

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

James (Jim) Schaub II called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Agricultural Society and Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 board members and 4 excused and 3 absent.

Guests: Judy Villard-Overocker, Deb Boyce, Diane Westfield, Bill Rieman, Karen Rieman, Janice Secriskey, Jim Overocker and Pam Young.

Jim announced that we had 3 letters of resignation submitted. He read the letters. Amanda and Steve Lantz were effective immediately and Kim Moore's will be effective April 15, 2024. Luke Grauer made the motion to accept the resignations, Krista Dull seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim asked for nominations for the Board's secretary position. Kathi agreed to perform these duties for this year. Bill McFarland made the motion to have Kathi as secretary for this year. Corey Myers seconded motion. Motion passed.

Jim also asked for a backup secretary in the event Kathi could not be here. Mark Cook nominated Bill McFarland. Kathi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 23, 2024, meeting were submitted, minutes from the electronic motions and votes were submitted and minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 19, 2024 were submitted. Luke Grauer made the motion to accept all minutes. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion passed. Christy did share that we cannot do any more voting on the remind app. If there is any matter that needs to be voted on, we have to call a special meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Janisch made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Bill McFarland seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jim shared that we will have to have a re-vote on our annual report as Shirley had to comply with changes that the state is now requiring.

Committee Reports:

- T-shirt: Nothing to report
- Livestock: Nothing other than the ground breaking for the new arena will be on Thursday, February 2, 2024 at noon. It was asked that as many attend as could.
- Nature Park: Nothing to report
- Budget: Nothing to report

- Campground: there are water leaks that need to be prepared before the eclipse if possible.
- Racetrack: Nothing to report
- Fair Book: Pam reported that she still needs information from the sheep Superintendent
- Golf Carts: nothing to report
- Junior Fair Board: Judy reported that their first meeting of 2024 will be in March
- By-Laws: no report
- Sponsorships: The sponsor packet from last year will be updated and changed for next year. It doesn't matter how much a business or individual gives, all can be sponsors. It was noted that we need to approach the AMVETS in Shelby.
- Admissions – nothing to report
- Elections: Jim stated we currently have 2 open positions and will have another open after April 15th. For the positions open today, we will take applications until March 18th. It will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website.
- Grandstands: nothing to report -Parking: Nothing to report
- Antiques: Nothing to report -Concessions: contracts have been mailed
- Equine: approved all Fair Bills at the last meeting. Fuzzy Show will be on April 27th.
- Raffle: Friday night, between 6 and 6:30pm set up tables, chairs, stage and the bar. Christy sent around a sign up sheet for people to pick what they want to do Saturday night. Corey said he will do 50/50. This year we are using different 50/50 tickets. They are the same style as was used at our state conference. \$10.00 for 10 tickets. The kids will get to pick their door prizes. The "Mouse Game" will be in the annex and all players must be at least 21 years of age to play. Christy asked that anyone getting things donated to please give her the donors name so they can be recognized. There were 12 reserved tables sold. Board members may save tables for their families – please put a sign "Board Member" on the table, not your name.
Saturday help will be needed most of the day. We will start around 2p.m.
If you bring in a bottle of bourbon or whiskey, please attach the receipt to the bottle.
- Social Media: nothing to report -Safety: Nothing to report
- Infield: Nothing to report
- Grandstand/Grounds: Dave Grauer asked that everyone check out the Arts and Crafts building. There are some splits (heating/air conditioning units) installed and need help getting 4 more up. Sill need to replace the exterior end of the building. Help is needed in the Arts & Crafts building restrooms to replace ceiling tiles. They took down all of the old peg boards to paint and disposed of them as they were in extremely bad shape. Need to get new ones if they are going to be used, 30 sheets (4x8).
Ceiling tiles also need to be replaced in the kitchens as soon as possible so we don't get dinged by the health department again.
Found another water leak that needs to be addressed in the camp grounds.

3 Trees need to be removed along the edge of the nature park and the big tree by the Youth Hall needs to be trimmed. The committee does have a plan to replant the trees.

-Entertainment: Nothing to report

-Winter Storage: All stored units will need to be removed on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Pick up will start at 9 a.m.

-Show Arena: They are planning to break ground on Monday, March 4, 2024 weather permitting.

Live Stock Judges: Judy still needs ones from Dave Fackler

Kitchen Auxiliary: We will not be providing food for the Cat show this year as it is on Easter Weekend, a food truck will be used. The Cafeteria will not be open for the Eclipse weekend if we don't have campers; but may need help in the Grandstand if we sell hot dogs, shredded chicken, etc. We will have the cafeteria open in Fairhaven hall on April 20th and 21st for the gun show. Both cafeterias will be open on May 4th and 5th for the civil war.

-Landscaping: nothing to report

Old Business:

- Grant through Ohio Department of Development: Christy reported there was no webinar. Christy, Dave Dick and Shirley will work on this grant on Thursday morning and submit it on Friday, March 1, 2024.

New Business:

- Kim asked that we increase Mamie's hourly wage from \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour. She pays her staff \$16.00 per hour and has been paying their taxes (approximately \$10,000.00) out of her pocket. She gives us a discount because she enjoys working at the fairgrounds and the fact we are a nonprofit. She gets \$25.00 per hour at her other business clients. Shirley suggested that we give her \$20.00 per hour as she is reliable and does an excellent job. Luke Grauer made the motion to give Mamie a raise of \$20.00 per hour. Corey Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Shirley presented a contract from the Johnny Appleseed's Square Dance group. They are scheduled to perform in the Red Barn on August 8, 2024. They are asking for \$350.00. Carol Toms made the motion to pay them the contracted amount. Gene Esbshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jim shared that with the resignation of Steve Lantz, we will need to fill two committee chair positions, Infield and Winter Storage. Dale Bemiller made the motion for Luke Grauer to chair the Infield Committee, Bill McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Luke Grauer made the motion that Bill McFarland chair the Winter Storage Committee, Kathi Cutlip-Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other:

- Christy Keith has talked to Lee Au regarding the mowing of the fairgrounds. He is willing to do it. Christy made a motion that we enter into a continual contract with Lee until he or we decide it is not needed. Krista Dull seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Travis Robinson made a motion to purchase a z-glide seat for the John Deer lawn mower. Dale Bemiller seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- It was reported that in the Executive Committee meeting it was discussed that Bob Marshall has not paid the back money that he owes us. Christy and Jim will reach out to Kim to see exactly what the agreement was with Bob and ask him to attend the next Executive Committee meeting to resolve this issue.
- Christy reported that because of the construction, the Incarceration will loose 31 campsites and they are already sold out, so they may have to refund some money.
- Jim asked Karen Rieman to organize the opening ceremony for the fair again this year. Karen questioned having the meal for the Veterans. Instead of preparing a meal for them maybe we should give them a meal at the Youth hall or a ticket to get a meal from one of the vendors.
- Judy shared that the Mock Crash will be held again at the fairgrounds on May 7th. She asked if we would provide the participants with a free meal again this year. It is usually a spaghetti and salad lunch. She also wanted to know if there was any way that someone could spray some yellow wash away paint on the racetrack so it looked like one of the cars went left of center. Yes, it can be done and several board members said they would help.
- There was a brief Eclipse report
- Carol stated that we need some younger people to help out in the cafeterias. So if anyone knows of anyone who might want to volunteer to let her know.
- Travis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Grauer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Cutlip-Mills