

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2020 – Zoom Conference Call

ATTENDANCE

Present –Pat Allen, Jeff Armentrout, Jackie Colflesh, Mark Fisher, Mike Harter, Don Howard, Dan Huffman, Bryan Mellen, Jon Melvin, 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 – Mike Conklin, Mick Fisher, Joe McLead and Larry Moreland.

GUESTS – No guests.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Benjamin Wenner, called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited. Roll call was taken. The meeting was held via a Zoom conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Jon Melvin moved and Diane Winters second a motion to approve the October 20 board meeting minutes. Motion carried. Tom Wright suggested changing previous minutes to add Senator in front of Andrew Brenner's name.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Benjamin Wenner reminded board members that the list for committee rankings went out and to please respond ASAP by emailing your request to both himself and Sandy Kuhn. He has talked to many board members on their thought about the upcoming year and will begin to put together a plan for 2021.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Full report in board folder)

Sandy Kuhn said that she had sent her report out with the board packet. In addition to what was on the report she applied for a Community Enhancement Grant and a Business Advocacy grant from Delaware County. She also reported the land deed proposal was sent to the county with suggested changes (per D.J. Young and Executive Committee) and we will wait their response.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan Huffman reviewed the financials with the board.. He reported that with the SBA loan, we should be able to get through until next year's fair. Colleen Smith asked when the individuals laid off would be called back to work. It was discussed that this is not known at this time due to the uncertainty of 2021. Dan Huffman addressed questions regarding the financials Tom Wright moved to accept the financial report. Colleen Smith second the motion and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tiffany reviewed the 990 tax document that was sent out with the board packet. It compares 2018 to 2019 and the financials are very similar for those years. Questions were addressed by Tiffany. Mark Fisher moved to accept the 2019 990 report. Jon Melvin second and motion carried. Tiffany Rankin abstained from voting.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that Junior Fair Advisory Committee met November 7. The Junior Fair went well and everyone is looking forward to next year's fair. There is discussion on rescheduling some of the shows to make better use of the Performance Barn. He thanked everyone who helped to make the 2020 fair a success, especially all of the department heads.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that they had a Saturday work session and did some additional winterization of buildings. There was some wind damage from Sunday's storm. Some shingles were lost off of some buildings. Colleen Smith mentioned reaching out to Mike's Roofing to help us with this and she was willing to do that if needed. The committee would assess damage and let Colleen know if this was needed.

Sandy Kuhn updated the board on the work that Bruce Miley was doing. The drain near barn 34 was clogged too much to get it blown out by the county's equipment so Bruce Miley is going to have to do some additional work to figure out what is needed to get it fixed correctly. He has gotten the leak outside the Merchant's Building fixed for now but additional work may be needed in the future. He was able to get the drain in barn 36 fixed.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

No report. Colleen Smith said the committee is looking forward to bringing people back to enjoy Pavilion Hill and the other hospitality tents in 2021.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that as president of the Race Secretaries he will run the virtual meeting the week after Thanksgiving. Jay Wolf and Tom Wright are working on revising and updating the race schedule for 2021. He reported that Brad Conrad is donating the pictures for sponsors. Tom will work with Jay Wolf and Sandy Kuhn to get a thank you noted drafted and the pictures sent out to sponsors.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that there was some wind damage at the Ag Center over the weekend. Some steel fell and damaged both the steel and the floor. He said it is troublesome but will be overcome. Marker brought in an extra crew of steel erectors to help get the steel done. Discussion is being held on who will cover the damage. A builders' risk insurance policy was purchased so discussion will be held on how the deductible is covered.

Tom Wright reported that he met with Scott Harper to move forward in getting an estimate on the horse barns. Tom also has a call in to Gary Merrill to discuss financing options through the county.

Pat Paykoff reported that Tony Eyerman as completed the Tree Survey and it will be submitted to the City of Delaware for review.

COMMITTEE 51

Mike Harter reported that the committee met on Monday, November 16. They reviewed the camping contract and approved to add the following: lessee must work for a horse owner or trainer that has horses at the Delaware County fairgrounds and must provide documentation of who they are working for; owners/trainers must report of a camper is no longer working for them within 72 hours; add an emergency contact; add pet

registration information; must list all occupants of campsite on contract; vehicle registration needed; and some type of deposit be required. Changes to the stall rental contract include: requiring some type of deposit; \$50/month round pen use and \$500 cost to take down round pen if not down by September 1; and other items. Many items are already in the agreement but need to be enforced. Once the new agreement is finished, a meeting needs to be held with the horsemen to discuss the agreement. A total cost needs to be up on the track side. The numbers given to the committee break down to approximately \$118-\$120/stall.

Discussion was held. Tom Wright mentioned having bays in the new barns for sawdust and charging for the sawdust. Bryan Mellen had questions regarding the round pens. Colleen Smith asked Dan Huffman if he had the report from years ago when they had done a financial breakdown of the track side. Quita Hines provided a report to Committee 51 that was pretty detailed on the financials for the track side. Mark Fisher said that the depreciation was not complete as not all track equipment was included. It was mentioned that depreciation is not a big expense as most of the track equipment is older and has been depreciated out.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that Sandy Kuhn is on vacation November 27-December 4 – Quita Hines will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday and Steve Vaughn will be there for maintenance and track issues.

The final Fair Food Frenzy October 30-November 1 went well on Friday and Saturday but was hit hard on Sunday with snow showers and cold weather. All in all, the vendors who participated in all of the Fair Food Frenzies were appreciative to have the opportunity to earn a little bit of money.

NEW BUSINESS

Thorsen's has requested the mum order for 2021. It was decided to add this to the February agenda.

District 6 Meeting – December 6 at Pickaway County Fairgrounds (Circleville) starts at 5 p.m. - \$5.00/person need RSVPs tonight – Jeff Armentrout and Sandy Kuhn will be going, along with Skeylar Rock, queen.

OFMA Convention – January 8-9 - who would like to go and when? Can only have 3 people there at a time. Sandy Kuhn will send the information out again for people to sign up for what they want to go to.

Christmas at the Cabin was discussed and it was decided that it will need to be cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID restrictions.

Earl Lehner, a Troy Township Trustee championed them donating \$500 of their COVID money to the fair for PPEs for the fair. If you see Earl or any Troy Township Trustee be sure to thank them.

Mike Conklin sent in his resignation for the board as he has moved out of state. Benjamin Wenner reported that some discussion has been held on his replacement and an announcement will be made at or before the December board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Jackie Colflesh moved to adjourn. Jon Melvin second the motion. Motion carried.

Benjamin Wenner, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager