



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 5, 2013

<i>Richard Parker</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>Michael Peplowski</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
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<i>White Report</i>	<i>Rob Sidley</i>	
<i>RUB</i>	<i>Jerry Merhar</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Georgianne Adams</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Cindy Wood</i>	

Caretaker: *David Coffey*

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: *Judy Parker*

4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: September 5, 2013

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

VISITORS: James Slansky was presented with a resolution thanked Jim for his hard work with 4-H, Jr Fair Board, Lake County Fair and Fairgrounds and his donation of the cabinet to the Fair Board Office. The resolution was presented by Richard Parker and was read by Robert Dawson.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller said that she thought the fair was a good experience this year. The wristbands went well. There were complaints about the 4-H food stand. People complained that there wasn't as much as there was in the past. There was an issue brought up regarding a regular business that attends the auction that did not bid this year. There were several rumors why but it was confirmed that the buyer was ill and had to leave. Lisa also informed the Board that 4-H will be having a Walk-A-Thon on October 19th.

MINUTES: Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the minutes. Georgianne Adams seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Jerry Merhar seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS: October Meeting Date: Richard Parker requested that the date for the October meeting be changed to October 2nd since he will be out of town on the 3rd. Jerry Merhar made a motion to change the date. It was seconded by Rob Sidley. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Dairy Proceeds: Richard Parker reported that a check was received in the amount of \$68.94 for the milk that was collected and picked up from fair. There was only one pick up listed on the check receipt and it was assumed that more was picked up, so there may be another payment coming.

-New Ohio Fairs Insurance: Bob Dawson reported that the OFMA was dealing with an effort by the Ohio County Commissioners Association to get legislation passed so that Commissioners would no longer have to provide property insurance for county owned fairgrounds. Bob distributed a copy of an insurance appraisal for the Lake County Fairgrounds and buildings with an estimate that the insurance could cost the Fair Board as much as \$18,000-\$20,000 additional per year. Bob also shared a survey of liability coverage limits for several fairs in Northeast Ohio that are insured by the Public Entities Pool.

-OFMA Gala: Bob Dawson informed the board of the OFMA Gala that will be held at Convention. The Board has purchased a ticket for years for this. John Kroh made a motion to purchase a ticket for the Gala. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor.

-Fair Summary: Bob Dawson reported the Board that the summary for fair has been done and that amounts were accrued in places that bills were not yet received. Budgeting was pretty close. The State Support was different due to extra money that was received. Sponsors are off due to commissions being kept, instead of coming in with the payments and then being distributed. The electrical situation is off due to the electrician canceling at last minute and us having to go to another company. The ATM also did very well. Bob said that it was a very good job by everyone.

-Garage Sale: Will be held on Saturday, September 14th.

-Calendars: The date for the October meeting needs to be changed to Wednesday, October 2nd.

COMMITTEES:

-**Advertising-Publicity:** Bob Dawson said that the message got out. The website activity was almost the same as 2012. Tuesday, August 13th, we had a record hit and that was the day that we had the full-page ad in the papers. Bob said he thinks the \$8.00 pricing has been very popular.

-**Concessions:** Cindy Woodman said that the tents went good. We will have to schedule them to come on Tuesday for now on. There is a radio missing and we will need to pay for it. The concession numbers are down a little. Dick Parker said that he felt that buildings and vendors needed to open earlier. Cindy said that it isn't feasible for them to do that. The vendor would be more than happy to if they were making money. Bob Dawson said that we need to decide on something for Senior Day.

-**Entertainment:** Joe Slansky said that the attendance for the Friday and Saturday shows were disappointing. Will work on something different for next year. Jerry Merhar said that Sunday was awesome for Latino Day. Bob Dawson asked Ryan Babcock if we could do a point series with other counties for the Demolition Derby. Ryan said that Jeremy is looking into something. Bob said that we need to make the Demo Derby a top priority. Ryan Babcock said that he was happy with all the bands in the Entertainment Tent. He would still like to get a satellite beer station up by the Entertainment Tent. Jerry Merhar said that the Fine Arts went well.

-**Gates & Tickets:** Mike Peplowski met with the gates people and put together an observation sheet of ideas and distributed it at the meeting. Mike said that the same group would not do gates again next year. Might want to consider hiring people to work the gates. Ryan Babcock said he knows of a Hockey Club that works different events as a fundraiser and they might be interested in it. Mike said that it takes about 1500 man-hours to do it.

-**Golf Carts:** Steve Andow asked if anyone had any comments or suggestions. Dick Parker felt that all the golf carts need lights and roofs on them.

-**Historical:** Doc Kroh said it went well and keeps getting bigger each year.

-Draft Horse: Wade Crofoot went well. Need to make some changes for the Saturday show next year.

-Jr. Fair: Lenny Jeschelnic said that Kids Day went well. Radio Disney wants to come back, as does Eat-N-Park.

-Ladies Auxiliary: Judy Parker said that the wristbands for the grandstands worked so much better. Next year, if they could make an area from the ticket booth larger to hold off on congestion. There were complaints the night of the Demo Derby about people blocking the stairs and smoking in the stands. Also better signage needed to let people know where to go for pit passes. The handicapped grandstand worked out very well.

-Rentals: Jerry Merhar said that the Irish Festival wants to commit to the same weekend for 2014. The Armory will be vacant. They are still cleaning up and should be out soon.

OTHER MATTERS: Wade Crofoot asked if thank you could be sent to Bortnick Tractor, Perry Coal & Feed, Perry Township and Metro Parks for their donation of the tractors.

-Bob Dawson submitted pictures of two nice buildings at Portage County donated by the Farm Bureau.

-Bob Dawson said that we need to have a discussion on work forces before we do a budget.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.