



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

November 5, 2020

Wade Crofoot	Pat O'Brien	
R. Parks	Michael Peplowski	
C. Woodin	David Wilson	
<del>Jim Slansky</del>	<del>Joe Slansky</del>	
Jim Slansky	G. Adams	
ROB	Joe Slansky	

Caretaker: David Cameron

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

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

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

**Minutes:** November 5, 2020

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the October 2020 financial. Regarding past due receivables, Michelle reported Small Claim Collection have been submitted for Ashley Hannen. Georgianne Adams made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Fair Presenting Sponsor:** Bob Dawson reported that he has secured Ganley Village to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Fair. Pat O'Brien, our past Presenting Sponsor, sold to Serpentine. Ganley Village is happy to take over the Presenting Sponsor position.

- **Girl Scout Gold Award:** Michelle reported she contacted Erin regarding her request to add to the garden or add bird baths, humming bird houses or butterfly houses for her help to save the pollinators, to find out how it would be maintained. Erin responded it would be maintained on an average of once a month. Maintenance would include weeding, cleaning the bird baths and checking up on the houses. The Fair Board agreed that an area by the Log Cabin would be a good spot for this display. Michelle will contact Erin to let her know.

- **Farm & Dairy Article:** Bob Dawson reported he was contacted by Sarah Donaldson for a follow up to the ground breaking article of the new building and they wanted to write about the plight with the fairs.

- **Director Position Inquiry:** Wade Crofoot reported we received a letter from Todd Demshar for his interest in the open At-Large-Central position. Dave Wilcox stated that Todd is very involved with Farm Bureau and with the Livestock Auction. Dave Wilcox made a motion to have Todd Demshar fill the vacant Director At-Large-Central position. Bob Dawson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS: New Building:** Wade reported the building is basically finished except for the remaining of the concrete work and asphalt. An inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 am.

- **Committees:** Wade reported the Committees were chosen with little change except for Saddle Horse Committee. Royce Gregory will take over that Committee.

- **OFMA Convention:** Bob reported that registration has been sent out for Convention. 3 people per fair will be able to attend. Convention will begin at noon on Friday, January 8 and will conclude around 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 9. The Annual meeting will need a Delegate and an Alternate. Suggestion of the President and Vice-President attend with the VP being an Alternate. Friday will be Round Table discussions, the Ohio Fair Queen semi-finals with the Raffle & Auction being held Friday evening. Saturday will be the Awards Breakfast, Hall of Fame, Communication Awards and the 2021 Ohio Fairs' Queen Crowning. After will be a few Round Table discussions with the ODA State of Fairs at noon followed by the OFMA Annual Meeting. The Fair Queen interviews will be held at the District meetings. One will be chosen from each District and then the 9 will go to Columbus for the final interview and crowning. There will be webinars held for the Race, Secretary, Treasurer and Jr. Fair Board.

**NEW BUSINESS: 2020/2021 Planning Budget:** Bob reported the committee met last night and decided on a budget with the intent of there being a fair. If the pandemic is still an issue next summer, it will be revisited. The major revenue items are budgeted at 80%. Line items were added for rent and security deposits for the new building. Growth for winter storage was discussed and an increase of \$1.00/ft was added for next year. We budgeted \$25,000 for new roofs, \$3,000 from OHHA for electrical panels in the race barns. \$60,000 was budgeted in for the new building for fundraising and Sponsorship was toned down some. Total income of \$900,460. For expenses, a recommendation was made to hold wages for next year for Directors. Also hold wages for now for Secretary and Grounds. There is a great reduction in Convention expenses. Harness Racing should not be affected. The Entertainment will remain the same as for this year. Insurance was way down this year due to no paid admissions. The first year of debt service will be due April 20. Expenses totaled \$821,548.53 Net income of \$78,911.47. There is talk that more PPP coming out for payroll and mortgage relief. IAFE is working with Congress to get more money for fairs. Also, CARE money is out there. If it comes through, it will really help us. Cindy Woodman made a motion to adopt the Planning Budget. Mike Peplowski seconded the motion. Everyone approved and the motion passed.

- **District 9 Meeting:** Bob reported December 5 will be the District 9 meeting. The date was set by the state. The District meeting will incorporate the Directors Dinner.

- **Convention Delegates:** Bob Dawson nominated Cindy Woodman as Delegate and Joe Slansky as an Alternate Delegate for Convention. Georgianne Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

-**Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported the food fairs raised \$5,055.76. There were 4 held in 2020. These were operated on a percentage.

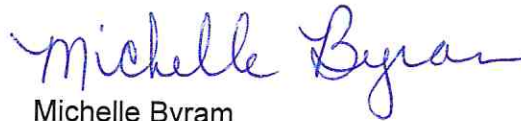
**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Siciliano-Miller

**OTHER MATTERS:** Wade questioned if we could get funds from the Commissioners for roofs, what else would be needed? It was suggested that the Draft Horse Barn could use siding, along with the Natural Resources Building. Lights in the Barns could also be used.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEREMY, ROYCE AND ROB!  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

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