

Pickaway County Agricultural Society
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018
7:00pm

- I. Call to order – at 7:00pm by Von Cremeans
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Dustin Hube
- III. Roll Call – Directors not in attendance: Mark List (courtesy of notice given), Tracey Rittinger (courtesy of notice given), Carlee Stewart (courtesy of notice given), and John Woodruff. Gerald Loudermilk (7:07 arrival). Gerald Loudermilk stepped out 7:20-7:24pm. Chris Pence stepped out 8:35-8:37pm. Jim Arledge stepped out 8:52-8:54pm.
- IV. Special Guests
 - a) Alise Wagner/Girl Scout Fair Coordinator for Logan Valley Service Unit – proposed having “Girl Scout Day” on Monday since all the Girl Scout projects and activities take place on that day. Activities include camp sing-along, stem program activities, swap/craft table (sitting outside of project room). Alise provided a sample schedule of activities that may be included. Not a sponsorship. Just asking for support of Senior Fair Board to do additional family oriented activities and promote to other Girl Scout Service Units. There are approximately 200 Girl Scouts in Logan Valley Service Unit. So it will be directly promoted to them and their families to attend. The GS project registration deadline is midnight May 12, 2018. Proposed consideration of a \$1 off discount for Girl Scouts who attend the fair and wear their vest or sash. Considering starting a leadership group of middle school aged Girl Scouts to assist her with fair activities.
 - b) Matt Keplar – guest in attendance, offered help and support from him and his wife Beth to volunteer for any committees. Invited fair board to reach out to them. Chris Pence has his contact information. They are grateful that Dairy Beef Feeder Show is being brought back to fair. Appreciated Chris Pence attending their 4-H Club (Wonder Workers) meeting to share some of the updates. Chris suggested they be included in a workday.
- V. Secretary Report – Shirley Lear moved to approve minutes from 2/12/18 & 2/27/18. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer Report – a lot of activity this month with income. \$34,427 in income. Checking \$42,201. Train, Jr. Fair money from ODA, money from state for harness racing (\$9,200), and barn rental. Savings \$147,065. Petty cash \$100. Total funds in bank = \$189,366. Utilities \$3,100. Manure hauled out cost over \$5,400. Von Cremeans shared that it was only \$200 more to pay hourly to have manure removed – only 10-12 loads more than last time. Brad Lutz moved to approve treasurer's. Tim Woodrow seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Jr. Fair Board – Jacob Hawkes attended and provided update. Junior fair board meeting last night. Did pre-fair work. Talked about and changed up awards slightly. Working on dates to send flyers out. Talked about king and queen contest. Similar to last year. Prefer to take place in the Grange Building rain or shine. Going to have fundraiser includes activities for Footloose At The Fair Grounds this Friday. Clover Bud committee met and discussed activities and snacks provided for fair week. Parade and Showman of Showman committees met. 4-H Fun Event, discussed activities to be included. \$590 budget in total for awards and supplies for activities. Considering a small amount to be charged to cover all costs.

Joy Sharp reported that Junior Fair Board discussed having the King & Queen contest in the Grange Building regardless of weather to avoid last minute shuffling and set up. Easier all around.

832 total projects for fair. Livestock exhibit participation numbers are up. Typically bounces between 775-815. Highest we've had in 5 years. Beef projects are up because of dairy beef feeders (up from 9 to 24). Beef breeding down. Steers, dairy, and llamas same. Goats rebounded, up to 92. Hogs down slightly to 166 from 172. Poultry about the same. Horses down a few. FFA numbers still coming in. Sheep up slightly to 50. Rabbits up by 24 projects to 249. Dogs up to 16. 47 more projects this year.

- b) Swine – Jeff Wippel reported on behalf of Livestock Committee. The livestock committee is proposing to bring the hogs from the “Bob Collins Barn” on east side of the arena to eliminate gate challenges during show. There were 44 empty pens last year on the west side where all other hogs are housed. Put all species champions in the northeast side of that east barn. It would eliminate need for canopy/tent rental. Put banner on outside of barn. Tac boxes will have to go on top of pens. Joy Sharp said a communication will go out in March for planning purposes with any changes like this. She needs all information to pass on to all clubs. Jim Arledge moved to accept Jeff's proposal to move the hogs from east barn to west barn, and put Champion Row in east barn. Frank Reisinger seconded. Motion passed.

- c) Gates – Chris Pence, committee chair. Plastic wristbands go to exhibitors and vendors/anyone that will be there all week. Tyvek will go on daily attendees. Cost approximately \$1k. Chris working on getting a sponsor to pay for them.

Proposed building two small buildings for ticket booths at gate B and gate C (8x8 \$1,600). They will match the new buildings. Steve Barthelmas said that it takes at least 7 people to work gate C.

- d) Entertainment – stage update/beer garden – Von Cremeans reported that meeting with Pumpkin Show officers will take place Wednesday, 3/14 at 4:00. They have approved the use of their stage for no cost. Also willing to work with us on using their trash receptacles.

Last 3 events/nights, beer garden, serve from Para mutual windows off grandstands. Buy tickets instead of exchanging money. Von spoke with Sheriff's office and they are ok with alcohol sales. They requested signs be posted that no outside alcohol is permitted inside. Coolers will be checked thoroughly, especially toward end of week. Grandstands and directly in front of grandstands will be fenced off (use of barricades). Stage will only be on the track. Using Classic Brands, aluminum bottles.

- e) Buildings/grounds – Craig Weiler committee chair. Has done research. Contacted 3 different vendors about handrails being installed for grandstands. Important to act quickly as tariffs will be increasing pricing. Building code done.

Option 1 - Handrail is 42", drops down to 34 or 38", rail on each side, 8 different sections (not one continuous rail from bottom to top), can cross over from one side to other \$5,800 to core drill (installed and primed only). Not wide. Not much room to core drill into the concrete. No room for error.

Option 2/Central Ohio Fabrication – Craig's recommended/preferred option - \$6,300 mounted with flat plate (installed, primed & painted to match). 16 8 ft. sections approximately to allow crossover of aisles. Very knowledgeable and familiar with building/accessibility codes. Each post has 4 anchors.

Randy Smith moved to approve Craig's proposal to go with option 2/vendor of choice for \$6,300/Central Ohio Fabrication. Brad Lutz moved to amend for allowance of reasonable cost increase of up to \$200 for stainless steel fasteners to assure solid/sturdy = total of up to \$6,500. Shirley Lear seconded. Motion carried.

Von Cremeans said if they need money up front for supplies they'll just need to send invoice. Scott Pritchard recommended to Craig to assure wedge anchors are used for security. Steve Barthelmas confirmed that plans are to still widen steps. Craig said yes. Blocks will likely be added. Funds from train sale will be applied for these improvements.

- f) Camping – Gerald Loudermilk committee chair inquired when mowing would be done so that committee can appropriately mark spots. Von Cremeans responded that mowing will be done right before camping move-in. It can be done whenever but will happen several times before fair. If we need to mow there is a 72” mower we can use anytime. Von suggested mowing it as short as possible right before camper move-in.
- g) Fair book – Brad Lutz committee chair reported that fair book is on track to get to the Herald on time.
- h) Maintenance – Brad Lutz reported that the county will no longer mow any county grounds. They’re getting bids from companies to do all mowing. Brad has meeting with commissioners tomorrow Tu 3/13. Fairgrounds will likely have a separate company than other county grounds. Quoted separately. Sean Mayhugh requested that a schedule be set and communicated so there is no interference/conflicts with horses (i.e. 7:00am when they’re on track/in-field). Brad said a meeting will be held once the company is selected to determine details such as schedule and other specific requests.
- i) Shirley Lear inquired on postage and supplies to send out packets prior to fair. Sean Mayhugh suggested that she bring in everything to the fair board office to use supplies instead of needing to purchase additional. She also inquired that since the pie bakers were told they could use the fridge in fair board office instead of having to buy one if money allocated for that was still available for possibly purchasing quilt racks in the future. Minutes from 2017 would need to be reviewed to find the total they have to use.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Credit card limit – Sean Mayhugh requested that a limit be set/requested. \$10k limit suggested by Von Cremeans. Brad Lutz confirmed process and limit is similar to “sign-out” process. \$500 single purchase amount already exists. This is to control spending better, streamline, and organize. Plus it is necessary for online purchases and so that money doesn’t have to be put up front by Board Members. Brad Lutz moved to approve \$10k limit. Craig Weiler seconded. Motion carried.
- b) “Friends Of the Fair” Award naming – last meeting it was voted for the award to be named “The Jack Pontious Award”. Several board members have approached Von Cremeans asking for this to remain “Friends Of The Fair” for a generally named award to honor lots of different people who have contributed to the fair. Von proposed that the award be changed back to “Friends Of The Fair” from “The Jack Pontious Award”. Jack will still be the 2018 recipient of the award. Scott Pritchard moved to accept Von’s proposal. Jim Arledge seconded. Gerald Loudermilk opposed. Motion carried.
- c) Footloose At The Fairgrounds this Friday, 3/16 at 6:30pm at Coliseum – Von Cremeans encourages everyone to attend!

- d) Steve Barthelmas – junior fair board only has 2 more meetings. They’re working hard to set up King & Queen contest, parade, fun event (Sunday afternoon) at cart corral. Steve moved to grant the cart corral space be designated for fun event again on Sunday, as in past. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Barthelmas requested that fair board consider keeping Monday schedule same as last year with opening ceremony instead of making later for simplicity and in the interest of time, show prep for next day as it may run late. Scott Pritchard moved to keep the same. Shirley Lear seconded. Motion carried. Brad Lutz and Carlee Stewart will need to assure it is correct in fair book.

Sean Mayhugh is working on doing a charity race (double seated cart with professional driver) with the local high school football coaches for Monday night. Brad Lutz moved to donate \$1k to split between schools (for boosters) that participate. Gerald Loudermilk seconded. Motion carried

IX. New business

- a) OFMA Spring Meeting is Sunday, April 8 (11am meeting & “dinner” at noon...door prizes...topic: ride update/safety) – RSVP to Christy Pence by Friday, March 16. RSVPs: Steve Barthelmas + 1...Steve Mayhugh + 1.
- b) Closing of Gate A – it acts as a drop off point and backs up traffic on Lancaster Pike plus tends to be a point of a lot of conflict. Sheriff thinks it is a good idea to close it. Safety issue. Ticket workers said that is the most problematic gate. Dustin Hube said that squad was called 6 times during fair last and year and will need easy access into grounds for emergencies – they will be located near Sheriff’s post near house. Sherriff is \$26/hour + cruiser. \$28/hour for beer garden security/compliance. Brad Lutz motioned to close Gat A. Tim Woodrow seconded. Went to roll call vote. Motion passed 8 votes to 7.
- c) Girl Scout Day/Monday – Not a monetary sponsorship. Alise willing to coordinate work days and items. Brad Lutz moved to allow additional activities for Girl Scouts and invite/promote as “Girl Scout Day”. Dustin Hube seconded. Motion carried.
- d) Beer Garden – Von Cremeans proposed to have for Th, Fr, Sat. Brad Lutz moved to accept. Dustin Hube seconded. Motion carried.
- e) Huts for gates – Chris Pence moved to allocate \$4k to build two buildings for gates B & C. Jim Arledge seconded. Motion carried

Plaques will move with new building.
- f) Wristbands – Chris Pence moved to spend \$1k for wristbands. Brad Lutz seconded. Motion carried.
- g) Eagles – have requested to use camp ground for Easter egg hunt on March 30. Brad Lutz moved to approve request. Dustin Hube seconded. Motion carried.

- h) Antique Tractors – Craig Weiler talked with Roger Moore about moving them close to coliseum. He’s interested in coming back. Scott Pritchard said he is willing to work to place them so they’re not in the mud hole. Von Cremeans ask that it be tabled for now to figure out some logistics with rides.
- i) Jennifer Pontious inquired on what jobs are needing to be done so that her 4-H club can plan a workday. Craig is working on creating an all-inclusive list of tasks that volunteers can help with. Master gardeners (group through 4-H extension office) are disgruntled and likely will not return. Also, no one else is interested in taking over.

Traditional club projects include:

- Saddle & Sirloin takes care of flowerbed in front of Ankrom Building.
- Wild Wild West took care of weeding in past.
- Jr. Fair Board has been putting out mulch and doing planters.
- Westfall Livestock might have a specific project as well. Shirley Lear will follow up with Jessica Mullins to find out.

- j) Gun raffle tickets – Von Cremeans would like to sell all by next meeting. Betsy Cremeans has the tickets to distribute.

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 27 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Christy Pence, Secretary