

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

October 27, 2020

President Gary Blum called meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary welcomed the Agricultural Society members and visitors.

18 Board members present. Total attendance:39

Roll call done by sign in sheet.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Dale Hulit to approve the Minutes, and Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Treasurers Report: Shirley Swihart sent out treasures report to board members via email. Motion made by Scott Smith to accept treasures report for later audit, and Rick Spayde seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Events Coordinator: Kim Moore is currently booking events. Please get her your email so she can add you to be able to access the calendar. Next meeting the final rental prices will be updated and ready to be reviewed by board. Currently the Bingo and Flea Markets are still operational, and she has received contact about the Civil War event for 2021.

Fair Managers Report: Gary went over the current proposed plan for the Fair Managers Convention of no more than 3 board members per day to attend, can be different board members each day. Gary thanked the volunteer board members and non-board members for helping work in the office. Also, Gary thanked those who helped with mowing and maintaining the Fairgrounds.

Committee Reports: Sportsman Raffle; Christy Keith has a list of guns for the raffle from the Sportsman's Den and has been in contact with them about obtaining ammo as well. The raffle will be March 6th, 2021. This committee plans to meet prior to the next board meeting.

Old Business:

-Article III Section II proposed change to the Constitution was read for the second time and a motion was made to accept the proposed Constitution change by Dave Fackler, and Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

-Storage: Currently storage fee's have been collected totaling approx. \$17K. Lynn Caudell recommend that the board considers placing a sign with our number by the road advertising our storage facilities.

-Phil Metzger has upgraded the lights to LED in the John Hartz building, Fair Haven Hall, Youth Hall, Arts and Crafts building, and the main office.

-2021 fair will be August 8th-14th

-Carol Toms needs square feet for Arts and Crafts building, she is doing a fund raiser to repair the ceiling in this building.

New Business:

-Proposed 2020-2021 Budget; the committee members went over the proposed changes and encouraged the members to look over changes and bring and questions back at next meeting.

-Motion to receive funds for the 2020 Harness Racing was made by Carrol Toms, and Rick Spayde seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

-Gary explained the trash bill is getting out of hand and the Bingo and the Flea Market events might be the cause of this. Amanda Lantz explained the trash bill expenditures from 2016-present, and the differences. Gary stated we will look at renegotiating rentals and plan to include trash removal into the rental price.

-Open Board Positions: Plymouth, Troy (up in 2021), Jefferson. Appointments will be posted November 1st for a 3-year term in Jefferson, and a 2-year term in Plymouth. Paperwork must be turned in Friday prior to the November meeting. Those interested were advised to designate which Twps. you are applying for.

-Motion made by Carol Toms to pay \$500 each to the Blue Lodge and Masonic for a total of \$1000 for operating the gates at the 2020 Junior Fair, and Christy Keith seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by Dale Hulit for Background checks to be obtained by all Senior Fair Board members and Livestock Committee members, and Scott Smith seconded the motion, motion carried and passed. Background checks to be completed by April 15th, 2021. OSU will reimburse your fee and provide the 1.50 Policy training as well.

-Judy Villard Overrocker gave the JFB meeting up date of new members and explained there is a limit of 50 people allowed per meeting.

-Carol Toms passed out a sign-up sheet for board members to work winter storage parking for Oct. 31st and Nov. 14th, need 3 people per shift.

Adjournment: Motion made by Rick Spayde to adjourn meeting, and Christy Keith seconded motion, motion carried and passed.