

Minutes: March 6, 2014

Vice President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

VISITORS: Joe Somrak from Market Livestock attended the meeting in order to voice some concerns that he had. He wanted to inform us that the PA system did not work in the livestock barns and that two exhaust fans in the livestock barn did not work. The board informed Joe that we have a person that looks after the PA system and it will be brought to his attention and that the fans will be looked at also. Joe also informed us that since the auction will be during the day this year, livestock plans on putting up fans in the Livestock Pavilion and wanted to know about wiring for it. The board stated that they let us know how many fans they plan to put up and we will check the power and wiring for it.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller informed us that on March 29th, there would be training for 4H kids at the Browning Center in Willoughby from 9:30 - 2:00 pm. The cost is \$5 which includes a catered lunch.

- There will be mandatory advisor training on March 31 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Morley Library.
- There will be a Walk-A-Thon with a party after for the kids on April 26.
- The 4-H advisors would like more information on Jr. Fair Board and the Fair Queen.

MINUTES: Georgianne Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave Wilcox seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: No financials to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported that there was a donation request from the Ashtabula County APL for their Chinese auction being held on April 28. Mike Peplowski made a motion to give a Family 4 Pack of tickets to fair. Georgianne Adams seconded it. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership Tickets: Joe Slansky informed the Board that membership tickets are available.

- Premium Book: Steve Andow reported that the articles for the premium book are due in ASAP.

-Habitat For Humanity: Michelle Byram reported that Habitat For Humanity has contacted us to make payments. They plan on paying \$200 in March and April then will review to see what they can do in May.

-District 5 & 9 Meeting: Michelle Byram reported that the District 5 & 9 meeting would be Sunday, March 16 in Wayne County.

- Fair Dates: Joe Slansky reported that he spoke with Dick Parker and he recommended getting a committee together to review the plan for 2015 fair dates. Cindy Woodman, Bob Dawson, Wade Crofoot, Rob Sidley, Dave Wilcox said they will participate in the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Visitor Steve Ohmes introduced himself to the Board. He is interested in the Leroy Director Position. He was previously on the Board around 10 years ago and then moved to Kansas. He served in several agricultural areas while there. Bob Dawson stated that it is March already and the position will have to rerun in September and Steve seems like a good candidate for the position. Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve Steve Ohmes for the remainder of the term until September. Ryan Babcock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board welcomes Steve.

-Scholarship Committee: Joe Slansky asked who would be interested in being on the scholarship committee. Lisa Miller, Joe Slansky, Michelle Byram said they would help. Anyone else is welcome to contact the office.

-OFMA 2014 Fall Tour: Information for the OFMA Fall Tour was handed out to all directors.

-VIP Passes: Michelle Byram reported that she has the VIP passes to be distributed.

-Project Wish List: Michelle Byram reported that the Ladies Auxiliary is requesting a wish list for projects or items that the directors want. They are to turn in their list to the office or Ladies Auxiliary.

-Monthly Calendars

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that we secured a couple extra sponsors. The Lamar sign is up and activated. This will help us during fair. We plan to have our logo on it with dates of fair plus extra daily events such as our concert.

-Concessions: Cindy Woodman reported that contracts are going out on Monday.

-Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported that we have secured Eric Paslay for Thursday night during fair. The following is the entertainment schedule for fair:

Tuesday is open, Wednesday is Motocross, Thursday is the Eric Paslay concert, Friday is the Carlos Jones concert, Saturday will be the Demolition Derby and Sunday will be a Rodeo.

-Fair Queen: Michelle Byram reported that Jackie Wilson would like to continue with the Fair Queen with the Boards permission. Mike Peplowski said all help is welcomed. There were no objections.

-Grounds: Bob Dawson reported that the Cone barn is going slow due to the weather and plowing that needs to be done.

-There was a water leak that was detected by a higher than normal water bill. Dave found the leak and repaired it.

-The rate for the electric is expected to go up by 6 times the next few years.

-Draft Horse: Wade Crofoot reported that they had a meeting and the draft horses are at capacity. They may have to take around 9 - 12 stalls in the Cone barn if it is ready.

-Saddle Horse: Cindy Woodman reported that saddle horse meeting is Monday and she will attend.

-Publications: Steve Andow thanked the Board for getting the newsletter articles in on time. It should go to print next week.

OTHER MATTERS: Bob Dawson received an email regarding the PED Virus in swine. There will be a conference call on March 10 and March 14 at 4:00 regarding the situation.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 3 @ 7:30 p.m.