

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes

September 26th
August 22nd, 2023

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1901 and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 22 board members present 5 absent.

Guests: Judy Villard-Overocker, Deb Boyce, and Kathy Mills.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Luke Grauer to approve August 22nd meeting minutes, Dale Bemiller seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Treasure's Report: Shirley Swihart sent out treasures report via email. Motion made by Gene Esbenshade to approve treasures report for later audit, motion was seconded by Tom Craft, motion carried and passed.

Events Coordinator Report: Kim Moore passed out events calendar. Reported she sent invoice to Bob Marshall for remainder rentals. Sent incidentals to Susan with Ink. Flat track rental finally paid remainder.

Committee Reports:

-T-Shirt: Nothing to report.

-Budget: Next meeting will be Oct. 6th @ 3pm.

-Grounds: Dave Grauer reported that we will lock buildings for winter storage this year. Will contact Ontario for leaf removal this year. Spoke about winter projects to do, including Race Barns, ceiling tile in FH, and Arts & Crafts Hall. Dug up a trench around JFB office. Discussion on Arts & Crafts hall.

-Motion made by Amanda Lantz to spend up to 35K (half from rental fund and half from SFB general fund) to put new metal interior side walls, new metal wall on exterior end, and ceiling in Arts & Crafts Hall, motion was seconded by Krista Dull, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by Kim Moore to paint ceiling in Youth Hall and spend up to 3K (half from rental fund and half from SFB general fund), motion was seconded by Krista Dull, motion carried and passed.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported that LS sale was a record at \$1,241,305.00. All rule suggestions need to get to JFB.

-Nature Park: Gene Esbenshade reported that they will be meeting soon to line up entertainment. Need better advertising.

-Campgrounds: Nothing to report.

-Racetrack: Dale Bemiller reported a renter is \$900 in rears for sale lease, and has no signed contract, and will not sign one. Discussion.

-Motion made by David Dick for Jeff Maletz and his eight stalls to be evicted by Nov 1st, 2023 and be paid in full and not allowed to be readmitted to Race Track barns, motion was seconded by Dave Fackler, motion carried and passed.

-Fair book: Pam Tucker reported that she would like superintendents to get Fair book info in earlier.

-Jr. Fair Board: Nothing to report.

-By-Laws: David Dick reported changes to fair director responsibilities.

-Golf Carts: Nothing to report.

-Sponsorship: Nothing to report.

-Admissions: Nothing to report.

-Nominating/Elections: Christy Keith read Jim, Bly's letter of resignation from the RCAS, Motion made by Dale Hulit to accept Jim Bly's resignation, motion seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed. Christy said we will take applications till 10-20-23 for 1yr appointment term.

-Grandstands: Tom Craft reported the Grandstands are winterized.

-Antique Barn: Nothing to report.

-Concessions: Gene Esbenshade said they are meeting to go over pricing and contracts and will have a website form for vendors.

-Parking: Nothing to report

-Horse Relations: Marla Reynolds went over changes, open class entries and open haul in.

- Raffle: Christy Keith went over reverse raffle.

-Social Media: Nothing to report.

-Safety: Nothing to report

-Infield Grandstand Entertainment: Eddie Cotter thanked everyone who helped during fair. Also, recommended Nick Fairchild to oversee tractor pull.

-Winter Storage: Steve Lantz reported Cathy and Carol have been in contact with previous storage renters and we are filling up space.

-Show Arena: David Dick reported that fire suppression will be needed in new arena.

-Judge Selection: Nothing to report

-Kitchen Aux: Amanda Lantz reported we have Gun Show/Fiber Festival Oct 21st & 22nd kitchen will serve if anyone is available to help.

-Landscaping: Nothing to report

Old Business:

-New Operations manager position to be posted.

-Christy Keith reported she has 6 rooms reserved for OFMA.

New Business:

-Trish Lane presented board with Light pony results and premiums were covered and money was made and would like to change premiums back to \$14, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, discussion. Motion was made by Christy Keith to change light pony premiums to \$14, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, motion was seconded by Amanda Lantz, motion carried and passed.

-Kim Moore spoke about Eclipse committee.

-Shelby/Shiloh Kiwanis Club run ticket admissions for fair, discussion on pay amounts. Motion made by Nick Fairchild to increase pay by 20% for 2023 and 2024, motion seconded by Zac Tuttle, motion carried and passed.

-2024 Fair admission rates discussion. Nick Fairchild made a motion to increase gate admission to \$10, \$40 membership w/tickets, and free grandstands, motion seconded by Dave Dick, motion carried and passed with verbal vote 13/7.

Adjournment: Dave Grauer moved to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Dale Bemiller, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 2100.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Lantz