



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

August 1, 2024

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Caretaker: *David C. Henon*

Concessions: _____

Auxiliary: _____

4-H Extension Rep: *[Signature]*

Minutes: August 1, 2024

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

VISITORS: Barbara Lynch and Kenna Covert – Saddlehorse: Kenna thanked the Fair Board for their support all year long, during horse camp and during fair. The windows in the entry booth and footing in the area were amazing. 41 horses went to horse camp. Many more projects that they would like to do in the coming year to the arena, including painting the entry booth and a couple more loads of footing for the front arena.

Phil and Lynn Metro: Voiced their concern on the soap dispenser not being handicap accessible in the restroom between the Merchant and Commercial Buildings. Also, the family restroom by the Plaisted Ring needs to have better signage on it. Phil commented that the Fair Board has made some great improvements to the fairgrounds. Wade thanked them for coming and their comments and will see that the restrooms get the needed upgrades.

Rodney LeDrew: Came to observe a Fair Board meeting. Rodney is part of the Horticultural department at the Farm Park and worked on the marigold program for the flower department. He would like to get more involved in the upcoming years in the program. Wade thanked him for his support and informed him that 4-H is always looking for volunteers in their program.

MINUTES: Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from. Todd Demshar seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: There was no financial report to report on at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you's: Two thank you's were received, one from Reins-n-Ribbons and one from Saddlehorse for the horse clinic, signed by participants.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS: Fair Summary: Bob Dawson reported on the summary for fair. Bob stated the numbers were solid. The 2024 attendance was up 20% from last year. A more detailed report will be at the September meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary Clam Bake: Michelle reported the Ladies Auxiliary Clam Bake will be held on Saturday, October 19. Tickets are available from any Ladies Auxiliary member.

COMMITTEES:

-4-H Livestock Auction: Sam Taylor reported the auction was another record bringing in \$449,000. There were a lot of chickens causing the auction to run late.

-Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats: Rich Van Pelt reported something needs to be done with the power in the cattle complex.

-Concessions: Cindy Woodman reported she sold out of spaces inside and out. Concessions were up around 15%, beer sales were also up.

-Culinary-Farm-Dairy: Dave Wilcox reported it was a good year. The baked goods auction raised almost \$5,400.

-Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported motocross had a record number of riders. The demo derby had a great attendance in the grandstands. Joe reported the pig races may be back next year. The Whiz, Bang show had good attendance. Joe reported there was a good response for the bands in the entertainment tent. Cindy reported the vendors on the west end of the midway were happy.

- Fair Queen: Michelle reported the queen and her court were able to attend many of the events at fair.

-Fine Arts: Cindy reported Fine Arts went very well and she is making changes as she goes along.

-Flowers: Joe reported there was a decent show, except for roses, which were down. Joe would like to team up more with the MetroParks for next year.

- Foundation: Michelle reported there will be a foundation meeting prior to the September meeting.

- Gates: Mike reported new groups did the front service and armory gates and they did very well. The infield gate needs to make adjustments. There was a backup at time. Hours also need to be adjusted at the infield gate.

-Golf Carts: Todd Demshar reported there were a few issues, but they got worked out. Todd is still trying to work out a trade with storage and rentals.

-Grounds: Wade reported digging of the water lines will begin in a few weeks.

-Historical: Dave Wilcox Jr. reported there was a small mulch fire one evening that was quickly extinguished.

-Draft Horse: Steve Ohmes reported the pulls went well. The stalls were cleaner than they have ever been due to a clean stall contest he put on.

Cindy reported the minis did not use the outside stalls because they flooded last year when it rained. Cindy suggested regrading due to the pitch of the roof or raising the footing in the stalls.

-Jr. Fair: Jim Slansky reported that it worked well with outside groups working the milkshake booth.

-Legal-Contracts: Wade is working on getting someone to note that no seal coating should be done to the asphalt.

-Parade: Joe reported that the parade went well.

-Parking & Transportation: Mike Peplowski reported a new group worked the armory and did well. There was an issue on Sunday where cars were blocked in. The people mover need to be fixed. The farm park donated one of their people movers as a replacement.

-Police-Safety-First Aid: Cindy reported Lt. Raico did a good job and everything went well during the fair. There seemed like there was more presence in the evening and the cycles and horses were effective.

-Poultry & Rabbits: Georgianne Adams reported there were lots of chickens, rabbits and chicks.

-Rentals: Cindy reported the Irish Festival will be coming up next weekend. Cindy is in negotiations with Misny regarding the asphalt damage.

-Schools: Todd reported he would like to see better attendance next year in the school building.

4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Manning wanted to thank everyone for accommodating the Ohio State President. Lisa reported they had more volunteers at Kids' Day this year. The youth building had more clubs and may need another screen if more clubs come.

OTHER MATTERS: Cindy reported that Linda Kissel did a program this year called Kissel's Kids, where special needs kids were admitted from 10 – 12 Wednesday morning. Over 140 attended this event. Linda would like to expand on the next year with more rides available. The kids were happy that the barns were open for them to go through.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram
Secretary

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