



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

October 1, 2015

Rob Sidley	Joe Slansky	Ken Gregory
Mike Capobianco	Paul Brown	G. Adams
Steve Ohmes	Dave Wilcox	R. Parker
Michelle Byram	SB	Cindy Woodman
CS	<del>Jeremy Hejduk</del>	John Miller
R. Parker	Jim Farrell	
Michael Peplowski		

Caretaker: Dave Wilcox Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2015

President Richard Parker following the temporary adjournment of the meeting held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 reopened the Annual Meeting, at which the Election of Directors took place.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Secretary Michelle Byram reported that 79 members voted at the Director election. Elected to 3-year terms ending September 30, 2018 were: Joe Slansky representing Concord, Steve Ohmes representing Leroy, Georgianne Adams representing Painesville, Cindy Woodman representing Willoughby, Royce Gregory representing At Large Central, Jeremy Hejduk representing Madison and Sam Taylor representing Perry.

Fair Board Director Jim Farrell administered the Oath of Office and notarized the newly elected Directors.

**MINUTES:** Secretary Michelle Byram read the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Cindy Woodman made a motion to accept these minutes. Seconded by Joe Slansky, the motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bob Dawson made a recommendation to amend the Constitution to not limit the election of the Secretary, the Treasurer or the Secretary/Treasurer to Lake County residency. The change would give the Board maximum selectivity for these skilled positions and is allowed in ORC Section 1711.08. Rob Sidley moved and Joe Slansky seconded. Sam Taylor abstained for voting. The remainder of the board was in favor and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Dave Wilcox made a motion that the Annual Meeting for 2015 be adjourned, seconded by Mike Peplowski. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2015**

Richard Parker immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting called the 2015-2016 Reorganization Meeting of the Lake County Agricultural Society to order.

Dave Wilcox nominated Richard Parker for President, seconded by Mike Peplowski. Cindy Woodman made a motion that the nominations for President be closed, seconded by Rob Sidley. Georgianne Adams moved that Richard Parker be elected President by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Cindy Woodman and carried and Richard Parker was elected as President.

Bob Dawson nominated Joe Slansky for Vice-President, seconded by Dave Wilcox. Cindy Woodman then moved that the nominations for Vice-President be closed, and that Joe Slansky be elected by acclamation. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. It was approved and Joe Slansky was elected for Vice-President.

Mike Peplowski made a motion to nominate Michelle Byram as Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Georgianne Adams. Cindy Woodman made a motion that nominations for Secretary-Treasurer be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Michelle Byram as Secretary-Treasurer. Seconded by Dave Wilcox. This motion carried and Michelle Byram was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mike Peplowski made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting, seconded by Georgianne Adams. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2015**

Richard Parker called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

### **VISITORS:**

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Sicilliano-Miller reported that the fair wrap up was held and they all felt fair was successful. There were suggestions and comments regarding the starting of school and having a hard time adjusting. 4-H requested that set up of 4-H booths be a day earlier and tear down be at 8:00 pm instead of 9:00 pm.

-Lisa reported that there was an issue with preferred parking spots on Sunday of fair. The parking spots were taken. 4-H was happy with the gates people. There were some animal concerns regarding the chicken issue for next year.

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion that the meeting minutes of September 3, 2015, be approved. Motion was seconded by Joe Slansky. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Michelle Byram reported there are no financials to report at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michelle Byram reported that a thank you was received from Perry Historical Society for the donation to the Chinese auction.

-A thank you letter was received from Jenni Kapostasy for the wonderful work at restoring the Pappy Cone Barn.

**OLD BUSINESS: Fair Summary:** Bob Dawson reported on the profit and loss of the 2015 fair. Records show a \$56,000 profit.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fair Dates & 5 Day Fair: Bob Dawson reported that this does not need to be decided until the end of November and suggests we look into a 5 day fair to see if it can be done. Bob feels it will affect the expenses but not much change to the revenue. Bob feels a five day fair would make the days busier. The finance and budget committee will meet October 26 to look at this.

- 2016 Capital Improvement Grant – Bob Dawson reported that he and OFMA Ex Director Howard Call had been chosen by the Ohio Director of Agriculture to represent the fairs at the Capital Grants final rules making meeting in late October. The program will be rolled out to the county and independent fairs at the January convention and suggested that the Grounds Committee work to prioritize our capital needs to take advantage of the program in 2016. Bob believes that we will be eligible for as much as \$50,000 probably on a 50/50 match basis. Bob stated that the County Commissioners Association of Ohio had supported this action in the recent budget bill.

-ORC request Attorney General decision on Racino Funds: Bob Dawson reported that the Ohio Racing Commission had requested an opinion from the Ohio Attorney General relative to the control and distribution of the Racino monies to the Harness Industries. This is the money that has been making its way to the fairs. The opinion could (but hopefully won't) affect our racing funds.

- Bob Dawson made a motion to request fair funds. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Storage put in dates are October 17, October 27 and October 31 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Dick Parker requested that help would be needed and to contact Dave.

-Forms and information were distributed to the directors for the 2016 OFMA Convention. Dates will be Thursday, January 7 through Sunday, January 10. Forms need to be completed and returned before the November Board Meeting.

-Committee Forms were distributed to the directors. Dick Parker reported these need to be completed and turned after the meeting this evening.

- Director List: Michelle Byram reported that current director lists are included and for each director to check their address and phone number and report any changes.

-Premium Checks: Michelle Byram reported that premium checks are still in the office from fair and to inform anyone that may have one to pick it up.

**COMMITTEES:** No committee reports to report.

**OTHER MATTERS:** No other matters to report.

Bob Dawson made a motion to read and pay bills. Seconded by Joe Slansky, the motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 5, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.**