



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

April 7, 2022

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| <i>Mike Peplowski</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| <i>Wade Crofoot</i>   | <i>Wendy Wiley</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |
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| <i>Joe Slansky</i>    | <i>[Signature]</i> |                    |
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Caretaker: *Dave Coffey* Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Minutes: April 7, 2022

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

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

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for March 2022. Cindy Woodman questioned if we had a mailing address for Colleen Mann. It was suggested that we send her a letter informing her that a late fee and interest will be assessed to her account if not paid and small claims will be pursued. Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** - Thank you, Lydia Schafer for college scholarship payment.

- Thank you, Painesville Township for VIP passes
- People Mover request to use from Lake County Utilities for their open house from 10 am – 2 pm on September 10. Bob Dawson made a motion to allow them to use the People Mover for their open house. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** District Meeting: Wade Crofoot reported the District 5 & 9 meeting went well. OFMA Lobbyist Amanda Sines received a special recognition at the districts 5 & 9 Spring meeting. Amanda has been the OFMA's lobbyist for several years and she is an active member in the Ohio Lobbying Association (OLA). She recently served as the OLA's President and earlier this year, at

their Annual Meeting, Amanda was presented the coveted Darryl "Doc" Dever President's Award which is that association's equivalent of Lobbyist of the Year.

Treasurer Bob Dawson presented Amanda the Special Award of Congratulations on behalf of the Officers, Board and Members of the OFMA. Amanda's Dad, Ray Sines, was in attendance and participated in the presentation. Ray was the first lobbyist retained by the OFMA beginning in the year 2000 when he was part of the Sines & Towner Policy Group.

The bird flu has been found in a backyard bird flock and wild ducks and Canadian geese in western Ohio. ODA is monitoring the situation. Bob Dawson reported that effective immediately for horse racing, all drivers must wear safety vests while jogging, training and racing. \$500 fine per incident. Also, no more head numbers are allowed on horses for safety reasons. Bob also reported that funds will be finalized soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Storage Take Out – April 16. Wade reported that Dave needs 6 people to help.

- Arthur Warren Scholarship – Michelle reported 4 applications were received. Applications will be review on Wednesday, April 13 at 11:00 in the fair office.
- 2020/2021 Audit – Michelle reported the 2020/2021 audit is being conducted at this time and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- 990 Review – Michelle distributed copies of the 990 for the Fair Board to review and it will be filed next week.
- VIP Passes – Wade reported VIP passes were distributed to select individuals and Directors.
- Membership – Wade reported memberships are available

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**- Advertisement-Publicity-Sponsorship:** Bob Dawson reported that we are not going to work with Spirit Media and will be doing the advertising and sponsorship they did internally. We have secured Excalibur. We will be working with the Counsel on Aging and Veterans Administration to coordinate Senior Day and Veteran's Day. We will need to handle other events that they were involved in such as Kids Day, Prince & Princess and Gazebo Entertainment. Bob reported that we are teaming up with the Visitors Bureau for a grant for the Demo Derby but have not heard back from them yet.

**-Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported contracts have been send out and are coming back in. The ice for fair will probably be the same as last year.

**- Fair Queen:** Michelle Byram reported that applications are available. Interviews will be held on Saturday, June 11.

**-Grounds:** Wade reported the countertops are in in the Commercial Building bathroom. Waiting on faucets. Partitions will be going in.

Joe reported poles have been ordered and lighting will be going into barn 10. We are also looking into putting cameras on the fairgrounds in the back.

Wade reported a section of gutters on the Youth/Community Center needs to be fixed.

Wade reported we have been having problems with the back restrooms. It is suggested to put locks on them and only have keys available to the boarders with a deposit and make it so the keys can not be duplicated. Bob Dawson made a motion to lock the restrooms based on the problems we are having. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Wade reported the county contacted us about our long-term camper that they applied for funds through the county.

**-Saddle Horse:** Jim Slansky reported that Saddle Horse is looking into an expert on the footing in the show rings.

**-Parade:** Joe Slansky reported he applied for his permit.

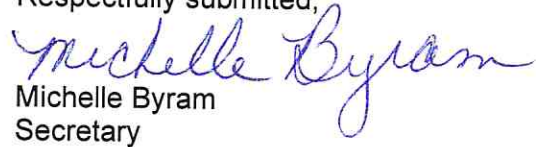
**-Parking & Transportation:** Mike Peplowski reported a group from Mentor is interested in parking. He has had 2 tractor drivers already commit to driving tractors.

**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Manning reported the pre-fair meeting will be held on Monday, July 16 at 6:30 pm. Fair Board is invited to attend. The Exchange Program is going to Puerto Rico. The extension office will only be open on Fridays for visitors. Market Livestock is having a plant sale, which ends April 15. Pick up will be May 14. The position for the Agriculture and Natural Resource has been reposted.

**OTHER MATTERS:** Bob reported that we are looking to put up a Veterans Memorial. Ladies Auxiliary is possibly going to sponsor it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Byram  
Secretary

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