



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

January 14, 2016

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Caretaker: *David Cannon* Concessions: _____
 Auxiliary: _____ 4-H Extension Rep: _____

Minutes: January 14, 2016

Vice-President Joe Slansky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

VISITORS: No Visitors

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller presented a draft Barn Policy and suggested that it be adopted as a Fair Board Policy. Several directors spoke against the adoption of the policy by the fair board with the general consensus being that it should be a 4-H policy because it provided oversight and was designed to police 4-H activities and any disciplinary action would be taken by an established 4-H committee. If the policy is put into effect by OSU Extension it would be supported by including it as a 4-H policy in the annual fair book.

Lisa also reported that Livestock wanted to know if animals can still be brought in on Sunday before fair. The Fair Board informed her that they can.

Lisa informed the Board that 4-H applied for four grants and received three. One each for Skill-a-thon training, work with the Salvation Army with at risk youth and the Shooting club received a grant.

MINUTES: Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Peplowski seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the December 2015 financial report. Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the financial report. Cindy Woodman seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported there is no correspondence to report.

OLD BUSINESS: District 9 Meeting: Cindy Woodman reported that Paul Harris did not get the second vice-president position, so the District 9 position is not open. OFMA made a resolution to support a decision that any county fair should make to allow a vendor to sell civil war memorabilia or items including but not limited to the confederate flag. Also a recommendation to look into At-Large seats being able to move up the chain for officer positions was presented.

-Convention: Joe Slansky reported that convention was good. There were many good sessions held. Joe also reported that nine from Jr. Fair Board attended convention. For six of them, it was their first time. Joe also reported that the fair received several awards at the Communication Awards ceremony: First place in Web Site Home Page, first place for Fair Newsletter and second place for Newspaper flyer. We also received a first place award for attendance for a small fair at convention. Two other recognitions were awarded: One to the Ladies Auxiliary for Outstanding Fair Supporter and a Certificate of Accomplishment to the Lake County Fair.

-Michelle Byram reported that our Lake County Fair Queen, Jennifer Satterfield, made it to be third runner up during the Ohio Fairs' Queen contest. Congratulations to Jennifer on a job well done.

-Memberships: Joe Slansky reported that memberships are available. Bob Dawson reminded the directors that you should have a membership or your vote does not count. Also, you have to be a member to be a director.

NEW BUSINESS: Concord Director Vacancy: Chuck Shultz turned in his resignation as Concord Director effective immediately. There are two people interested in the position; James Slansky and Megan Muzic. Both will attend the next Fair Board meeting to introduce themselves and then the Board will vote.

-2016 Budget: Bob Dawson presented the 2016 Budget. Bob stated that the revenue side is pretty clear. Account 1910, we have lost our big renters. Under County Support, this money is budgeted in for roof repairs. On the expense side of the report, there are no increases or additions to the expenses. There is only a net income of over \$1,500. Bob also provided a list of adjustments to help the budget. With these increases, the net income would be approximately \$11,000. Not on the list are rentals for gun shows that just came in with an additional \$2600. There are a few items that were mentioned by Bob that could also affect our budget. There is a grant for up to \$50,000 per fair for bondable capital items that must be matched. Also not included was an expense to possibly change our tax exempt status. There was a change in ODA legal and we temporarily lost our status. We have been advised to get out of the group exemption and to obtain our own tax exempt status. The cost of this would be around \$2500. Mike Peplowski made a motion to go forward with the budget with suggested increases including the gun shows. Sam Taylor seconded the motion. Cindy Woodman abstained from voting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

-Policy Update: Bob Dawson reported that there was a session during convention that talked about ethics policies. The fair does have an ethics policy in place, along with several other policies that the directors might not be aware of. A copy of each policy was distributed to the directors along with a signature page stating they are aware of the policies. Moving forward, these will be presented to each new director as they are sworn in.

-Newsletter Articles: Michelle Byram reported that articles for the newsletter need to be submitted by the next meeting

-Get to Know your Director: Michelle Byram reported that this is something extra she is putting in the newsletter and would like turned back in before the meeting is over.

-Premium Book: Michelle Byram distributed prior year sections of the premium book to the directors. Steve Andow reported that all directors are responsible for their changes and proofs for the premium book.

COMMITTEES:

-Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported there will be a brief meeting after the Fair Board meeting.

-Gates & Tickets: Bob Dawson reported there will be a Gates meeting on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. Reminders will be emailed out.

-Jr. Fair: Joe Slansky reported that they are always looking for new members. Lisa Siciliano-Miller said she would put something in the 4-H newsletter.

-Police-Safety-First Aid: Rich Van Pelt reported that at convention he attended a safety seminar on how other fairs handle their safety. One very interesting thing done is there is a sign at the gates that asks parents to take a picture of their child as they get to the fair. This way, they have a current picture in case they go missing. All directors' phones will receive a picture of the child if there is a missing case.

OTHER MATTERS: That is the law now. Bob Dawson reported that all non-profit organizations in Ohio are allowed to attend meetings through Skype. However, this does not include fairs. Fairs cannot do it because our laws do not allow it. It was a recommendation from the OFMA Membership to the OFMA Board to pursue getting us changed to match the rest of the Ohio non-profits.

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

Cindy Woodman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Peplowski seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 11 @ 7:30 p.m.