



Pickaway County Agricultural Society

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

7:00pm

Abbreviations:

*FFA/Future Farmers of America...GAP/Gun-A-Palooza...HH/Heritage Hall...HHB/Heritage Hall Ball...JFB/Junior Fair Board...
L&S Committee/Livestock & Sale Committee...ODA/Ohio Department of Agriculture...PAEC/Pickaway Agriculture & Event Center...
PCAS/Pickaway County Agricultural Society...PCVB/Pickaway County Visitors Bureau...SFB/Senior Fair Board*

- I. Call to order - by President, Von Cremeans at 7:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Chris Pence
- III. Roll Call - Directors not present: Randy Smith (courtesy of notice given), Brad Shannon (courtesy of notice given)
- IV. Special Guests - none speaking
- V. Secretary Report – Brad Lutz moved to approve 6/3/19 meeting minutes. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion Carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report

PCAS

- Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$37,885
- Checking/Kingston National Bank \$87,260
- Savings/Pickaway County Banking Center \$81,459
- Petty Cash \$100
- Total funds in bank \$206,705
- Income \$283,888
 - Beer Garden \$15,711 (includes Heritage Hall Ball, Fair, and Community Fireworks)
 - Concessions \$16,898
 - County Commissioners Drag reimbursement \$23,210
 - Fair Exhibitor Tickets \$16,240
 - Fair Daily Admission/Gate \$116,297

- Expenses \$291,692
 - Capital Outlay Projects (Horse Track Judges Stand, Gates, Cement Pad) \$16,140
 - Grandstand Events/Entertainment \$54,495
- Brad Lutz moved to approve PCAS Treasurer's Report. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

GAP

- GAP Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$2,077
- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$30,617
- Income \$12,098
 - Tickets sold \$11,600
- Expenses \$3,655
- Brad Lutz moved to approve GAP Treasurer's Report. Chris Pence seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

a) Jr. Fair Board

- Joy Sharp
 - Royalty has been to 6 fairs so far. Going to send photos of their travels to Christy Pence for social media.
 - Received an email suggestion for rabbit and poultry barn to have shelving for tack to keep organized.
 - Maps – printed and on signs. Love aerial with numbers best - will use for judges letter/packets. Put map in fair book.
 - JFB liked sharing tent with Soil & Water. Would like to plan a larger space for next year. Cloverbud activities well attended. Past averaged 12-15. This year averaged 20+. Attribute location, larger attendance numbers and having events at amphitheater each day. Topography table for Soil & Water was very popular.
 - JFB had an evaluation Friday evening of fair. Feedback included:
 - Liked the community feel, larger attendance. Schedule allowed them to see more shows.
 - Liked the variety of activities. More to do. Liked Thursday's jr. fair event.
 - Likes continuity, consistency of having same JFB committee members on livestock show committees each year.
 - Would like more practice/run through time prior to fair.
 - Concession stand was successful. Had some donations. \$633 profit. Need signage. Charted inventory and process to continue to improve. Von Cremeans suggested flip flopping to use west bleachers on south end. Put booths in front of east bleachers instead.

b) Livestock & Sale Committee/Jeff Wippel

- Thanked barn superintendents, SFB, JFB.
- Move-in went very smooth. It was a plus having it in the morning.
- Shows went very smooth. Plus having it in the morning.
- Weigh-in, goats and sheep, and cattle in a little over an hour. 297 hogs in 3 hours, 15 min. Adjustments and changes can be made to reduce further. Tag system being evaluated for adjustments, but still went well.
- Sale started an hour late because of technical difficulties with software freeze and copier jam.
- \$320k sale (\$254k in 2018) + approximately \$50k in packer bid. Had a lot of contractors that built fairgrounds participate. Hope they continue in the future.
- Only 1 packer bid for hogs (Buzzards). Usually get 3 or 4. Would like multiple. Feed is likely main issue not making them attractive.
- Brad Lutz suggested gathering data from other comparable fairs that sell about the same number of animals to determine adjusting sale (number of sale days, number of animals sold, open show opportunities, etc.)

c) All committee chairs and barn superintendent's report/debrief fair week highlights/summary.

- Amusements/Concessions – Scott Pritchard – went well for move-in. Electric hook up was very good, no problems. This was Triple Treat's contract expiration year. Looking to renew. Had good variety, will look at growing/expanding. We can consider entertainment at amphitheater for Saturday night. We can add more entertainment on amphitheater. Frank Reisinger suggested more benches out on the midway.
- Building/grounds/maintenance – Darin Myers – all new electric worked out really work. Still awaiting contractors to finish. Still a lot of post-fair clean up that needs to happen. Needs to happen quicker. Need to put a plan together to spread out the work load throughout the year. Creating a schedule of work to be better organized.
- Camping/golf carts – Von Cremeans – camping went well overall. 169 campers + concessionaire/vendor camping. All spots permanently marked now. Atlas was onsite all week and very attentive. Golf carts were a lot better this year. Corale wasn't big enough. Will improve corale accessibility for next year. Directors cannot stop in midway to get food. Must park and walk from behind hog barn.
- Gates/ticketing – Chris Pence - \$150k income, best year previous \$90k. Parking was tough. Thanked those that helped with pulling people out of mud. Need signs for exhibitor only gate. Report system was great. Really helpful in counting/balancing. Suggested renting/buying Square registers with card readers. Suggested hiring group for parking. May have to look into shuttling from OCU or CHS.
- Infield – Craig Weiler
 - Truck & Tractor Pull – Craig Weiler – record attendance. Thankful for the team effort to do what needed done. Gary Gabriel was pleased. Helpful to have Fletcher's onsite. They were very accommodating and helpful. 3 other truck and tractor pulls in the state got cancelled that night. Ours was the only one that didn't get cancelled.

- Demolition Derby – Darin Myers – good crowd. Needed more cars to participate. Need to split up heats to make it last longer. Not a lot of other options for promoters. Need to have entertainment after. PCAS controls infield. Promoter has control over pit and track only. Bleachers are not part of the pit.
- Autocross & Rodeo – Mark List – rodeo is expensive but really good show. Great crowd turnout. Autocross was up by 10 cars. Autocross is going to grow. Craig Weiler has another 10 drivers interested for next year.
- Amphitheater/entertainment – Mark List, & Scott Pritchard – Menus were great. Cut short by weather. Kids movie night at amphitheater with blow up movie screen possible for next year. Mark suggested wind screen on west side of amphitheater stage. Purchase large sound system.
 - Sound/tech – Caleb Eversole – they’re looking into an improved speaker for inside Heritage Hall. Sheriff requested hard line internet/wi-fi into their office. Switch is in there for a hard line. Von Cremeans is going to connect Caleb to county IT/Robert Adkins.
- Harness Racing – Sean Mayhugh – had to cancel Sunday because of wash out in winner’s circle. Doubled up racing on Monday. 233 horses participated. More than last year. A lot of compliments on track, especially with as much rain as we got. Celebrity race was recorded, on YouTube, posted on fair Facebook page. Sound was not good at grandstands. Need to purchase sound system.
- Senior Day – Jennifer Pontious – challenging not having a banquet hall for them. Possibly move to different day than Veterans Day. Sack lunches, served over 100 seniors. Need their own tent.
- Veterans Day – Von Cremeans said that it was well attended, went well.
- Security/safety/restrooms/portalets – Von Cremeans said that he thought Gator Johns did ok in restrooms. Working on getting hand dryers instead of paper towels. Portalets and camper pumping went much better than last year. Darin Myers suggested having in Gator Johns contract that drivers must have valid driver’s license.
- National Kiddie Tractor Pull & Outhouse Race, Antique/Mini Tractor Pull – Darin Myers said it was a lot of fun to watch and help with. Good event, encouraged all directors to go be a part of it.
- Beer gardens – Von Cremeans - \$7,400 gross for fair. \$3,500 approximately net.
- Beef/cattle barn – Steve Barthelmas – cattle barn is not as big as the 2 barns it replaced. Thankful llamas could go to horse barn. Suggested screen for west side. Letters going to 2 exhibitors that will not be able to show next year. Electric had some issues. Tripped breaker on show day. Once it was explained there were no issues. Necessary to educate exhibitors. Commissioners going to take care of improvement.
- Goat & sheep barn – Craig Weiler – show went well. Went long. Very few complaints.
- Hog barn – Mark List – 8am for hog show went well. Heard great things about Nathan Day, judge. Trevor Younkin did well setting up ring. Letter going to one exhibitor that will not be able to show next year. Suggested adding some more fans and possibly enhancing features of hog barn. Commissioners going to purchase 2 more fans. Von Cremeans took photos of examples of clean pens vs unclean pens to be used for

quality assurance training. Buzzards suggested a concrete loading dock like Hartford's.

- Rabbits – Tracey Rittinger – there was an issue with tack. Suggested better communication that they can only bring a certain size tote to reduce how much there is. JFB did an excellent job with weigh-in and show day. There was a challenge with sound on weigh-in day.
- Poultry – Carlee Stewart – move-in chaotic. Had a family give their wash tub to use for weigh-in to set on scale. LSC going to buy one. Need to organize tack, have shelving and/or designated area to declutter. Had drainage issues. Need signage on hydrants saying “do not dump”. Bedding gets into tile and clogs, causes puddles. Getting animals, specifically turkeys, was stressful on animals, a long way to transport/walk. Need to clarify the weight range. Packer needs to come earlier.
- Horses/Llamas – Jennifer Pontious – everything went really well! Heard nothing but positive. Adjustment for heat may be needed. Exhaust fans not enough. May reconsider fans for next year. PAS show went really well. Had 10 participate. A lot of age groups were combined. A lot of interest in possibly opening it up to other counties. Llamas and alpacas were no problem. Just couldn't see alpacas very well because of taller walls of stalls. May be better in open pen. Going to sanitize with lyme and bleach. Two horse stalls were damaged by horses.
- Von Cremeans looking into getting a cut-through and permanent gate from parking lot between cattle and horse barn.
- Scott Pritchard suggested improvements for reducing dust from show pavilion. The more it gets worked the better it gets.
- Caleb Eversole suggested improvements to animal waste between cattle and horse barns. Joy Sharp had a suggestion from someone to install a temporary dump trailer to assist with large animal waste. Von Cremeans has already begun looking into it.
- Von Cremeans suggested that SFB work on timing and logistics issues from fair week to improve overall flow. Will help solidify communications and rules.
- Set-up and shows by every committee was very good. Tear down and clean up by most committees was terrible. Chairs/superintendents need to ask for groups of volunteers to help. Not up to just one or two people. Need to plan better. Tear down is as important as set-up.

- d) Gun-A-Palooza/Von Cremeans –
- Directors need to get all tickets in every packet signed out sold. 30 tickets in packet. Get 1 free ticket (to be assigned, not out of packet) when the \$1,500 is returned.
 - Committee meeting Wednesday night 7/10.
 - Will have work sign up list by August 12 meeting.
 - All directors are expected to be there to work all day.
 - Hiring Rick Metzger to do sound.
 - Travis Brown and the Drifters and These Guys Live playing for entertainment.
 - Sherrie Duck will start working Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-4 starting Tu 7/9. Will extend hours closer to GAP date.
 - Can get tickets online 24 hours/day.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New business

- a) Exhibitor disciplinary/Von Cremeans - 2 dairy beef feeder projects will not be able to be shown next year for breaking rules, and 1 market rabbit. Also, 1 hog project will receive a warning letter from livestock committee.
- b) Photographer/Mark List - interested in coming next year and expanding services
- c) Westfall Dirt Drag/Scott Pritchard - in September. Need to get track put back together. Looking at moving it because there is potentially a horse show. Von Cremeans said he would get with Tim Wilson and report back by next meeting.

Scott Pritchard moved to go into executive session.

Chris Pence moved to go back into regular session. Darin Myers seconded.

X. Correspondence

- Tawn Seimer/Pickaway Soil & Water – thank you to PCAS for help with getting their tent ready and compliments on the new facilities.
- Sue Dennis/Future Farmers of Monroe – thank you to PCAS for a memorable and successful fair. Acknowledged the amount of hard work and planning to prepare.
- Lila Merritt/Scioto Sassafras – thank you to SFB/PCAS for the new facilities. Loves the new fairgrounds. “Out with the old, in with the new.”
- Eva Merritt – thank you to PCAS for a great fair experience and said the fairgrounds look awesome.
- Tallman – thank you for trophy and ribbon
- Scioto Sassafras 4-H Club – thank you to SFB for a great fair experience and a great new fairgrounds. Families truly appreciate the time and hard work. They loved it. Beautiful fairgrounds.

- Kyle Wolfe/Teays Valley Assistant Superintendent – a note of appreciation for hard work, time and dedication to the new fairgrounds. Outstanding place for our kids and the entire Pickaway County Community. You have left a legacy for generations to come. Congratulations on a job well done.

XI. Adjournment – Darin Myers moved to adjourn. Mark List seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 7pm

**Livestock & Sale Committee Meeting – Mon, July 15*

**Gun-A-Palooza – Sat, August 24*