

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

July 28, 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, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary).

Absent – Tom Roll

GUESTS – T. Thomson, Jacci Smith, Charlie Miley, Linda Beech, Tom Downerd, Randy Thorpe, Jennifer McGowan, Deb Jackson and Dillon Davis.

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 at the cabin with some members attending via a Zoom conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TREASURER’S REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman reported that he is working to figure out how we will handle the refunds or carry overs for tickets and camping. He update the board on the fact that we are now using some of the money from the SBA loan to cover payroll and utilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Wright reviewed with the board the call that the governor had with Ohio Fairs on July 22 at 10:00 a.m. Tom reported that the governor said that he had tried to create an order that allowed for fairs to happen and especially Junior Fair but that many were not following the order. The governor said that unless the fairs get control of this, wearing masks, controlling crowds and practicing social distancing, he will have to shut the fairs down. (Complete notes from the call in board meeting folder).

There was to be a discussion on what the fair was to look like but Governor Dewine announced at his press conference earlier in the day that fairs were limited to Junior Fair and harness racing with no spectators.

Tom Wright started the racing report by thanking Tiffany Rankin for all of her work in putting together the different options he would review with the board. He thanked the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association for their continued sponsorship. He also thanked Joe McLead for his work on the OHHA in support of the Delaware County Fair racing and Little Brown Jug. Tom Wright then reviewed the three options on the sheet that was handed out (In board packet): 1 – No racing, which would involve refunding all nomination payments to the owners of the horses, which could result in issuing 8-9,000 checks; 2 – Race with no simulcast or wagering so there would just be the costs associated with the races; or 3 – Racing with simulcasting. Tiffany Rankin went over the financials associated with each of the three options. Discussion was held. Mike Harter moved to have racing with simulcasting. Don Howard second the motion and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on Junior Fair camping. More information is needed before making a decision on it.

The questions of do we need EMS and Fire services on the grounds for the fair. Discussion was held and a request will be made from the County and Tri Township for quotes for these services.

There will be a FAC meeting for Junior Fair only on Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the cabin.

Benjamin Wenner moved to have Ohio State University Large Animal Clinic serve as the fair vet for 2020.
Pat Allen second and motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Kuhn reminded board members about the Fair Food Frenzies which will be held August 1-2 and 22-23.

Mark Fisher moved to adjourn. Mike Harter second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager