



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 7, 2017

Mike Peplowski	[Signature]	C. Wood
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Jim Slansky	S. Dyl	
[Signature]	M. Adams	
Jeremy [Signature]	[Signature]	
Jerry Merhar		

Caretaker: [Signature]

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: September 7, 2017

Vice-President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS: There were no visitors in attendance

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3rd. Jerry Merhar seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the August 2017 financial. Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Jim Slansky seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram read a letter received from Dick Parker thanking the Fair Board and all others that were involved for all of their hard work on a successful fair.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Slansky reported that memberships can still be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS: 10 year fair income vs. expense summary: Bob Dawson reported that the report is strictly revenue from the fair for the past 10 years and also the 2017 budget. On the revenue lines, it is a little under what was budgeted on admissions, but the revenue is the best ever that Bob could remember. On the expenses there were no surprises. Bob reported that all in all it was a really great fair and expects better ones to come. Bob stated that once the new officers select the committees, a look at the free admission for 3 days needs to be reviewed. Also, the cost of membership and exhibitor fees should be raised. The concessions have room to grow in the upcoming years.

- Fair Fund Request: Bob Dawson made a motion to accept the fair funds request. Mike Peplowski seconded the request and all were in favor. Motion passed.

- Incorporation Bank Account Changes: Michelle Byram reported that the fair is in the process of getting the Incorporation for the Lake County Agricultural Society. In the works of this, all bank accounts need to be changed due to the new tax identification number being issued. Michelle will look at other banks to see what they have to offer, other than Chase, since the fees are so high. Michelle will present at the October meeting what the findings are from the other banks so that the Fair Board can decide which is best.

- News Herald "Opinion": Bob Dawson reported that he was elated about the article and all the positive that the News Herald had to say about the new fair dates.

- Golf Cart Sponsorship: Bob Dawson reported that Ashtabula and Geauga Fairs sell sponsorship for their golf carts. Suggested that the sponsorships can be bought and the name put on a banner on the cart. Bob suggested that possibly each director get a sponsor for their golf cart.

- Elections: Joe Slansky reported that the Fair Board Director Elections will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the fair office. Held is needed.

-Houston Disaster Relief: Royce Gregory handed out fliers on the collections for Houston, TX. A donation basket was available if anyone wanted to make a donation.

- Ladies Auxiliary Reverse Raffle: Joe Slansky reported that the raffle will be held on Saturday, November 11th. Tickets are \$100 per couple.

- Convention: Joe Slansky reported that the OFMA Convention will be held from January 4 – 7, 2018. Please turn in your reservations by October 5th.

COMMITTEES:

-**Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats:** Rich Van Pelt asked Sam Taylor if a decision was made regarding open classes. Sam said that he talked to livestock and they will have a deadline for open.

-**Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported that fair went pretty good. Cindy also reported she would be meeting with the ride company. Some vendors questioned if fair will be in July again next year. Bob Dawson stated that there is no reason to change the dates. Bob made a motion for the Fair Date Request Form to be submitted for the dates of July 24 – 29, 2018. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

-**Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported that dates were given to some of the entertainment and they will be coming back next year.

-**Garage Sale:** Dave Wilcox reported that the sale of the spaces is going slow. 70 outside spaces and 7 inside spaces were still open. Dave thought the increase in price was keeping people from reserving spaces. He suggested reducing the price and adding a third sale. Bob Dawson and Cindy Woodman didn't feel this would work due to the work involved and they didn't feel the vendors would want a third sale. Dave suggested having the vendors pay for both the May and September sales before the May sale with a reduced price and full price if only paying for just the May sale.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported that once committees are selected, then decisions will be made on what to do on the grounds.

-**Historical:** Wade Crofoot reported that all went well with fair and the building is all cleaned up.

-**Draft Horse:** Wade Crofoot reported that the horse pulls went well. Wade reported that the draft horse program numbers were down but it worked out well. The minis are looking to put on a driving class in the mini show. Wade expects the show for Saturday to get bigger.

-**Saddle Horse:** Cindy Woodman reported she went to the after fair meeting. They have some issues to work out regarding some early releases.


-**Hospitality:** Michelle Byram reported that the Ladies Auxiliary is looking to hang some pictures or decorations on the walls in the office/kitchen with the approval of the Fair Board. This was approved as long as it is in good taste.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported that all committees have wrapped up and all agreed the fair was a relaxed, enjoyable environment and fair.

OTHER MATTERS: Joe Slansky reminded the Fair Board to keep Dick and Judy Parker in their thoughts and prayers as he continues to recuperate.

Mike Peplowski made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Wade Crofoot, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 5th @ 7:30 p.m.