

## **Minutes: May 1, 2014**

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

**VISITORS:** Several visitors regarding the tree harvesting attended the meeting. Painesville Township Trustee, Chuck Hillier spoke regarding the cleanup of the area. He is concerned with rodents and coyotes in the area. He questioned President Richard Parker on how and when the cleanup will occur. Richard Parker stated that a statement was given to the Painesville Township Trustees regarding what will be done and nothing has changed. Bill Baldzicki wanted to know if there was a time line on when the cleanup would be done. Mr. Baldzicki stated that neighbors have water issues due to ruts made by the dozer and this will cause a mosquito issue. He also wanted to know how they will access the southern part of the property for cleanup. Dick stated that cleanup all depends on the weather but plans to take care of cleaning up residual brush 3" or larger before the end of the year. Wade Crofoot stated they will access the area from the north end and work their way to the south, the same way it was logged out. Wade got the address of Ron Butterfield on Coventry, who has more water in his yard this year than previous years.

-Randy Brewster, a club advisor for 4-H Young Guns, Pistol and Archery spoke regarding allowing the kids in his club to demonstrate their skills at fair. The club started with seven and now has twenty-three kids. They would like to do an archery and air rifle demonstration possibly on Tuesday morning of fair. He had requested the infield, but Mike Peplowski said that area is busy then getting lines painted for parking. The Shute area was suggested, since they will only need around five hours. They want the public to know that safety is their main concern and to demonstrate that they have rules to follow and respect. There is a trailer that they use for shooting at Canter Cave and would like to bring it to fair. They also would like to keep the trailer set up and use as a fundraiser during fair. Bob Dawson had concerns on space and it being legal gaming by ODA. Cindy Woodman said she will check into it and will get back with Randy on it.

**4-H EXTENSION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller informed the Board that Susie Mettler will be at fair this year and wanted to make sure she would be able to get around with her wheelchair. Lisa said that enrollment was due April 30. They have a new system for enrollment this year. \$49123.01 was raised for the Susie fundraiser. A van was purchased with the funds for her. The Other Side of 4-H was held at the Browning Center. This is a non-animal even that is put on to get new members. Advisor training was successful. Bob Dawson questioned the nose prints that were to be submitted to state. Lisa said they should have been to state by January 15. The extension office doesn't have anything to do with submitting them. It is up to Livestock. Only two of the twenty-two kids are going to state fair. Pictures were taken but never sent in. Bob has a contact but said it is tough due to excessive cheating. If dated pictures can be submitted with reasonable cause, the contact will see what he can do. Lisa said that Livestock would like to have an extra tent for pictures. Discussion was had on if the tent is necessary.

**MINUTES:** Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable and financial reports for February and May were presented by Michelle Byram. Joe Slansky made a motion to approve the financial report. Rob Sidley seconded. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Lake County History Center requested the use of the People Movers for their Memorial Day Week-end event. Cindy Woodman made a motion to allow them to use the People Movers. Ryan Babcock seconded. All were in favor.

-Donation requests were made for the Perry Fall Festival and the Madison Light up the Park Chinese Auctions. Ryan Babcock made a motion to allow a Family 4 Pack of tickets to the 2015 Lake County Fair. Cindy Woodman seconded. All were in favor. Bob Dawson made a motion for the Secretary-Treasurer to decide on the donations to be made. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

-Michelle Byram informed the Board that the plant on the front table was delivered by John Murphy thanking the Board for all they do for Fair.

-Race Track Letter. Michelle Byram read a letter received requesting a reinstatement of the use of the Race Track. Discussion was had, including the safety of the track due to it not being maintained and others requesting to use it. Wade Crofoot made a motion to keep the Race Track closed. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

-Round Table: Portage County will host the Round Table on May 19 at 6:30.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dick Parker reported that Membership Tickets are available and only a few Directors need to purchase theirs.

-Michelle Byram reported that Patrons for the Premium Book will be turned in on Monday so if any Directors want to purchase theirs, they need to do so.

-Michelle Byram informed the Board that the renewal deadline for the Plaisted Rail was April 15. There are still outstanding prior Rails. She will email the list of those along with an application to all Directors on Monday.

-Michelle Byram stated that Premium Book changes have been handed out to Directors for final editing.

-Joe Slansky said that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7 to discuss the 2015 Fair dates.

-Michelle Byram reported that OFMA Passes have been received and distributed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Michelle Byram reported that the Recipient of the Arthur Warren Scholarship is Kevin Nelson. She said that there were twelve very qualified applications that were received for the scholarship.

-Michelle Byram reported that the title for the Bucket Truck from First Energy came in the mail and that it has been transferred into the Agricultural Society name.

-Bob Dawson stated that one nomination has been received for the Hall of Fame and that the deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Bob Dawson reported that an additional \$28,740.00 will be available from Racino funds that will be distributed by the state.

-Bob Dawson reported that the Audit has been completed and that it was a perfect audit. It also was the most inexpensive on that we have had.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**-Audit of Bills:** Bob Dawson said it is going good. Getting sponsors is tough.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reminded the Directors to think about their tent needs. Someone will be needed to do Ice this year, so if there is an interest to let her know.

**-Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported that Truck Pulls have been added to Tuesday night at Fair. Ryan Babcock reported that the Entertainment Tent is getting lined up.

**-Garage Sale:** Lenny Jeschelnic reported that there are only a few spaces left for the Garage Sale.

**-Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported that the Cone Barn is shaping up and that Dave has done nice carpentry work.

**-Historical:** Wade Crofoot reported that he has to get with Doc.

**-Saddle Horse:** Cindy Woodman needs to talk to Saddle horse about their event on Tuesday night since the Truck Pulls will be held.

**-Jr. Fair:** Lenny Jeschelnic reported that Jr. Fair Board will be having a fundraiser during the Garage Sale. Half the proceeds will go to Red Cross and half will be used to purchase picnic tables for the Milk Shake Booth.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Cindy Woodman said that there will be changes for parking by the barns during fair. Cars will be allowed in during a restricted time.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Bob Dawson mentioned that since Laura Kessel is no longer at the News Herald, that we need to look into if it will be done this year.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 5 @ 7:30 p.m.**