

Richland County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting July 23, 2024

President James E. Schaub II called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was said.

Roll Call

Guests: Cailey Fairchild, Deb Boyce, Karen Rieman, Bill Rieman, Stephanie Tharp, John Tharp and Hayden Skropits.

Introduction of guests

Secretaries Report: Dale Hulit made the motion to accept the June 25, 2024, minutes as submitted. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bill McFarland made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and submitted. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Events Coordinator: Ink went well for Becca's first time. Everyone helped with various things and she thanked them for their help. She reported that October will be a busy month. She asked if the benches could be moved into the Red Barn this week for a wedding this coming weekend. They should not mean more than 20 benches.

T-Shirts: Remington Blevins reported that all t-shirts and sweat shirts are in. And name tags are in.

Budget: nothing to report **Livestock:** nothing to report

Nature Park: all acts are scheduled

Campgrounds: Will paint the lines on Tuesday. It does need mowed. Krista needs to talk to the committee. There will be no problems with the Health Department for this fair. But there may be issues in the future as campers are getting bigger. The hydrants need some work. Back flow needs installed. Discussion on fixtures continued.

Racetrack: Dale Bemiller reported that we MUST finish barns this week. He is working on Friday and will start at 8 a.m. Saturday. He asked that he get some help since he has been helping with other things on the grounds.

Fair Book: is done and was delivered.

Golf Carts: Scott reminded members that the balance of their golf cart rent is due. The rent is \$250.00 this year as the rent went up.

JFB: They are still taking sponsorships.

By-Laws: nothing to report **Sponsorships:** nothing to report

Admissions: nothing to report **Elections:** nothing to report

Grandstands: nothing to report **Antiques:** nothing to report

Equine: they have finalized the sponsorships. Marla Reynolds presented a tri-fold that she designed which describes the various programs and levels. **Sam McKown made a motion to accept the tri-fold. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Marla also reported that there has been a huge turnout for Jackpot classes, so they are adding some to the Saturday Fair Show.

Parking: Haul-ins should park in the East Gate Parking Lot where they did last year.

Raffles: Nothing to report

Safety: Kathi Cutlip-Mills reported that EMA Director Rebecca Owens has contacted the Richland County Commissioners and they have approved, that in the event of a major disaster during the Richland County Fair we would be able to use the Longview Center as a "Media Briefing Center". **Bill McFarland made the motion to use the Longview Center as a Media Briefing Center in the event of a major disaster on the fairgrounds during the fair. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Infield: Luke Grauer reported that all of the events scheduled for the infield are in order and ready to go. We will be getting a roller from Plymouth Township. Bill McFarland shared that Bellville Fair will be helping with the infield and they will be hauling their bleachers up for us to use. Please be careful as you move the

bleachers so they don't get broken. We will need 6 sets of bleachers for the Kids Zone. Luke and Bill have all equipment ready.

The horse people will need to be off the track by noon. Tell them 10:30-11 A.M. There will need to be a light tree by the entrance, they have 6 light trees.

They will need some help for the tractor pull, a couple flaggers & money taker at the gates for admission. They will be running two tracks, 2-3 skids. The pay loader needs to be trucked here from Brunswick. Bill needs a disc, Dale Hulit will be bringing one in.

Entertainment: nothing to report

Winter Storage: Bill McFarland reported that the Winter Storage committee met and went over various things. He will be measuring each barn, not just door size but also length and width to see if we are able to fit in additional units and what barns are usable. He reported that we are thinking of using the Alpaca Barn.

Show Arena (New): There will be a change to the total bill from Adena by \$1,184.00. There are new gates and they will be paid for by sponsorships. The posts are all portable. They are working on the air to get it going full time. There will be a kiddie tractor pull in the old Show Arena at 1 P.M. on Friday. They will need half gates for this event.

LS Judges: Judy Villard-Overocker reported that all judges are set.

Kitchen Auxiliary: Gene Esbenshade thanked everyone for their help with getting in the new equipment. We do need to have the new coolers fixed. Carol Toms only needs about 10 people for the shifts. Becca Gregg will type up menus.

Grounds: We need to put gutter guards on the Nature Park Building. Howard Harriman got estimates from Tyler's Seamless Gutters. They can do the Youth Hall for \$660.00 and the Nature Building for \$250.00. **Dale Hulit made the motion to spend up to \$1000.00 for this gutter work. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Lights have been ordered for the Nature Park Building

Luke Grauer reported that the lights on the infield will be put up this week or Tuesday or Wednesday next week. The main goal at this time is the lights on the Infield and the Grandstand.

Manure removal: Burkholders will do the Pre-fair removal and during the fair as needed. It will be loaded into a wagon.

Every year we have to rent concrete blocks for securing the tents. We can buy the blocks for \$40.00 each. We need approximately 30 blocks for a total of \$1200.00. **David Dick made the motion to spend up to \$1200.00 for concrete blocks that will remain the property of the agricultural society. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The barriers in the North Lot need to have some reflectors on them so they can be seen. They should be 3x4 reflectors. Put 3 on each side for a total cost of \$275.00. **David Dick made the motion to purchase the reflectors for the barriers. Luke Grauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

We have grey water and electric on Crab Apple lane.

The doors on the Arts & Crafts need painted. Dave Grauer and Steve Lantz will reside the sides on the A & C building.

The hydrant by the Pony Barn is leaking badly. The water is running along the building.

They will need 50 white tables and 200 Chairs at the new Show Arena for Saturday.

Dave Grauer has some bills for repairs on his equipment. One bill is \$450.00 and the other is \$90.70. He doesn't mind using his equipment but would appreciate being reimbursed for repairs. **Dale Hulit made the motion to reimburse Dave for these expenses. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Landscaping: The Landscaping committee is looking for up to \$300.00 to add some landscaping to the grounds. Marla Reynolds made the motion to give them up to \$300.00 for the landscaping. Carol Toms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

INK: There were a few things broken. They will reimburse us for all broken items, including any installation costs. We will need to find someone else to do the trash for this event. The company we had did not keep up their end of the bargain. Kurtzman will do the fair for us, but they do not want to do the INK.

Advertising Signs: There are advertising signs ready for pick up at Sasco's. Remington Blevins will pick them up.

Work night: There will be a work night tomorrow night, July 24, 2024. We will be setting up the Arts & Crafts building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Executive Board Meeting held on July 15, 2024: This meeting was held to address the letters the Richland County Agricultural Society Executive Board received from families that requested we review the reasons their daughters were given as to why they were not going to be allowed to show their horses. Copies of the minutes from this special meeting were given out at this board meeting. The girls will be allowed to show their horses, but will have some penalties. Such as helping to clean up stalls, prepare for fair, etc. for 3 hours each.

We also discussed some issues with INK. Discussion is also in this meeting's minutes.

The third item on the agenda was the fact there is no advertising money for WMFD to do any advertising for the fair. Since there is no money for them, they will not do any remotes nor will they do any advertising for the fair this year.

Kids Zone Scheduling: Christy Keith announced the following groups will be available for the free shows: COSI – Center of Science and Industry; Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean, Wild World of Animals, Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, Team T&J Kids Jumpin' Jamboree and Jessie Monkeyman Moore.

Grandstand concession/Beer Garden help Sign-up: Gene reported that the Grandstand Concession is scheduled to be open at the following times: Wednesday – 5:30 P.M., Thursday – 6:30 P.M., Friday – 5:30 P.M., and Saturday- 4:30 P.M. All times are covered except the Friday timeslot. He is waiting to hear back from one group. If we do not have it covered, we will not have it open. The beer sign-up sheet was passed around.

Updates from the Ohio Department of Agriculture: Livestock Show Reform Law
Kathi Mills reported that she received a copy of these and if anyone wants them to let her know.

Trash for Fair. Will be done by Kurtzman

OTHER:

B&B will clean the sewer lines and grease traps for \$2900.00. David Dick made the motion to have them clean the sewer lines and grease traps. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OFMA: Christy Keith announced that the OFMA conference will be January 2, 2025 thru January 5, 2025. Each person will be responsible for paying for their own motel. Rooms run between \$167.00 and \$147.00 per night. Christy will sign everyone up for the conference if you are going.

Mowing: Krista Dull asked to let Lee know when he needs to have the mowing done.

Show Arena Donor Sign: Dave Dick asked if we should put money levels with donor names. The majority thought they should be listed.

Opening Ceremonies: Karen Reiman reported that everything is done. She has made certificates for all of the people who are helping with the ceremonies.

National Anthem in Infield: Bill McFarland needs someone to sing the National Anthem for the events taking place on the infield.

Air Conditioning in Arts & Crafts Building: There will be no air conditioning on except on Wednesday when the pies are judged and auctioned and on Thursday for the Veterans luncheon.

8:18 P.M. Bill McFarland made the motion to adjourn. Luke Grauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Kathi Cutlip-Mills
Secretary