

Delaware County Agricultural Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Armentrout, Jennifer Brown, Jackie Colflesh, Adam DeMarco, Patricia Gladman, Mike Knapp, David Laaksonen, Bryan Mellen, Jon Melvin, Kevin Simpson, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Randy Turner, Chris Welker, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Larissa Hook, Don Howard, Jen McGowan. Mark Fisher arrived at 6:42pm

ABSENT: Mike Harter, Tiffany Rankin

GUESTS: Thelma Knapp, Cheryl Haggerty, Jessica Miller, Beth Lear, David Carroll, Rob Stambaugh

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chip Thomson Called the meeting to order, Mike Knapp led the pledge of allegiance and Jen McGowan called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chip Thomson introduced David Carrol, our attorney and Beth Lear, our State representative. Beth spoke about being on the ballot to represent our side of the County. She would love to hear how we will be using the money that they were able to get for us. She gave a brief background on that. Tom Wright reported that the 2.5 million is earmarked for the grandstand and the historical part of it, which is the seating area. We will be getting some architects up here on Jug day to get some ideas on how to proceed with the renovation. We are trying to plan ahead and be smart with the money. We might have something to show for it by 2025. We spent 5 million of phase 1 of the grandstand and the money that we are getting is providing safety and security for our race fans and also frees up money to be able to use in other areas. Chris Welker reported that Beth has agreed to be a judge for our royalty contest this year.

Cheryl Haggarty gave an update on the 4-H pavilion. They are working on getting proposals on the shelter. She is looking for a local provider to engrave bricks, if anyone knows of any, please let her know. There is a sign over by the buyer's tent declaring the future spot of the pavilion. She asked if anyone is interested in putting money toward the buyer's club. This allows money to go towards kids who may not make as much. Applications for that is on the website under the fair tab. She thanked everyone for their support of the Jr. Fair sales.

MINUTES:

Chip Thomson moved to approve the August minutes with changes to the detail of the rain insurance numbers, Colleen Smith second. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Chip Thomson went over the letter from David Carrol to the city. He asked about the sign boards for motor sports. Bryan Mellen said that we do have all three of them. Chip asked about camera updates for all of the gates. Jon Melvin said they are not completely done, fiber is in, but they will have to add additional boxes on the poles and it will not be completed before fair.

We are able to purchase a new sand truck for 53k and a 60 day warranty. This still leaves us with 53k left to spend. Randy Turner has the check written. If we do not like it, it goes back on the truck. T. Thomson moved to purchase the new sand truck. Chris Welker second. Motion carried.

FAIR MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jen McGowan reported that golf carts and ice will be delivered sometime next week. We will be raising the cost of ice from \$6 to \$7 a bag. Tackett fence will be putting the fence back up this week and Mike's roofing will be starting on the gutters on the log cabin. Miller Pipeline and Shelly and Sands have been given to the end of next week to get all of their equipment out of the liberty street gate area so that vendors can start moving in.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Randy reported that the Stars Ohio account is up and running and that the 2.5 million is in that account. The YTD earning is a little over 2k already. Shifting our money around has proved to be beneficial interest rate wise. He reported that we have enough money to start a fair. Randy asked for a motion to move CDs from the pig & lamb and beef committees into the savings account. Colleen Smith second. Motion carried. The pig & lamb committee opened a safe deposit box that we could not find a key for. If they can't find a key, they will have it drilled out to see what is in it. Jon Melvin moved to approve the treasurer's report. Chris Welker second. Motion carried

Chip Thomson decided to do a round table vs a committee report.
Jackie Colflesh- Nothing to report

Jennifer Brown-discussed barn 36 needing gutters on the north side. We will talk to Mike's roofing about replacing them on both sides. The Jug barn is completely cleaned out and ready to power wash, and RV lots are marked and ready to move.

Dave Laaksonen- Nothing to report

Tom Wright- Thanked Jenny Brown for leveling the stalls in barn 36 for all of her hard work. Racing is getting close to the right amount and they are working on a settlement with Fox Sports. We have raised 10k and OHHA will make up the other half. OHHA has given us about 1.5 million in purse money and we are anticipating the same amount this year. The satellite truck is going to need to be on level ground.

Kevin Simpson- He will be contacting Rob and Jen about the drums and when they will be coming in. He will need someone available to off load them. These will replace all the old rusty steel drums around the horse barns.

Adam DeMarco- The Bollards are getting put in, Ben Lehner was working on that today.

Mark Fisher- There was a water leak by barn 23. Ben is going to fix it tomorrow. The city will bring in a listening device to see how far it goes. One of the leaks was from Soil & Water conservation area and a leak in their liner. They are going to drain the pond and replace their liner and pump before fair. Jr. Fair will start moving in tomorrow night and we need to get everything brined. The lights in the performance barn are bad. Cory will repair them for fair and a quote to replace them after fair.

Bryan Mellen- Nothing to report

Chris Welker- Nothing to report

Larissa Hook- Cloverbuds will need their dollar bills by this Friday. Jen and Morgan will work on getting that together. Katie Meade is working on putting together a barn bash in the show arena at 7:30pm on Saturday night and we should all try to make an appearance.

Diane Winters- We are ready for the All Horse Parade. We still need pooper scoopers. Need a total of 8 people and 4 golf carts. Rob said that he would donate his and his employee's time for that. Russ Martin will be the grand Marshall for the parade this year.

Jeff Armentrout- Brining is going on now. Motorsport still is in need of one employee.

Colleen Smith- Hospitality is ready to rock and roll. Diane will be assisting in the backstretch tent this year.

Jon Melvin- Nothing to report, just getting ready for a fair.

Patricia Gladman- Nothing to report

Mike Knapp-Nothing to report

Don Howard- The Hall of Fame inductee will be the Ashley Jr. Fair. This is their 100th Jr. Fair.

Chip Thomson moved to go to executive session to discuss a legal matter. Diane Winters second. Motion carried.

Chris Welker moved to return to regular session, noting that no decisions were made. Colleen Smith second. Motion carried.

Chris Welker moved to adjourn. Colleen Smith second. Motion carried.