

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2024

Members Present: James Schaub II, Shirley Swihart, David Dick, Dave Grauer, Tom Craft, Kathi Cutlip-Mills, Gene Esbenshade and Rebecca Gregg.

Guests: Carol Toms, Dale Bemiller, John Howard (Rhinehart Insurance), Cindy Shaffer (Licking River Kennel Club), Dan Smith (Crawford County Kennel Club) and Connie Smith (Crawford County Kennel Club).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President James Schaub II.

Cindy Shaffer, Dan Smith and Connie Smith addressed the Executive Board with the problems the AKC Dog Show experienced when they hosted the weekend of June 20, 2024, through June 23, 2024. They explained that they are governed under the AKC regulations and have a premiere list that they must meet. If they don't, those participating can request their money back. They did have some who requested their money back. They had people leave because they thought their lives and the lives of their dogs were in danger. The Sunday show was cancelled because the electric went out, through no fault of the fairgrounds. They were promised that the Arts & Crafts (A&C) building would have air conditioning, it did not because we were awaiting some parts. The Board was not aware that they were given this promise. Most of their rings were in the A&C. They had to bring in an industrial portable air conditioner at a cost of almost \$3600.00. They expressed their displeasure with the campgrounds as there was not enough power for many of their units. They need at least 50 amps next year. They have had negative comments on Facebook which will affect their future show. The AKC representative has told them that they will be limited to dog entries because of the problems they had this year. They will be limited to 600. They requested a reduction in their bill to help cover the rental of the air conditioner, loss of entry fees and rental of a sound system because the RCAS sound system was not working effectively. They currently owe us \$11,190.00. The Executive Board agreed that we would waive \$5,000.00 of their bill with Board of Directors. They want to plan for their show in 2025 to be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

John Howard from Rhinehart Insurance presented a "Rain" Insurance policy for the 2024 Fair. If there is $\frac{3}{4}$ " of rain at the Lahm Airport the day of the event then the insurance would be in effect.

Becca requested a list of who she should contact for the various areas (grounds, campgrounds, etc.) when problems arise. Jim said we would prepare a list for her.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathryn G. Cutlip-Mills
Secretary