



**Pickaway County Agricultural Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020 @ 7:00PM
Heritage Hall**

- I. Call to order – by President, Von Cremeans at 7pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Randy Smith
- III. Roll Call – Directors not present: Jim Arledge (courtesy of notice given), Chris Pence (courtesy of notice given), Frank Reisinger, Chad Black and Craig Weiler
- IV. Guests: Pickaway Fair Queen, Gracieanne Gray
 - a. Thanked fair board for their support. She commented on her visits to other fairs, while limited opportunities due to COVID, she has enjoyed visiting where she can. In comparison, she really appreciates the strong presence of law enforcement at our fair compared to others. She also brought an idea to light of how we might better label cages at fair so rabbits don't eat their tags.
- V. Secretary Report – Darin Myers moved to approve meeting minutes from the June 6, 2020 Special Meeting, seconded by Caleb Eversole. Motion carried. Jay Jude moved to approve June 8, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Darin Myers. Motion carried. Jay Jude moved to approve meeting minutes from August 3, 2020 Special Meeting, seconded by Scott Pritchard. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report
 - a. GAP-Income of \$56,402.69, Expenses of \$64,397.66. Tracey Rittinger moved to approve, seconded by Randy Smith. Motion carried.
 - i. Checking /The Savings Bank - \$19,561.09
 - ii. Money Market/The Savings Bank - \$9,646.03
 - iii. CD/The Savings Bank - \$20,234.37

- b. PCAS-Income of \$214,942.70, Expenses of \$65,539.36, including \$150,000 Small Business loan. Mark List moved to approve, seconded by Jay Jude. Motion carried.
 - i. Checking /KNB - \$222,155.11
 - ii. Money Market/KNB - \$150,000
 - 1. includes the Small Business Loan, secured at 2.75% for 30 years with the first year being free of interest and payments while earning interest in the Money Market account.
 - iii. Petty Cash - \$100.00
- c. Fair-Income of \$430,567.30, Expenses of \$267,962.98 for a net profit of \$162,604.32 for this year's fair, including the \$50,000 grant from the CARES Act.
 - 1. Concern was raised by Steve Barthelmas over the cost of Hayley Ann Photography since she is making money off the pictures she takes and sells, along with his concern of her being in the ring. He suggests we get a percentage of her sales.
 - 2. Total attendance was 21,717.
 - 3. Camping income was down due to COVID concerns and late decisions made on fair activities.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Building Rentals-Jan Shannon
 - i. Rental activity is strong
 - 1. 17 events still to host at Pickaway Ag & Event Center (PAEC) in 2020
 - a. Just finished 9 nine-day event, biggest event besides fair, deemed a success by the show promotors with a few hiccups.
 - i. Brought in people from 8 states, which generated interest in a variety of other opportunities in the future with the dairy & beef community (other shows, sales, etc...)
 - ii. Generated over 4000 Facebook hits.

- b. Hosted a wedding for \$1600 requiring us to set up 50 tables and 250 chairs.
 - c. Pumpkin Show pumpkin weigh-ins
 - d. Flat Track Race
 - 2. 16 events booked at PAEC for 2021, with 4 to 5 other prospects
 - ii. Need to find someone/company to have on call for events to clean bathrooms
 - iii. A/V support on site for events is a need
 - iv. Need an organized Events Committee to prep and tear down for events is requested.
 - v. Needs high pixel pictures of events to use in promotional literature. Mark to check with Haley Ann Photography to see if she has anything from fair and/or livestock shows we can use. Jan may be able to secure some from wedding photographer from this past weekend.
 - vi. She's meeting with Hampton Inn management/owners to negotiate rates associated with events at PAEC.
- b. Junior Fair Board-Joy Sharp
 - i. 2021 Junior Fair Board applications are due September 1, 2020. Applicant must be at least a freshman in high school. She needs help promoting this.
 - ii. The post-fair pizza party for the JFB members was lightly attended (<10).
 - iii. COVID implications still drastically impacting her ability to interact and educate through 4-H. The end of year 4-H awards banquet will probably not be happening.
- c. Sales Committee-Jeff Wippel
 - i. Successful Sale, generated \$398,685, which is \$4000 over last year. \$331,556 captured by ring bids/premiums...remainder was add-ons. Still have \$27,000 to collect. 80 fewer exhibitors in the sale compared to last year.
 - 1. Special commendation to Jan Shannon and the buyers' club for their support.
 - 2. No complaints without live animals in the sale ring.

3. Outside backdrop worked well for champion and reserve champion pictures to keep the sale moving.
 - ii. Recommendation of all market animal projects to be terminal was tabled at their meeting.
 - iii. Livestock and Sale Committee recommends PCAS to offer a Jr Fair Breeding Gilt Show
 1. Von requests Mark List's general livestock committee review this recommendation and bring a proposal to PCAS.
- d. Gun-A-Palooza-Von Cremeans
 - i. There will be an event, not sure if live or virtual. Ticket sales are 30% behind.
 - ii. Tracey Rittinger moved to transfer the cost of the electric upgrades/drops (\$7,879.26) in the livestock barns (hog barn and sheep/goat barn) from GAP to PCAS. Jay Jude seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Mark List moved to approve a contract for a rental coordinator, seconded by Darin Myers and approved by all, with Brad Shannon abstaining from the vote.
- b. A special meeting was requested by the Pickaway County Public Health to be held with the PCAS executive team. On August 5, 2020, Christy Pence, Scott Pritchard and Von Cremeans met with them. Von offered a brief recap of this meeting noting there are still many things to be ironed out in terms of their report and analysis of the fair, but we do need to continue to move forward with them and work with them for future events.

IX. New Business

- a. Darin Myers made a motion create an Events Committee. It was noted committees were appointed so a motion isn't needed but Randy, Darin, Von and Jan Shannon volunteered for this committee. Scott and von will address the committee's needs and structure and assign accordingly.
- b. Brad Shannon made a motion to install sliding type curtains on all open livestock barns (Cattle, Small Animals, Sheep/Goat) for winter

usage. The estimate is \$2200 for sheep/goat barn, \$1800 for small animal barn and \$2500 for beef barn, which does not include all the necessary hardware (inside and outside mounts) but does include install by vendor. The motion was tabled pending a complete quote. Mark List also suggested we look into a roll up style versus a sliding style for cost comparison, though this style may not be conducive to our barn style and structure.

X. Correspondence

- a. A letter was shared from Georgia Shephard whose husband recently passed away from COVID to ensure PCAS that her husband's COVID case was in no way related to the fair despite PCPH reporting differently in their report.

XI. Adjournment: Mark List moved to adjourn, seconded by Caleb Eversole.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14 @ 7pm