

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC. SENIOR FAIRBOARD April 10, 2012

Vice President Carol Sines called the April director's meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Secretary's office on the fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Roll call confirmed the following:

X = here A = absent E = excused (work, sick, etc.)

Mary Bishop	X	John Fifer	E	Jerry Sanders	E
Yvonne Blosser	X	Dave Fine	X	Francis Schindler	X
Deb Cocke	E	Earl Klepper	X	Carol Sines	X
Brian Chittenden	X	Dennis Little	X	Joe Stotler	X
Rusty DeTray	A	Doug Moog	A	Mitch Troyer	X
Angie Etchen	X W	Don Retcher	X	Charles Wann	X
Allen Fairchild	X X	Larry Retcher	X	Lavon Wiles	X
		Jeff Rohlf	X		

The **Secretary's report** was read by Mary Bishop. Larry Retcher made a motion to accept the report as read. Motion was seconded by Dennis Little. Motion carried without opposition. There were no corrections to the minutes at this time.

GUESTS

Guests attending the meeting included Teresa Johnson, Defiance County OSU 4-H Educator, Brenda Griffith, Charles Bakle and Pete Schlegel. Ms. Griffith and Mr. Bakle are running for county commissioners in the November election. Mr. Schlegel is running for state representative of the 82nd district of Ohio in the November election. The public and fairboard are invited to his kick-off campaign party Sunday June 10th starting at 4 pm at the Paulding Eagles. Any questions contact Mr. Schlegel at pete82ohio@yahoo.com

Lavon Wiles reported the County Commissioners had approved \$2000 to paint the roof of the sheep barn and additional money to make electrical repairs on the grounds.

Teresa Johnson requested use of the horse arena and restrooms on Saturday May 12 for

an all day horse tune up event. She would also like to use the multi-purpose building on Thursday June 14th from 9 am until noon for an OSU Extension/4-H Cloverbud Day Camp. On Monday June 25th she would like to use the multi-purpose building for a junior fairboard First Aid training session from 4 to 8 pm. And she would like to have the multi-purpose building starting on August 12th to set up for the fair. Motion to approve the above request was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Allen Fairchild. Motion passed without opposition.

Teresa reminded the fairboard central tagging will be the first Saturday in June at the extension office.

Jeff Rohlf arrived at 8 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received regarding advertising on the Farm & Dairy web page.

A suggestion had been made to have a car cruise in on Saturday August 18 either on the infield or around the race track. Drivers would get in free. After a short discussion it was decided that it might be a good idea but we did not have enough time to plan that event for the coming year. This might be discussed again for the next year.

Gas Guzzies people promised to remove their equipment and return the infield to its original status within two weeks.

Paul Germann, the root beer guy, requested his space on the midway be moved back closer to his old space on the midway. He would like to be closer to the grandstand. The concession committee will consider this request.

Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service. Donations for the new goat barn were over \$10,000.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's monthly report was made by Dave Fine and seconded by Dennis Little. Motion carried without opposition.

Alliance Tax Service left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - Chairperson Carol Sines reported there are still several concerns and questions about having a motocross event this coming summer. Recommendation was made to postpone the event until a later time.

The retention policy was also tabled until a later time because of the amount of work needed to set this into effect.

Tinora Young Farmers would like to add Adult classes to their pedal pull on Sunday afternoon. To do this the schedule for the livestock arena will need to be changed. The sheep

lead in classes will need to be held at a different time.

The Hicksville Beautification committee representative had met with the E-board regarding the community garden not being at the fairgrounds any longer. Several rumors and opinions had been floating around and the fairboard was not sure of what was happening with the garden space. Currently the garden will not be at the fairgrounds. That space will be leveled and camping will be set up in that area for the fair.

The Beautification committee would like to replace some of the flower areas at the gates. They would like to rebuild the bases that had been railroad ties. Lavon Wiles had suggested using the blocks that had been removed from the infield when the flag pole was relocated. Jeff Peters is building a new pole to be added to the flag display area. Lavon Wiles will check into these.

The multi-purpose needs new gutters. Lavon has received a quote of \$2500 for new gutters. Joe Stotler made a motion to replace the gutters on the multi-purpose building for \$2500. The motion was seconded by Dennis Little. Motion carried without opposition.

The final recommendation of the E-board committee was to reinstate the open class sheep show at the fair this year. An estimate of \$500 - \$600 will be needed to do this. Teresa reported the sheep entries for the 4-H show are up from 11 last year to 37 in 2012. Yvonne Blosser made a motion to reinstate the open class sheep show for 2012 only. Allen Fairchild seconded the motion which carried without opposition. In charge of setting up the show will be Lavon Wiles and Jerry Sanders.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Dennis is working with Alliance Tax Service on the budget and finances.

TRUCK PULLS - Allen Fairchild reported the cost for Bannit and the sled will be slightly higher this year than last year. The price this year will be \$2400, up from \$2100.

ENTERTAINMENT - Dennis Little has been looking for someone else to run the IDOL show for the 2012 fair. Dennis has contacted Clear Channel to do the event with Josh Bush hosting the show. This event will be held on Sunday evening. The fairboard will provide the prize money for the show. Cost will be \$1200 for Clear Channel which includes advertising and \$1000 for the prize money. A motion was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Larry Retcher to have Clear Channel conduct the IDOL contest at the fair. Motion passed without opposition.

EVENT TICKETS - Earl Klepper would like to have small tents over the areas where people sit to take tickets for the grandstand events. He would like the fairboard to buy two for this purpose. Several members of the fairboard volunteered their tents to be used for this purpose during the fair.

GROUNDS - Lavon Wiles would like to remove the broken cement from the area near the County building. Motion was made by Dennis Little and seconded by Brian Chittenden to allow that cement to be removed. Motion carried without opposition.

The second item Lavon brought up was the purchase of a new lawn mower. He had a quote from Archbold Equipment for a Woods 15 foot long, non belt driven mower for \$11,000.

This will be financed over a five year period with the interest rate of 4.78%. Doug Moog made a motion to accept this quote and purchase the new lawn mower from Archbold Equipment with 5 year financing. The motion was seconded by Dave Fine and passed without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

The Linus Slattery Memorial Benefit held annually at the fairgrounds would like to again sell beer during the event in May. Joe Stotler made a motion to allow this event to sell beer on the grounds during their event in 2012. Motion was seconded by Dennis Little and passed without opposition.

The information to be included in the fair tab MUST BE TURNED INTO LARRY RETCHER BY THE JUNE MEETING.

Committee assignments were again looked at with a few changes noted. #30 Truck Drags will be removed. The speed committee (#29) will have Dave Fine and Doug Moog added.

With these changes noted, Lavon Wiles made a motion to accept the committee assignments for 2012. This motion was seconded by Allen Fairchild and carried without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

A question was raised about the money promised from last year's Ball Fest and why we haven't received our portion yet. The Ball Fest committee will be holding their meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of April. Someone will check on plans for the handicapped parking area.

Without further business at 9:15 pm, Doug Moog made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Larry Retcher. Motion carried without opposition. Meeting was adjourned.

The next fairboard directors' meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm at the Secretary's office on the Fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio.