

# **RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **BOARD MEETING**

March 22th, 2022

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1902 and lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 23 board members present 3 absent.

**Guests:** Judy Villard Overocker, Don Carter, Carrie Kurtzman, Marcie Leedy, Kathy Mills, Katie Paxton, Trish Lane, Deb Boyce, Rhonda Tedrow, Karen Reiman, Luke Grauer, Matt Gillenwater, and Walt Stephens.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Jim Bly to approve February 22<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Dale Bemiller seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

**Treasure's Report:** Shirley Swihart send out treasures report via email. Motion made by David Dick to approve treasures report for later audit, motion was seconded by Mike Lantz, motion carried and passed.

**Events Coordinator Report:** Kim Moore reported that Whatman paid for heater in Arts and Crafts. Will be having a Community Day June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, will include a garage sale, farmers market, and small animal swap meet. Cost for inside space is \$40 for Ag Society members only.

### **Committee Reports:**

-Budget: Nothing to report.

-Grounds: Dave Grauer reported 4H clubs will be doing various projects around the FG.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported tagging dates and tagging locations.

-Nature Park: Gene Esbenshade reported all but one night is covered in the park for entertainment.

-Campgrounds: Krista Dull reported that the new contract was done with a letter explaining the changes, getting these proofed then sent out.

-Racetrack: Nothing to report.

-Fair book: Shirley Swihart stated that Pam is working on departments now.

-Golf Carts: Nothing to report.

-Jr. Fair: Judy Villard Overocker reported next JFB meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. New MIT program for 12–13-year-olds to train for JFB has started. QA has started.

-By-Laws: David Dick reports that all members have received their SFB paperwork and signatures were obtained.

-Admissions: Nothing to report.

-Sponsorship: Christy Keith went over new sponsorship packets and they have gone out. We have one open day for Sponsor of the Day. Looking for a kid's day sponsor to purchase ride tickets, approx. \$2500 sponsor.

-Nominating/Elections: Christy Keith reported we have an open position "at-large" that will go up for election at fair.

-Grandstands: Nothing to report.

-Parking: Dave Grauer went over ideas for this year's parking.

-Antique Barn: Nothing to report.

-Concessions: Gene Esbshade reported we are welcoming new vendors. Contracts are out and due back May 1st.

-Horse Relations: Cory Meyers had meeting with Horse committees, and they are developing a horse arena committee. Superintendents are getting an inventory of repairs.

Gun Raffle: Christy Keith reported that the Sportsman raffle made \$42,550.91.

-Social Media: Nothing to report.

-Safety: Nothing to report.

-Infield Grandstand Entertainment: Eddie Cotter reported were adding a class to the OSTPA Pull for total of approx. 20K. Amanda Lantz proposed doing a small concert after the Rodeo, there was discussion. Motion made by David Dick to have a small country concert after the rodeo, motion seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed.

-Winter Storage: Steve Lantz said Winter storage pick up is April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting @ 8am.

-Show Arena: David Dick said there is approx. 875K in pending funds for the project.

### **Old Business:**

-Light pony superintendent/assistant superintendent, Trish Lane and Rhonda Tedrow presented increase in entry fees to \$3, and premiums increased. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to approve these increases, motion seconded by Krista Dull, motion carried and passed. Trish Lane said the light ponies would be doing the "Pony Olympics on Saturday of the fair.

-Tom Craft swore in Remington Blevins to the Mifflin Twps. appointment position.

### **New Business:**

-Sam McKown said the horse committees were addressing the horse arena concerns, reached out to David Mast for his input on how to fix arenas. Projected cost to fix arenas is approx. 2K. They got the stone donated and Marcy Leedy has raised 1400K towards the project. Motion made by David Dick to spend up to 3K towards horse arena project, motion was seconded by Amanda Lantz, motion carried and passed.

- Don Carter spoke about the Square Dancers performing Thursday night at the Fair from 6-8pm in the Red Barn, cost will be \$350. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to pay for the Square Dancers to perform at the Red Barn, motion was seconded by David Dick, motion carried and passed.

-Christy Keith said we need a new Superintendent for Hobbies/Collectables/Scrapbooking, spread the word.

- Motion made by Nick Fairchild for the following Grandstand admission prices:

-Rodeo \$5, OSTPA Tractor Pulls: \$10 Grandstand, \$20 Ramp, \$25 Back Gate, Demo derby: \$10 Grandstand, \$25 Back Gate

Motion was seconded by Steve Lantz, motion carried and passed.

- Motion made by Nick Fairchild to make Thursday of the fair free admission for Veterans and have a meal for them in the tent by Fairhaven, motion was seconded by Tom Craft, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by David Dick to have admission price of \$3 from 8am-12pm for adults 55 and older on Monday Senior Day of the fair, motion was seconded by Tom Craft, motion carried and passed.

- Jamie Schaub reported that we will get 500K in ARPA funds from the Commissioners, and they are requesting that 75K go towards the Show Arena Campaign, we will have to deposit funds into Ag. Society bank account, then transferred to the Show Arena Campaign. Motion made by David Dick to contribute 75K of the ARPA funds into Ag. Society account then transfer to Show Arena Campaign, motion was seconded by Mike Lantz, motion carried and passed.

-Luke Grauer presented Motor Cross event for Friday night of the Grandstands events. Currently has sponsors to help with cost of event. Approx. cost would be 4-5K without sponsorship. We will need to get trophies, T-shirts, and volunteers to help with event. Motion made by David Dick to have the Motor-Cross event Friday night of the fair in the Grandstands with admission prices of \$5 Grandstand, \$10 Ramp, and \$20 Back gate, motion was seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed.

-Amanda Lantz brought up fundraiser idea of a Mule give away at Fair. Motion made by David Dick to spend 12K for a Mule to raffle, tickets to be sold @ \$25 each with no cap on ticket sales, motion was seconded by Amanda Lantz, motion carried and passed.

-Kim Moore is looking for sponsor for fireworks at fair, 6K package.

-Amanda Lantz spoke about doing a reverse raffle in the fall. Motion made by David Dick to do a reverse raffle fall fundraiser, motion seconded by Dale Hulit, motion carried and passed.

Adjournment: Eddie Cotter moved to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 2037.

-Electronic motion made by Amanda Lantz on March 26, 2022 to increase purchase price of Mule to approx. \$15,300, due to availability of other Mule being sold, motion was seconded by David Grauer, electronic vote passed by 20 yes 0 no, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Lantz