



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

April 4, 2013

<i>Michael Peplowski</i>	<i>Richard Parker</i>	
<i>Yvonne Lambert</i>	<i>Cindy Woodman</i>	
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<i>Georgianne Alas</i>		
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Caretaker: *David Catenova*

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: *[Signature]*

Minutes: April 4, 2013

President Richard Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS: Dr. Rob Schwartz was in attendance to give an update on the Strangles situation. Rob informed the Board that the quarantine has been lifted. He checked all the horses on Monday, April 1 and they are all ok. He presented a list of his recommendations. Among his recommendations, he included on the upcoming fair is that barn 20 be vacant for 60 days prior to fair and have a professional service come in and disinfect. He suggests that everyone in that barn leave at the end of May. The recommended amount of days is 45 days. Mike Peplowski looked into the product that Cindy and Doc had located. Mike said that it is not a registered product and he wasn't sure if it would work. Rob said that someone from ServPro would contact the office with a price on their service. Cindy Woodman suggested that Mike talk to ServPro to see what his recommendation would be on their product. Rob also suggested that the Plaisted Ring be sprayed and the round pen be moved or taken down. He said that vaccines are not required, but recommended and also a quarantine area is recommended. Rob will check the horses on Monday of fair. He mentioned that groups, such as draft horse, have asked him on the results of the quarantine. Rob would like for us to notify them on what is going on. Jerry Merhar made a motion to have the horses move out June 30th. Cindy Woodman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Dick thanked Rob for all of his help and professionalism.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller was present. She said that the advisory committee has met and has elected their officers. They are thinking of a fair theme. April 15th is the deadline for enrollments. Cindy Woodman asked her if 4-H is aware of the wristband policy. Lisa said that they are and have accepted it, but have questions. They do understand why it is being put into place. Dick Parker mentioned to Lisa to try to get advisors together and have them

informed and also have them represent their clubs. Lisa said that a monthly newsletter is put out and it has all the information of what is going on to keep everyone informed.

MINUTES: Joe Slansky made a motion that the meeting minutes of March 7, 2013, be approved as distributed, seconded by Mike Peplowski. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable update: There are four outstanding rails and one outstanding storage payment and one outstanding rental. Chuck Shultz asked if we could have the names on the outstanding rails taken off for advertising to eliminate the debt. Bob Dawson feels that there is a misunderstanding of some sort and it shouldn't be taken down. After much discussion, it was decided that McMillian will not be taken down yet but that Rome Feed and the two Cianfaglione rails will be removed and their names will be taken off the Accounts Receivable list. Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Mike Peplowski; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram announced that we received a thank you from the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland for the donation for their fundraiser.

- Perry Home Donation request - Michelle Byram said that a request for a donation from the Perry Home was received. Jerry Merhar made a motion that a 4 pack of tickets for fair be donated. Seconded by Georgianne Adams. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership Tickets-Michelle Byram mentioned that tickets are still available for purchase.

- Spring District 9 Meeting - Dick Parker said that it was a nice meeting.
- Newsletter - Michelle Byram said that the newsletter has been sent out.
- Premium Book - Michelle Byram said that changes need to be turned in and that if someone wants their picture replaced, to let her know.
- Patrons - Michelle Byram informed the Board that if they want to be listed in the premium book, they need to turn in their patron's donation.
- VIP Passes - Dick Parker notified the Board that VIP Passes are ready for pick up.
- Fair Funds (State) - Bob Dawson informed the Board that we have received our funds from the state. They were mailed to an old address and had to be remailed to the office. There is one million dollars available for distribution. The racinos also have one million that has not been distributed. Bob is pushing to get some of that money for the fairs tracks.
- Fair Funds (Local) - An additional \$1700 was requested per Commissioner Judy Moran. We are still waiting on the funds approval.
- Sales Tax - Bob Dawson received a letter regarding the sales tax due to him testifying against it. It looks like this is falling apart. An experienced attorney was hired for the liquor license issue and it sounds good for the fairs.
- Racinos - Bob Dawson submitted an article to the Plain Dealer regarding the Racinos. It looks good for harness racers but the fairs are getting short changed.
- Audits - Bob Dawson said that the audits have not transferred over yet. ODA wants it to be done by July 1st.
- CDBG Bleachers - Bob Dawson stated that the foundation for the bleachers was poured. The bleachers are expected to be delivered April 15.
- Cone Barn - Bob Dawson said that the Cone Barn is coming along.

NEW BUSINESS: School Dates - Bob Dawson handed out a schedule of the Mentor school schedule for 2014-2015 and has adjusted their school start date. They were looking to start a week earlier. Perry Schools is also looking to start earlier, which would be during fair 2014-2015. Perry Schools have a meeting scheduled and asked for the input of the directors. Bob thinks that the schools are going to try to push the early start as it would help to get mid-term testing done before Christmas break. This would greatly affect the fair with our current schedule.

- Grounds Help - Bob Dawson placed an ad on Ohio Means Jobs site for grounds help.
- Auxiliary Pledge - Bob Dawson announced that the Ladies Auxiliary had a record fundraiser and is planning on using the money raised for the foundation for the bleachers, 1 dozen lights for the grandstands and Plaisted ring and two more hand dryers. Their support is greatly appreciated.
- Scholarship Committee - Michelle Byram needs people for the scholarship committee. Six applications have been received. All but one is complete. Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Mike Peplowski, Jerry Merhar, Joe Slansky and Michelle Byram will be on the committee. They will meet Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 am in the office.
- 990 - Michelle Byram presented a copy of the 990 report for each director for review. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the report, Joe Slansky seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

-Entertainment: Jerry Merhar said that Latino Day is interested in Sunday at Fair and asked if we budgeted for them. Dick Parker told him that it was in the budget.

-Fine Arts: Jerry Merhar said that Pat Catan has changed management and not sure yet if they will be sponsoring the Fine Arts program.

OTHER MATTERS:

Georgianne Adams made a motion to read and pay bills. Seconded by Jerry Merhar, the motion passed.

Cindy Woodman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jerry Merhar seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 2, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.