners.

It was discussed to develop a thorough income and expense spreadsheet for racing with no fair.

Benjamin Wenner moved to have a Junior Fair. Pat Allen second and motion carried.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll and Benjamin Wenner reported on the meeting held July 11. There have been no changes in the money needed for the Junior Fair. There will be a shortened schedule, no animals except for horses, will be at the fairgrounds for longer than two days.

The open shows would be modified and there would be only horses, dairy and goats. Benjamin Wenner moved to allow open shows. Mick Fisher second and motion carried.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE (Full report in board folder)

Chip Thomson reported that committee met on July 15. Discussion at the meeting included an updated budget of \$5,000, postponing most advertising for 2019 and what the fair would look like without race fans.

SAFETY COMMITTEE (Full report in board folder)

Jackie Colflesh and Mike Harter reported on the meeting that was held July 20. Discussion at the committee meeting included what the security needs would be for the 2020 fair. The schedules from both Highland Security (private security) and the Sheriff's office were reviewed and budgets for 2020 were suggested. There would be additional costs for towing and EMS. The new total budget was suggested at \$45,000.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reviewed the tentative schedule below. The thought is to do shows that will cost DCAS no money to put on.

Garden Tractor – Saturday, Sept. 19

Truck Pull (tentative) – Sunday, Sept. 20

Straw Stacking/Tug of War – Monday, Sept. 21

Motor Cross – Wednesday, Sept. 23

Figure Eight Races – Friday, Sept. 25

Rough Truck – Saturday, Sept. 26

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the Sheriff's building was moved to the pad on the southwest side of the Merchant's Building and that the new tractor for the track purchased through the ODA grant was delivered.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Colleen Smith reported on the hospitality tents. She doesn't think they will be able to cover the fixed costs associated with them. Entertainment is on hold until a decision is made on what kind of fair we will have. We will need to check on the signed contracts to see if we can carry those over to 2021.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright said that racing had already been discussed earlier in the Finance Report. He did say that the number of horses racing should be good this year.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that the dirt work for the Ag Center/Junior Fair Building is almost done. The tap work on the fire line was done today and the engineering looks good. He reported that the contract for the building was sent to the attorney to review and it will be signed soon.

Tom Wright reported that the Owner's Representative subcommittee met and recommended Regency as the first choice to reach out to negotiate a contract with. It would be on a project by project basis. Benjamin Wenner moved to reach out to regency for a bid. Jackie Colflesh second and motion carried.

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Mike Harter and Jackie Colflesh reported that camping back in the racing area would be based on whether or not fans would be allowed. Camping in Junior Fair could be allowed as of now.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Kuhn reported that the Fair Food Frenzy was a success, not as good as the first one but there was rain. Dates for future ones will be August 1-2 and August 22-23. Thanks to all fair board members who participated.

Discussion was held on fair board members' perks for the fair. Nothing was decided on until the board knows what the fair is going to look like.

The tickets for racing have not been ordered since it is unknown if there can be fans or not.

The mum order was cut by over half to lower costs.

A list of needed golf carts will need to be given to Eagle by the end of the month. Are we allowing handicap people to have golf carts?

NEW BUSINESS

Diane Winters reported that the Horse Parade is still planning to go on and they are hoping for the best.

The rain insurance quote was reviewed with no decision being made.

The cleaning contract was reviewed with no decision being made.

The Wilscott trailer rental for the employment trailer and storage pod were reviewed with no decision being made.

The Wells Plumbing contract was reviewed with no decision being made.

Senior Citizen's Day activities were discussed and there was concern over them being an "at risk" population and the fact that many health care facilities would not be allowed to bring their residents to the fair. Dan Huffman moved and Mick Fisher second a motion to not have a Senior Citizens Day at the 2020 fair. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Operation Forever Grateful Veteran's Dinner. Much like with the Senior Citizen's Day activities, there was concern with the demographics of the dinner's attendees. Due to the health concern

for the attendees, Joe McLead moved to not host the Veteran's Dinner at the 2020 Delaware County Fair. Colleen Smith second and motion carried.

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.

Pat Allen moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager