

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

October 20, 2020 – Zoom Conference Call & Cabin

ATTENDANCE

Present –Jackie Colflesh, 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, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook (Ex-Officio) and Sandy Kuhn (General Manager/Secretary).

Absent – Pat Allen, Mike Conklin, Tom Roll and Diane Winters.

GUESTS – T. Thomson, Andrew Brenner 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 members at the cabin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Downerd wanted to publicly thank the board, staff and all involved for their outstanding job in putting together the fair in very difficult times.

MINUTES

Don Howard moved and Colleen Smith second a motion to approve the September 15 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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 thanked everyone who has helped to get things done on the grounds after the employee layoffs. Big thanks to Mick Fisher and Larry Moreland who came up and helped get things ready for the Ohio Thoroughbred Association’s sale.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dan Huffman reviewed the financials with the board. He addressed questions regarding the financials. He reported that there would be a finance meeting next week. The 990 will be presented at the November meeting. Jackie Colflesh moved to accept the financial report. Bryan Mellen second the motion and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Huffman requested from the board the ability to pay Marker Construction’s bills on a monthly basis. The entire amount has already been approved by the board in a previous meeting. Jon Melvin moved to allow Dan Huffman, as treasurer, to pay Marker Construction in a timely manner. Mick Fisher second the motion and motion carried.

FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aaron Roll reported that Junior Fair went well with no complaints. The Junior Fair virtual sale was nearly as successful as the previous year’s in-person sale. The feedback from both parents and exhibitors was very appreciative for being able to have both the shows and the sale.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

MOTOR SPORTS COMMITTEE

No report.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Mark Fisher and Bryan Mellen reported that they had come before the meeting and put the people movers away. They reported that the bat wing needs measured for new drive shafts and that the lights on the manure truck are not working.

Dan Huffman reported that the hog, dairy and steer barns have been winterized.

Sandy Kuhn reported that Bruce Miley was going to do some In Kind work to fix a tile/drain back behind barn 34, work on a drain in barn 36 and explore a leak on the midway. Be sure to express your thanks if you see Bruce.

Pat Paykoff reported that there is no gas in the Coliseum as the gas line had to be shut down for construction of the Ag Center/Junior Fair Building. Pat will further discuss options with Aaron Roll.

Mick Fisher said that there is plenty to do around the grounds and that anyone who has time please come up and help.

A letter needs to be written to the horse stall renters and campers regarding parking in designated areas and not rutting up the ground.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

No report.

RACING COMMITTEE

Tom Wright reported that he is working with United Tote to get a settlement for the final numbers on simulcasting. He said that half of the purse checks have been distributed. He will not need funds delegated for the Race Secretary's Meeting that is normally held in Florida as it is being done virtually this year.

BED TAX COMMITTEE

Pat Paykoff reported that steel is arriving for the new building and will start to go up soon. Concrete is still being poured. The underground plumbing and electric is in. There will be a lot of results before Thanksgiving. A "Topping-Out Ceremony" will be held before the last piece of steel is set so everyone can come and sign that piece before it is erected.

It was reported that the bed tax money is starting to rebound slightly so things are moving in the right direction.

COMMITTEE 51

Mike Harter said the committee will look at the horsemen's contract and present an updated contract to the board in December.

Mike Harter moved that all 2021 contracts from this date forward be reviewed by Committee 51 before being signed. Mick Fisher second the motion. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

As reported in the Secretary's report, the Health District did not receive any complaints regarding the fair.

Again, many thanks to board members who have been coming up and helping with mowing, repair work, cleaning stalls, winterization, etc.

Deadline for people to join the Delaware County Agricultural Society to be able to vote is October 27 at 5 p.m. Deadline for petitions to run for the board is November 3 at 5 p.m. Voting for the board will be November 10 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. in the log cabin. The annual meeting will be November 10 at 8 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Wright announced the nominating committee would be chairman, Aaron Roll, Mick Fisher and Jon Melvin.

Office hours when Sandy is on vacation (Nov. 27-Dec. 4) will be Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Quita Hines normal hours for the week.

People are needed to work the polls on November 10. A sheet is being passed around so please sign up if you have no conflict of interest.

Jackie Colflesh moved to complete and submit the 2020 Fair Funds Request for ODA. Tiffany Rankin second and motion carried.

The board discussed having one final Fair Food Frenzy Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 and decided it would be a good idea. Sandy Kuhn will reach out to secure vendors.

State Senator Andrew Brenner presented a citation from the Ohio Senate commemorating the running of the 75th Little Brown Jug. He announced that a Little Brown Jug license plate has been established. Senator Brenner reported that he has drafted a bill that would make \$10 million available for grant programs for sporting venues who have been hit hard by the pandemic. This would include harness racing venues. He believes this will either move forward during the lame duck session or the spring session. The board thanked Senator Brenner for the citation, the license plate and bill, as well as his continuing support of the fair and Little Brown Jug.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Collleen Smith moved to adjourn. Jackie Colflesh second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Wright, President

Sandy Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager