

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes

~~December 19th, 2023~~

January 23, 2024

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1902 and led the Ag Society and Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 27 board members present 0 absent.

Guests: Judy Villard-Overocker, Deb Boyce, Josh Darling, Heath Maglot, Mike Cook, Jerney Strine, Mike Lantz, Jon Gray, and Diane Westfield.

Guest presentations:

Jon Gray went over Demo Derby proposals for Saturday of the fair. Questions and discussion. Motion made by Sam McKown to do Demo Derby with figure eight race on Saturday of the fair, motion was seconded by Dave Grauer, motion carried and passed.

Josh Darling from Adena went over Proposed Arena options and prices and start dates. Questions and discussion.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Remington Blevins to approve December 19th meeting minutes, Luke Grauer seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Treasure's Report: Shirley Swihart sent out treasures report via email. Motion made by Bill McFarland to approve treasures report for later audit, motion was seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed. Motion made by Kathi Cutlip Mills to submit to ODA/Hinkle for State Audit Report, motion was seconded by Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

Events Coordinator Report: Kim Moore passed out events calendar. Reported we had an Eclipse meeting and went over planning and Event Brite had tickets and sales are slowly coming in. Spoke about new tables, could use two pallets of tables for Civil War. Also, the little red ticket booth needs a face lift, discussion, Jamie will spear head.

Committee Reports:

-T-Shirt: Nothing to report.

-Budget: Nothing to report.

-Grounds: Dave Grauer reported that Arts & Crafts demo has begun. Went over projects to do. Mark Cook to donate garage door for building. Plan on working this Wed @ noon, Sat @ 8am, Thurs @ 9am.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported we need a third SFB member on LS, Jamie Schaub to fill that seat. Going to all self-tagging and using google drive for photos. Seep and goats will only use scrappy tag for identifier. Passing out new SFB member packets.

-Nature Park: Meeting Thursday @ 4pm -Campgrounds: Nothing to report.

-Racetrack: Dale Bemiller reported that they started working on inside of barns.

-Jr. Fair Board: Judy Villard Overocker went over JFB 2024 rule changes. Motion made by Dale Bemiller to accept JFB 2024 rule changes, motion was seconded by Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

-By-Laws: Nothing to report. -Grandstands: Nothing to report.

-Antique Barn: Nothing to report. -Parking: Nothing to report

-Concession: Kahi Cutlip Mills reported her committee reviewed vendor prices and has made changes. Weekly prices for electric vendors are 30amp \$40, 60 amp \$60, and over 60 amp \$120. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to accept new electric vendor weekly rates, motion seconded by Christy Keith, motion carried and passed. Discussion on day and weekly passes for vendors. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to increase day passes to \$8, and weekly pass to \$40 for vendors and their help, motion was seconded by Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

-Golf Carts: Scott Smith said carts were ordered at OFMA.

-Sponsorship: Meeting next week -Admissions: Nothing to report.

-Nominating/Elections: Nothing to report. -Fair book: Nothing to report.

-Landscaping: Nothing to report.

-Horse Relations: Marla Reynolds presented by laws changes for the Equine committee. Discussion. Motion made by Dale Hulit, motion seconded by Dale Bemiller, motion carried and passed. April 27th will be Open Fuzzy Horse Show. Spoke about golf cart traffic issues. Spoke about passes for membership and to be immediate family and grandparent or guardian.

- Raffle: Christy Keith reported that tickets are in please see her to get yours. 5K total tickets.

-Social Media: Nothing to report. -Safety: Nothing to report

-Infield Grandstand Entertainment: Nothing to report. -Winter Storage: Nothing to report.

-Show Arena: David Dick will discuss in old business. -Judge Selection: Nothing to report

-Kitchen Aux: Gene Esbenshade reported that two coolers in Youth Hall need replaced an aux have set aside funds. There is an issue with freezer in FH leaking. Also, Youth Hall walk in cooler keeps tripping off. In near future must replace grill in FH due to illegal gas valves.

Old Business:

-Steve Lantz handed out proposed Grandstand Entertainment for Thursday of fair, went over options and had discussion. Motion made by Luke Grauer to have COTPA & a County Tractor pull for Thurs. night of the Fair, motion was seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed with one no vote.

-Discussion on future grounds acts. Motion made by Amanda Lantz to spend up to 45K on grounds acts for 2025, motion was seconded by Kathi Cutlip Mills, motion carried and passed.

-Dave Fackler is still looking into sound system.

-Arena Project: Dave Dick went over finances, short approx. 277K. Discussion and comments on proposals. Motion made by Luke Grauer to go with option 3 building start date Feb. 2024 with

contingency of getting a loan for remainder of funds up to 300K, motion seconded by Sam McKown, motion carried and passed by ballot vote 15-11.

New Business:

-Christy Keith spoke about Ohio Department of Improvements grant, will be having a meeting to discuss what we will propose for grant up to 100k.

-Spoke about sound system at Sportsman Raffle, motion made by Bill McFarland to pay 200\$ for system, motion seconded by Luke Grauer, motion carried and passed.

Adjournment: Luke Grauer moved to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Bill McFarland, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 2203.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Lantz