

# **RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

October 24th, 2023

Jamie Schaub called the Annual RCAS meeting to order at 1904 and led the Ag Society and Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 25 board members present 2 absent.

**Guests:** Judy Villard-Overocker, Deb Boyce, Mark Cook, Janie Barnhart, Pam Tucker, Tammy McLaughlin, Diane Westfield, Pat Janisch, Diane Kelly, Tricia Shepard, and Jeffrey Maletz.

**Appointment:** Jamie Schaub read letter of intent/application for Mark Cook for at large position. Motion made by David Dick to appoint Mark Cook to open at large position with term expiration 2024, motion was seconded by Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

**Installation of directors:** Tom Craft read installation of directors and swore in Kathryn Cutlip Mills, Christy Keith, Gene Esbenshade, Dave Fackler, Dave Grauer, Matt Janisch, David Dick, Travis Robinson, and Mark Cook.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Luke Grauer to approve September 26th meeting minutes, Dale Bemiller seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

**Treasure's Report:** Shirley Swihart sent out treasures report via email. Shirley reported that we received 10k from fence/Race commission grant. Motion made by Zac Tuttle to approve treasures report for later audit, motion was seconded by Remington Blevins, motion carried and passed.

**Events Coordinator Report:** Kim Moore passed out events calendar. Reported she is heading up Eclipse festival and another meeting has been scheduled if anyone wants to attend.

### **Committee Reports:**

-T-Shirt: Nothing to report.

-Budget: Will report under new business.

-Grounds: Dave Grauer reported that all buildings have locks now for winter storage. Eddie Cotter coordinated Ontario to pick up our leaves around Thanksgiving. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> will do workday and put away benches and do final weed spray. Spoke about moving 3 phase transformer on infield to new arena location to save on costs, discussion, will discuss moving after we get final cost of Arena.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported that LS will meet in November.

-Nature Park: Nothing to report.

-Campgrounds: Krista Dull reported out that campgrounds will need checked prior to Eclipse festival.

- Racetrack: Dale Bemiller will discuss under old business.
- Fair book: Pam Tucker reported that she would like superintendents to get Fair book info in ASAP.
- Jr. Fair Board: Judy Villard Overocker reported JFB has a meeting next Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm to start going over rules/changes.
- By-Laws: Nothing to report.
- Golf Carts: Scott Smith passed around a sign-up sheet for golf carts and need to pay Shirley \$100 deposit if you want one.
- Sponsorship: Christy Keith would like each board member to get a sponsor for 2024.
- Admissions: Nothing to report.
- Nominating/Elections: Christy Keith would like all officer nominations prior to next meeting to put on ballot.
- Grandstands: Nothing to report.
- Antique Barn: Nothing to report.
- Concessions: Nothing to report.
- Parking: Nothing to report
- Horse Relations: Marla Reynolds passed out by-laws/changes. Discussion. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to approve Equine Committee By-laws, motion was seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed.
- Raffle: Christy Keith pushed for sale of Reverse Raffle tickets.
- Social Media: Nothing to report.
- Safety: Nothing to report
- Infield Grandstand Entertainment: Nothing to report.
- Winter Storage: Steve Lantz reported Winter storage next year drop offs will be Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, move out April 5<sup>th</sup> for 2024.
- Show Arena: David Dick reported that after pledges and last pay out they have approx. 920K, should have a final Arena price Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Judge Selection: Nothing to report
- Kitchen Aux: Nothing to report.
- Landscaping: Krista Dull reported they will be doing a fall clean up soon. Also, will get a quote on fixing landscaping in front of Fairhaven.

### **Old Business:**

-Guest Jeff Maletz is a renter from Race Barns, here to discuss eviction notice and is offering to pay up front thru rest of this year. Discussion. Motion made by David Dick to go into executive session, motion seconded by Sam McKown, motion carried and passed. Discussion about previous motion at September meeting. Motion made by Tom Craft to go out of executive session, motion seconded by Dave Grauer, motion carried and passed. Boards decision to uphold previous meetings decision and Jeff Maletz and his horses are to be off premises by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and rent paid in full.

-Need a new OFMA delegate, Gene Esbenshade is not able to attend now. Kim Moore volunteered. Motion made by Kim Moore that she attends the OFMA meeting as our RCAS delegate, motion seconded b Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

-Tom Craft proposed a quote for a new LED sign on home road. Discussion. Motion made by Tome Craft to purchase a new LED sign, motion seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed.

### **New Business:**

-Christy Keith reported that we had things stolen from the front office, and executive talked about no longer renting out Admin building unless it was a board member. Motion made by Christy Keith to only rent Admin office building to SFB members, motion was seconded by Luke, motion carried and passed.

-David Dick went over 2024 RCAS proposed budget. Discussion. Motion made by Dale Hulit to accept proposed budget for 2024 and fix typo for 221,000, motion was seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed.

-Discussion about Pie Auction funds. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to pay out baker 50% and Fair 50% of the pie sale, motion was seconded by Kathi Cutlip Mills, motion carried and passed.

-Discussion about maps in the ticket booths for workers. Motion made by Christy Keith to purchase 2-4x4 maps for the fairgrounds, motion seconded by David Dick, motion carried and passed.

-Luke Grauer talked about infield lighting and to purse getting a quote from Jeremy Lucas for light upgrades.

-Kim Moore spoke about the Eclipse Festive and some of their ideas, Festival will be April 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

-Pam Tucker reported that we need a new Photography superintendent.

Adjournment: David Dick moved to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Steve Lantz, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 2055.