



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

January 10, 2013

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Caretaker: *[Signature]*

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: January 10, 2013

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

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: No one present.

MINUTES: Georgianne Adams made a motion that the meeting minutes of December 6, 2012, be approved as distributed, seconded by Joe Slansky. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable update: There are four rail payments, one rental and one storage payment outstanding. The end of the year report was presented with a net loss of \$38407.81 reported. Bob Dawson made a motion to approve the financial reports retroactive to December 6, 2012, seconded by Ryan Babcock; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A request for a donation for a Chinese auction for Puppy Raising and Leader Dogs for the Blind was made. John Kroh made a motion to donate a 4 pack of tickets for Fair. Ryan Babcock seconded. All in favor.

Bob Dawson wrote a letter to thank the board for his nomination to the Hall of Fame. The letter was passed around for all to read.

OLD BUSINESS: The OFMA convention held many awards for the Lake County Fair: 2nd place for Printed Promo Publications, 2nd place for Newspaper Flyer and 1st place for Newsletter. Also John Kroh was the recipient of the Outstanding Fair Supporter Director's Award. Bob Dawson was the Ohio Fair's Hall of Fame Class of 2013 Inductee. Congratulations to all.

- Lenny Jeschelnic said that he feels that he has learned more each year at convention.
- John Kroh said that he went to a seminar "Get up and Go Got Up and Went". Each committee should write down what they do so that the next person coming in can handle the position. He also handed out a paper he received from the Geauga County Fair about what to do with older directors. He would like to revamp it and have it available for our Fair. John also said that we should get a celebrity to be a Fair supporter. They give a lot of PR for the fair.
- Bob Dawson said that the OFMA takes comments and suggestions seriously from the convention and adjusts to fit what people need and want.
- Alcohol Sales at Fair - Bob Dawson reported that there was a letter from the Auditor of State to Michael DeWine regarding alcohol sales on fairgrounds. We have 80 days before they make a decision. There is an attorney that knows about alcohol sales that will write something up to present to Mike DeWine.

NEW BUSINESS: Membership tickets are available. Dick Parker said that we need to push selling these.

- Budget - Bob Dawson passed out a preliminary budget. The committee met twice. The first time was for five hours and then again for two hours to try to make some adjustments. The numbers are still the same. No one is comfortable with them. As it stands, it leaves us with \$15,750.00 to work with. Joe Slansky reported regarding the entertainment amount. He said that they are looking to do something different with the radio station. Possibly a Friday and Saturday entertainment. They are looking to flip the Tuesday and Wednesday Truck Pull nights and have free grandstands on Tuesday evening. They should make money on the beer sales. Bob Dawson said that the committee would like to bump up the revenue. They would like to increase the gate ticket price to \$8.00. Other fairs in the district are \$7.00 and \$8.00 Pay One Price. He thinks that we could move it up to get a profit of \$16,000.00. This would make it possible to give raises and help with cash flow to the Cone Barn. The budget will be tight without it. We could add a few small capital items also. Bob talked about wanting to relight the show ring and fix the water truck. Bob said that we need to sit down with Lisko and get at least 20 good rides. Going from \$7 to \$8 should not have an impact on those coming to the fair. John Kroh moved that we raise the General Admission price to \$8.00 and we adopt the budget accordingly. Seconded by Ryan Babcock. All in favor. Motion carried.

- John Kroh moved that we increase the salaries of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Grounds Superintendent 2.5% for the current fiscal and incorporate the appropriate cost into the budget. Seconded by Ryan Babcock. All in favor. Motion passed.

- Spring Meeting: The spring meeting will be held on March 17 at the Fairgrounds in Tallmadge.

- Newsletter: Michelle Byram stated to please start working on your articles for the newsletter and have them returned by the February meeting. Dick Parker wanted to know if it was possible to have some pictures of the Cone Barn for the newsletter. Bob Dawson said he could get them.

- Premium Book: Michelle Byram said that copies of changes needed were put in the mailboxes of the directors. Please check your folder and make changes as needed for the 2013 premium book.

- Concord Days - Dick Parker announced that this will be the same week as fair this year. A great many people will be affected by this decision. He sent a letter to let them know how we were upset about this. He to date has not received a response. He originally contacted Lee Bodnar. Caroline Luhta was sympathetic at first then referred it was kind of cut in stone. He believes that Chris Galloway is the one that is for this the most. Dick would like us to make a showing at the next Trustee meeting on Wednesday at 7:30. The Trustees meet at 6:30 with interested parties. Dick thinks we should attend this portion of the meeting. Rich Van Pelt stated that Lee Bodnar feels that it will not hurt us having them the same week. Bob Dawson said that the parade is the night of the auction. It will hurt our Livestock kids to have it that night. Plus two parades in one week are hard for people to participate in and some may choose their parade instead. There will also be a sheriff issue. Dick Parker said that Concord could have picked a weekend after our fair but didn't want to

conflict with Mentor Days. Bob Dawson said we need to tell them that the fair is about the kids. If something is taken away from them, that is what is important. He doesn't feel it would be beneficial to have a large group go but to represent ourselves and maybe even have some livestock kids that would be affected attend. We can't change this year, but maybe convince them to change the future years. It was suggested to contact Todd Dempshire. He was a Concord Livestock person.

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson said that we have a Kids Day sponsor for \$2,500.00 to replace First Energy. The committee needs to have a meeting. Looking at Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:00.

-Concessions: Bob Dawson said that they will get a hold of Liskos Amusement.

-Entertainment: Tent: Ryan Babcock said he offered up to local songwriters for a "jingle" for our fair. The committee will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 14.

-Fair Queen: Dick Parker said that Megan Muzic represented our county. There were 66 queens from around the state. All of the girls were winners. Dick wanted to thank Jackie Wilson and Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work.

-Gates and Tickets: Wade Crofoot said that this is a perfect time to make changes to the wristbands.

-Golf Carts: Steve Andow said that we lost our supplier. Eagle Golf Cart has been requested by Ross County for more carts. He is looking into Lake Erie Golf Carts.

-Grounds: Dick Parker said to make sure to look at the Cone Barn. It is beautiful.

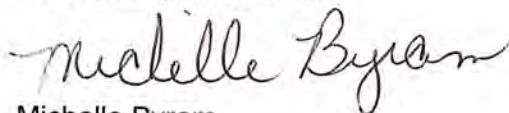
-Junior Fair Board: Lenny Jeschelng said that Jackie and Maria are stepping back and letting them take over. At convention he found out that at other counties, once the kids are done with Jr. Fair Board once they are done with 4-H.

OTHER MATTERS: Georgianne Adams informed everyone that there is strangles in barn 20. The vet is involved. John Kroh said to restrict movement of the horses, buckets, etc.

Ryan Babcock made a motion to read and pay bills. Seconded by Steve Andow, the motion passed.

Ryan Babcock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Slansky seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

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