

## ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2020

President Wade Crofoot following the temporary adjournment of the meeting held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 reopened the Annual Meeting, at which the Election of Directors took place.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Secretary Michelle Byram reported that 21 members voted at the Director Election. Elected to 3-year terms ending September 30, 2023 were: Robert Dawson representing At-Large-East, David Wilcox representing Kirtland, Rich VanPelt representing Leroy, Michael Peplowski representing Madison, Royce Gregory representing Mentor and Robert Sidley representing Painesville.

Fair Board member Jim Farrell administered and notarized the Oath of Office to the Directors.

**MINUTES:** Michelle Byram read the minutes from the October 3, 2019 Annual Meeting. Georgianne Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jerry Merhar seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 2021 Annual Meeting & Election of Directors: Michelle Byram reported that it was decided in 2019 to hold the 2020 elections prior to the Annual meeting. The schedule was to have the meeting called to order at 3:00 pm. The Election of Directors would be held from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, social hour from 6:30 – 7:30 pm with the annual meeting reconvening at 7:30 pm. The election results and oath of office would then take place, then the annual organization meeting at 7:45 pm followed by the regular Fair Board meeting around 8:00 pm. This was put off due to COVID-19. Bob Dawson made a motion to hold the Election of Directors prior to the annual meeting in 2021 on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Mike Peplowski made a motion that the Annual meeting for 2020 be adjourned, seconded by Georgianne Adams. All were in favor and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

## REORGANIZATION MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2020

Wade Crofoot immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting called the 2020-2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Lake County Agricultural Society, Inc. to order.

Dave Wilcox nominated Wade Crofoot for President. With no other nominations being received, Jerry Merhar made a motion to close ballots for President, seconded by Bob Dawson. All were in favor and Wade Crofoot was reelected as President.

Bob Dawson nominated Joe Slansky for Vice-President. With no other nominations being received, Jerry Merhar made a motion to close the ballot for Vice-President, seconded by Georgianne Adams. All were in favor and Joe Slansky was reelected as Vice-President.

Mike Peplowski nominated Michelle Byram as Secretary-Treasurer. With no other nominations, Jerry Merhar made a motion to close the ballots for Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Dick Parker. All were in favor and Michelle Byram was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Jerry Merhar made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting, seconded by  
Georgianne Adams. All were in favor.



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

October 1, 2020

<i>Wade Crofoot</i>	<i>Wade Wilcox</i>	<i>Jane</i>
<i>Bob Dawson</i>	<i>R. Parker</i>	
<i>Michelle Peplowski</i>	<i>R.D.</i>	
<i>Mike Peplowski</i>	<i>C. Wood</i>	
<i>Jerry Merhar</i>	<i>S. Taylor</i>	
<i>Jerry Merhar</i>	<i>H. Adams</i>	

Caretaker: *Dawson* Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minutes: *Jerry Parker* 4-H Extension Rep: *[Signature]*  
 Date: October 1, 2020

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors in attendance.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the September 2020 financial. Jerry Merhar made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor. Bob Dawson noted that Michelle Byram will work on getting a Small Claims judgment against Ashley Hannen for the back rent that is owed the Fair.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Girl Scout Gold Award:** Michelle reported she received an email from a Girl Scout that is going for the highest honor, the Gold Award. Her project is saving the pollinators. She is looking to do a 10 x 10 area that would have hummingbird and butterfly houses. The Fair Board suggested getting more information on the project.

- **PEP Grant:** Michelle reported that a \$1,000 grant was available through PEP Insurance. Bob Dawson applied for the grant and we were awarded it. It will go to cover the ADA ramp and specs for the new building.

- **Thank you:** A thank you was received from Anya Demshar to the Fair Board for supporting 4-H and their Jr. Fair.

**OLD BUSINESS: New Building:** Wade Crofoot reported that he had a conversation with Dominion regarding hooking up the gas line to the new building. Because the old line wasn't large enough, a new direct line will need to be put in and it will have to run under Mentor Avenue. This project is subcontracted out and due to COVID-19, permits cannot be obtained as easily. We are awaiting this to be completed. There are a few items that need to be finished up, but the project is coming together.

**NEW BUSINESS: Convention:** Bob Dawson reported that this year will be much different. Columbus is in lock down and are limiting 300 people per gathering. No limit on hotel stays. Convention will possibly allow 2 people per fair. Convention will be held Friday afternoon, evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. There will be a few educational sessions, the fundraiser raffle, limited Queen's selection, Director of Agriculture meeting and the business meeting. The Queen Contest will be at each District meeting. One Queen per district will be chosen to go to Columbus for the final selection. District meetings will be held the first two weekends in December. We will host the District 9 meeting in the new building. Invitations will go out next week. Ladies Auxiliary is working with a caterer on this. The judges will be past Queens and representatives.

- **Budget Meeting:** Bob Dawson reported the Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 pm. Please bring your budget ideas with you.

- **Fair Fund Request:** Cindy Woodman made a motion to request Fair Funds from ODA. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Fair Date Request:** Cindy Woodman made a motion to request the dates of Tuesday, July 27 through Sunday, August 1 for our 2021 fair. Jerry Merhar seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Approve New Building Policies and Contract:** Michelle reported that the new building policies and contract have been completed and ready for the Fair Board approval. Lisa Miller expressed serious concerns about not having animals in the building. She made a particular case about the cavies and rabbits not being a problem in the building. There was lengthily discussion about not having animals in the building. It was suggested that there are several buildings on the fairgrounds that the animals could use at anytime. Revenue is needed for this building and this is the only building that will not permit them to be in it. Georgianne Adams made a motion to accept the policies and contract as presented. Dick Parker seconded the motion. All were in favor with Mike Peplowski and Sam Taylor abstaining. The motion passed.

- **New Committees:** Committee sheets were distributed and asked to be returned by the end of the meeting this evening. New committees will be chosen before the Budget Meeting.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

-**Advertising:** Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that he is working on a presenting sponsor to replace Pat O'Brien.

-**Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported that there will be Fair Food Booths Friday – Sunday, October 9 – 11.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller reported that the Extension Office has officially moved and they are on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the old Commissioners building. They are currently open for appointments only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### **OTHER MATTERS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE AND CINDY!**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

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