



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

April 5, 2018

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Caretaker: David Hanson

Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

### Minutes: April 5, 2018

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**VISITORS:** Lucy Morris, an agricultural member attended the meeting.

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2018. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the February and March financials. Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Jerry Merhar seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A thank you was received from GOSA for the donation to the "Moving Forward Safely" ride safety program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership tickets: Wade Crofoot reminded the Board that membership tickets are available for the public.

- Premium Book changes: Wade reminded the Board to look over the changes for the premium book. Michelle stated the first draft was received quickly and looks good.

- Ladies Auxiliary Reverse Raffle – April 28. Wade informed the Board if tickets are needed to contact Ladies Auxiliary. Tickets are going fast and appear to be sold out.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lake County Fairgrounds Community Center Resolution for CDBG Application: Jerry Merhar reported that Commissioner John Hamercheck at last years' fair talked about a convention community center to replace the youth building. This idea is now being pursued and through grants and the Cleveland Foundation, funds can possibly be obtained to build this building.

The building would be approx. 8,000 sq ft and cost approx. \$800,000. The first step is to complete the application for the CDBG. This is federal funds that have provided improvements to the fairgrounds in the past such as bleachers, the restroom, windows, etc. A resolution is needed for this. Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve a special resolution authorizing an application for a community development block grant. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Budget Amendment: Wade reported that we have received more rentals than was anticipated when the budget was put together. There is over \$10,000 additional income that will be coming in. Joe Slansky made a motion to approve an additional income of \$10,000 to the budget. Rob Sidley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- VIP Passes: Wade reported that VIP passes for the fairgrounds are being distributed this evening.

- 990's: Michelle reported that two 990's needed to be completed this year. Since the Society applied to go on its own away from the group, it became incorporated. One is for the Lake County Agricultural Society, EIN #34-0870118 and the new Lake County Agricultural Society, Inc., EIN #82-1992167. Both were distributed for the Fair Board to review before mailing.

- Senior Day: Michelle reported that she was contacted by the Donna Tyson from the Commissioners' office asked if the Commercial building can open at 10:00 am again on Friday, July 27, Senior Day during fair. It will be manned by county offices to assist the seniors. The Fair Board had no objections to this

- Credit card machines for fair gates: Michelle presented the use of credit card machines at atleast one gate during fair. Each year more people come to the office to use the machine due to not having cash. Mike Peplowski had concerns about compliance issues using the wireless units and also the cost for the units. It was decided to not use the machines this year and see how much it is used in the office this year.

- Ride Safety Donation: Bob reported that after the Ohio State Fair accident the fair and carnivals are down 9-20%. A video and media kit is being assembled to have everyone being consistent when responding to ride safety concerns. The cost of the program is approx. \$25,000. GOSA & OFMA are paying most but are accepting donations. Bob stated he put \$100 from misc. funds towards the program. Ladies Auxiliary also donated \$100. There is a preview of the program at the spring district meetings. ASTM published a crisis management. A power point was put together regarding planning crisis management. We need to address this so we are current.

- Scholarship judging: Michelle reported that the scholarship committee will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 4:00 pm in the fair office to judge the scholarships.

## COMMITTEES:

-**Advertising:** Publicity: Bob Dawson reported it is going well. We have secured all but one major sponsor. Signs & Stuff will make the signs for the golf carts and will also be sponsoring a cart. A new sign for the commissioners is also made and will be put up.

-**Dogs:** Wade Crofoot reported that there will be no dog clubs for fair.

-**Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported that applications are out and are due back by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Judging will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.

-**Fine Arts:** Jerry Merhar reported that Suzette and Lois Boone will be back to handle the Fine Arts this year. They will be following the fair theme of "Christmas in July".

-**Garage Sale:** Michelle Byram reported that applications are out and are coming back.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported the restroom by the horse show ring is having the countertops, sinks and faucets replaced. Dave has painted the restrooms.

-**Draft Horse:** Wade Crofoot reported the pulls will be here again. There will be approx. 60 draft horses at fair. There will be a larger mini horse show this year.

-**Parade:** Joe Slansky reported the Grand Marshall will be the Ohio Fairs Queen Morgan McCutcheon.

**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported he is in need of tractor drivers. Drivers must be at least 16 with a valid driver's license.

**-Voice of the Fair** – Jerry Merhar reported that he has not been able to reach Nelson Cintron. Michelle said she will try to find info on the radio station.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported that the new employee, Mary Steelman is doing very well.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Steve Andow reported that the computer with the fair program on it is using wireless to connect to WIFI and has trouble doing so. Steve would like to hardwire this computer but it would entail putting a small hole in the wall to run a wire. There was no objection to doing so.

**-Storage take out:** Wade reported storage take out will be on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Help is needed. Dave said he could use around six people. Mike, Joe and Jerry will be able to help.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

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