

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2021 – Log Cabin

ATTENDANCE

Present – Pat Allen, Jeff Armentrout, Jackie Colflesh, Mark Fisher, Mick Fisher, Mike Harter (arrive at 7:13 p.m. during Adv Comm), Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Jon Melvin, Larry Moreland Pat Paykoff, Tiffany Rankin, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Benjamin Wenner, Diane Winters, D.J. Young, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary).

Absent – Joe McLead, Bryan Mellen, Aaron Roll and Tom Wright.

GUESTS – Jordan Kelleher, Tim Kelleher, Jody Kelleher, Deb Jackson, Charlie Miley and Linda Beach.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Benjamin Wenner, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jordan Kelleher was introduced as one of the DCAS Junior Fair scholarship recipients.

MINUTES

Chip Thomson moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Benjamin Wenner had no report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Full report in board folder)

Sandy Kuhn said that she had sent her report out with the board packet. She reminded everyone that she would be on vacation June 19-26.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dan Huffman reviewed the financials with the board. He reported that the \$500,000 for grandstand improvements from the capital budget was deposited in our account. There will need to be some special reporting requirements for it through ODA. Don Howard moved and Jon Melvin second a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes were in the board packet that was emailed out.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report. Don Howard said that the committee would be meeting soon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that the audit will be held in October. The State Auditor is forming an agricultural specialist group and Brian, who has worked with us on numerous occasions, will be heading it. We will get to keep our audit team that knows about fairs and that is very good news.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Benjamin Wenner reported that the minutes for the June 5 meeting were in the packet. FAC is moving forward with only a few small changes. Their next meeting will be the first Saturday in August.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Chip Thomson reported that six companies submitted proposals for the website redesign and that the score sheets are due to Sandy Kuhn tomorrow.

He shared the revised logo that he had Jane Hawes update after the last meeting. He passed it around and had everyone vote for the logo they liked best. A motion will be coming forward on this in new business.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jackie Colflesh reported on the meeting held May 27 with Captain Vance. Minutes were in the board packet. The committee is gathering the information requested by Captain Vance. Jackie needs any security needs for the 2021 Delaware County Fair sent to her by June 28.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

Larry Moreland reported that the committee met June 8. Minutes were in the board packet. The committee is going to meet with Earl Kidwell with Demolition Derby Inc. for further discussion on the contract.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported on the meeting held June 8. Minutes were in the board packet. He reported that he will be receiving a fair contract for electric from All Win Electric. He said the committee needs to be allowed to spend some money to take care of some much needed maintenance items. Things need to be streamlined so that work can get done on a more timely basis. The budget has been set for the year but Dan Huffman didn't have access to Quick Books to provide the budget. Discussion was held on the committee being accountable to the budget.

The cylinders are in for the Volvo loader and Dan Huffman will fix it tomorrow.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tiffany Rankin reported that May payments are in and the numbers look good compared to previous years.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Colleen Smith said that the committee did not meet. She reported that D.J. Young has developed a separate agreement for the Ag Center and the Hospitality and Committee 51 members are reviewing it. They are still looking for a coordinator or company to manage it.

The committee is still reviewing quotes for tables and chairs – owning verses renting.

New Vocations is not going to do a Wednesday night party/auction. We are going to ask Delaware County Foundation if they would be interested in doing some type of fundraiser.

There will be a Hospitality and Committee 51 combined meeting on June 28 at the Log Cabin.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that there will be a conference call regarding the grandstand project with the architect and owner's rep. A 3D laser scanning of the grandstand is needed. Chip Thomson moved and Pat Allen second a motion to have Multivista complete a 3D laser scanning of the grandstand for \$10,700. Motion carried.

They are still working with Steve Moore to get the 23 sign replaced. We need to ask him to pull the permit for us and to make sure it can be a color sign. A motion on this will be presented in new business.

We will probably have the keys to the building by the end of the month. The elevator is the issue. Frontier needs a phone line put in. Marker said they were waiting for us to call. Sandy Kuhn reported that she had called and passed on the information to Chad with Marker so he could call Frontier.

COMMITTEE 51

Mike Harter reported on the meeting held June 10. He said to review the MUDGIRLS numbers that Chip Thomson sent out.

T. Thomson gave a sponsorship update. Budweiser and Chesrown are back on board. Somewhere between six and 10 checks have already come in. He is working with Sheetz and Englefield Oil as possible new sponsors. Things seem to be picking up and getting back to normal with businesses.

OLD BUSINESS

Adam Rice started as the new lead person in maintenance on May 26. To avoid confusion please run all maintenance requests through the maintenance committee and they will get them to Sandy Kuhn.

Dan Huffman moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to move forward with a full fair for 2021. Motion carried.

Don Howard moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to give the Advertising Committee approval to move forward with selecting a company for the website redesign. We have received the grant money for it. Motion carried.

Jon Melvin moved and Mark Fisher second a motion to take from the table a motion regarding the DCAS logo. Motion carried. Chip Thomson had passed around the logo and the agreement was that we have the brown logo with the horse added in the center of the county. Jon Melvin and Mark Fisher moved to accept the logo described above as the DCAS logo. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sportsman's Alliance 2022 event – Mike Harter reported that Committee 51 recommended not to allow Sportsman's Alliance to use the infield of the racetrack for their 2022 event due to the number of vehicles that would have to go across the track and be parked in the infield.

Jon Melvin moved and Mike Harter second a motion to allow the Caribbean Festival to rent the ground for their September 4 event. Motion carried.

Mike Harter moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to allow the Southern Ohio K-9 group to rent the grounds July 24-25 for their dog trials event. Motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn reminded all board members to sign up for a golf cart on the sheet that was being passed around.

Grandstand tickets are ready to be ordered at a cost of around \$2,800. A formal motion was not needed as the amount is less than the amount required for board approval. The cost was around \$2,600 in 2019.

Chip Thomson moved and Jackie Colflesh second a motion to replace the 23 Sign at a cost of almost \$26,000. Insurance money will be used and the remaining balance will come out of general funds. Motion carried.

Sandy Kuhn presented to the board that Darryl Duncan who is in charge of the Ohio Thoroughbred Organization is willing to donate gates for barns 22 and 23 with the agreement that if they ever took their sale off of the grounds, they would get the gates back. There was concern about them getting the gates back as we would have thrown away the wooden gates and would be left with no gates. Jon Melvin and Sandy Kuhn will work on this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Kuhn will be on vacation June 19-27. Call the office if you need something.

Meet and greet with the Junior Fair Board June 29 at 7 p.m. in the Ag Center.

Chip Thomson moved to adjourn. Mick Fisher second the motion. Motion carried.

Benjamin Wenner, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager