



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

April 7, 2016

<i>Sam Dyl</i>	<i>J. Adams</i>	
<i>Bob Dawson</i>	<i>Mike Peplowski</i>	
<i>Michelle Byram</i>	<i>Jeremy Mendez</i>	
<i>Michael Peplowski</i>	<i>Jim Fulle</i>	
<i>Randy Zondag</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>Jeremy Mendez</i>		
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Caretaker: *David Cameron* Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____ 4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: April 7, 2016

Immediate Past President Bob Dawson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS: Bruce Sandacz from All Ohio ATM gave a presentation to the Fair Board about his company and how he felt it could help the Lake County Fair. Questions were answered and Bob Dawson informed him that this would go before the finance committee and the committee would report back to the Fair Board its determination.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported that the Livestock fundraiser did well. They are moving along with the software. Lisa also reported that Randy Zondag will be retiring at the end of April. Postings for his position will be from April 16 – May 16. Interim director will be Dr. Jackie Kirby Wilkins. Lisa will be the County Extension Director come September.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the March 3rd minutes. Dave Wilcox seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Michelle Byram reported on the March 2016 financial report. Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Georgianne Adams seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported the following thank you's were received: GHPA for the donation for their awards banquet; The George Lassnick Jr. family sent a thank you for the flowers received for his funeral; Painesville Twp for the VIP passes for their elected officials and administrative staff.

OLD BUSINESS: Premium Book changes – Steve Andow reported that the first set of changes have been set out for review.

- Ladies Auxiliary Raffle – Bob Dawson reported that the Raffle will be held on Saturday, April 30th. All directors are asked to provide an item for the Chinese Auction.

- Membership Tickets – Bob Dawson stated that membership tickets will be available at the reverse raffle.

NEW BUSINESS: 2015 990 Tax Return – Michelle Byram presented the 2015 990 Tax Return to the Fair Board for review. A correction on Schedule O from 2014 to 2015 will be made. A motion to approve the 990 as corrected was made by Jerry Merhar. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

-Capital Grant – Bob Dawson reported that the grant is being worked on. It is a 50/50 match up to \$100,000 grant. The Fair Board is focusing on the roofs. The grant is subject to prevailing wages, unless it is under \$75,000. Quotes have been requested. Along with the roofs, a new mower, street lights to be converted to LED and bleachers are also being considered with the grant. Request needs to be submitted by July 1st. The Fair Board should have something firm in May.

- Hall of Fame Nominations – Bob Dawson reported that nominations for the Hall of Fame are due in by June 1st. Michelle said she would email applications out to the Fair Board.

- Storage Help – Storage take out will be on Saturday, April 16. Help is needed. Bob Dawson questioned the measurement discrepancies with storage. Dave Herroon reported he measured the boats and campers and about a dozen were off by 3 feet or more.

- Scholarship Application Review – Michelle Byram reported that scholarships have been received and a committee needs to review them. The committee of Georgianne Adams, Jerry Merhar, Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Michelle Byram, Mike Peplowski and possibly Jim Slansky will meet on Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the fair office.

- VIP Passes – Bob Dawson reported that the Lake County Fair VIP Passes were distributed.

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that he has obtained more sponsorships.

-Culinary-Farm-Dairy: Dave Wilcox reported he will work on a cooler once storage is out of the building.

-Dogs: Wade Crofoot reported the dog group will have a smaller tent this year.

-Fair Queen: Michelle Byram reported that applications will be available later in April.

-Gates & Tickets: Bob Dawson reported that a schedule and engagement letters were sent out to the groups working the gates. A training session is planned for August 1st. A copy of the schedule is enclosed in the handouts.

-Golf Carts: Steve Andow reported that we have a first year waiver if we are not happy with the golf carts this year.

-Draft Horse: Wade Crofoot reported that the Draft Horse Dinner was held and all went well. There will be no tent this year. The front barns are full along with some of the back barns. The group was also okay with having to pay for camp sites.

-Insurance: Bob Dawson reported that OFMA wrote a letter to PEP for reimbursement but haven't heard anything.

-Parade: Bob Dawson reported that the city rejected the parade route due to not enough in the budget to have it at Harvey due to the extra manpower needed. The parade will step off at the churches on Mentor Avenue as in the past two years.

-Publications: Steve Andow asked if there was any feedback on the newsletters. Several people stated that there was positive feedback.

-Rails: Michelle Byram reported several renewals have come back but there are still many rails available.

-Transportation: Mike Peplowski reported he will need tractor drivers. They must have a drivers license and be over 16 years old.

-Volunteers: Jerry Merhar reported that we are set with the courts again with volunteers.

OTHER MATTERS:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Byram". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michelle Byram
Secretary

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