

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.

SENIOR FAIR BOARD

June 12, 2012

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

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

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| Mary Bishop | X | John Fifer | E | Jerry Sanders | X |
| Yvonne Blosser | E | Dave Fine | E | Francis Schindler | X |
| Deb Cocke | E | Earl Klepper | X | Carol Sines | X |
| Brian Chittenden | X | Dennis Little | X | Joe Stotler | X |
| Rusty DeTray | X | Doug Moog | X | Mitch Troyer | X |
| Angie Etchen | E | Don Retcher | X | Charles Wann | X |
| Allen Fairchild | A | Larry Retcher | X | Lavon Wiles | X |
| | | Jeff Rohlf | X | | |
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Vice President Sines called for the **Secretary's report**. Larry Retcher made a motion to abstain from reading the report at this time. Dennis Little seconded motion which carried without opposition. There were no corrections noted at this time.

GUESTS

Guests attending the meeting included Teresa Johnson, Defiance County OSU 4-H Educator, Brenda Griffith, and Charlie Bakle.

OSU 4-H educator Teresa Johnson reported the Junior fair board has received a \$2000 grant from the County Commissioners for poultry pen improvements. Currently the pens we have are too small and the fancy chickens do not fit in them. Clark Retcher will be making the new pens for this year's fair.

Teresa had sent out letters to the senior fair board about CPR & AED training to be held on the fair grounds on Monday June 25 starting at 4:30 pm in the multi-purpose building. If you would like a card, there will be a \$2 charge. After the training the junior fair board would like to use the tractor to take down signs so they can be repainted before fair and work on the hog barn.

There will be a senior & junior fair board work day on Saturday, July 14th with a potluck dinner at noon. The junior fair board will provide hot dogs and drinks.

Jim Speiser is painting the large show arena both inside and out. He is currently working on the inside which will be white with black posts and trim. Carol Sines also noted Jim Speiser is painting the sheep and horse barn without a charge. The County Commissioners provided the paint.

Teresa reported there were over 30 children at central tagging on Saturday, June 2 at the extension office. Almost every one showed up for tagging that needed to be. The few who did not make it to tagging have dropped their projects.

Brenda Griffith did not have anything for this meeting. Charlie Bakle volunteered to be in the dunk tank at the fair this year.

No representative from the Sheriffs' Department was present.

Treasurer's report was presented by Deb Zimmerman from Alliance Tax Service.

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

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

The budget was presented to the fair board. Motion to accept the budget was made by Dennis Little and seconded by Joe Stotler. Motion carried without opposition.

Teresa is working on having a Catholic mass on the fair grounds on Saturday night. She said it can not be in the main show arena. Dennis Little suggested having the service in the Mid-way entertainment tent. Teresa then went through the open shows to make sure they were on her schedule correctly.

Marty was also at the meeting to make sure there were notices put in the tab concerning fair goers not carrying in beer or alcohol for grand stand events.

Commissioner Otto Nicely arrived at 7:47 pm. He said the Commissioners had received the bill for the paint and they will be paying it in the next week or so. He also asked about the electrical project. Lavon said we will get the bill when the project is done. Commissioner Nicely said the roofs were looking good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - The first recommendation from the e-board is to raise the stall rent for the horse people who keep their horses on the grounds. Motion to raise the stall rent to \$60 starting August 1, 2012 was made by Jeff Rohlf. Motion was seconded by Rusty DeTray and passed without opposition.

The next item to be discussed was the use of the track by "Doc" Douglas Booneman. Suggestion was made to charge Doc \$100 per month for use of the track, and give him a key to get in the gate closest to his barn. Discussion followed about locking all the gates but one and then giving Doc a key. Questions were raised about what if he leaves the gate unlocked, etc. Jerry Sanders made a motion to charge Doc \$100 per month and give him a key for the gate. Motion was seconded by Dennis Little and passed without opposition.

The next item from the E-board is concerning having a tent on the grounds so the volunteer fire departments of Defiance county can have a place during the fair to set up. Joe Stotler informed the board about not being able to have regular fire departments because of the fire people being paid while they are on duty. The location of the tent is still in question. The fair board would like very much for the volunteer fire departments to return to the fair.

COSI is not returning to the fair this year.

There have been four bids submitted for janitorial services. The lowest bid is from Professional Janitor Services by Nathan Smith. He currently has cleaned the Williams County fair for several years. Carol will check on references. Joe Stotler made a motion to accept the bid from Nathan Smith if references are favorable for \$3000 and the use of a golf cart during the fair. Motion was seconded by Jeff Rohlf and passed without opposition. Larry Retcher assured the fair board that a camping space would be found for the cleaning crew. Teresa Johnson asked if she could have a camping site near the junior fair office.

The next item Carol reported on from the E-board was the handicapped parking that Cheryl Brown was to put in from last year's Ball Fest profits. The original proposal was to have the new parking area done in May, but it has not been done yet. No one knew anything about the project at this time. Carol said she would check with Cheryl.

Doug Moog asked about the area behind the Merchants building where the community garden had been in previous years. He wondered if that area would be suitable for a camping site for the cleaning people. Discussion included what would happen if nothing was done to that area or if the top layers should be removed and maybe stone put on top and what would happen if it rained. It was decided to wait closer to the fair before a final decision would be made regarding this.

The fair board received a letter from the Defiance County Area Horsemen asking for a \$1000 donation to sponsor a race during the 2012 Fair. Discussion included what we already pay to sponsor harness racing. Dennis Little made a motion to donate \$1000 for sponsorship of a harness race. Larry Retcher seconded the motion. Motion carried with opposition from Charlie Wann.

The fair foundation is having an auction on the fairgrounds July 7th.

Larry Retcher talked to Eric Crall regarding the positions of Ticket Sellers and Ticket Takers. The Hicksville Class of 2016 was the only bid for the Ticket Sellers and Ticket Takers for this year's fair. Larry Retcher will have to carry a radio during the fair to help. Mary Bishop made a motion that if the Class of 2016 can fulfill both contracts by having at least 2 people at every gate at all the times there are tickets being sold then the fair board will pay the \$4500. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion which passed with opposition from Dennis Little.

On the first Saturday of the fair during the late afternoon the wrestler's will be using the meeting room for their supper.

The Demo Derby would like to be started at 6 pm on the last Saturday because there have been additional events added. Dennis Little made a motion to start the Derby at 6 pm on Saturday, August 25th. The motion was seconded by Joe Stotler and carried without opposition.

Does anyone else need to reserve a golf cart? The price will be \$135 to \$150 for a 4-seater. Currently on the list are: Carol Sines, Mary Bishop, Joe Stotler, John Fifer, Don Retcher, Dennis Little, Teresa Johnson - utility type?, Cleaning crew - utility type?, EMS and 2 shuttles (hopefully 8 passengers).

Does anyone have the contracts for the Buckeye Heritage Festival and the Ball Fest? Suggested to check with Alliance Tax Service.

John wants to know if tickets have been ordered. Larry Retcher said he is taking care of the gate tickets, and Teresa is taking care of the 4-H passes, and Dennis is taking care of ordering the rest of the necessary tickets.

The Boy Scouts have a drawing for the historical display case. They hope to have it completed before the fair. It will be in the Agricultural Hall.

John and Lavon have contracted for a small air-conditioned restroom. There will be one seat on each side. Larry Retcher has ordered several port-a-pots.

Ohio Auditor of State would like to present the fair with a proclamation. It was decided the best time would be Monday evening about 7:00 pm between the 4-H program and the parade of Bands. Cost of Grandstand seating will remain \$3 per person for that evening.

Committees:

- Advertising & Publicity - Dennis said he is having a hard time getting donations and sponsorships for this year.
- Ag & Horticulture - Carol reported additional classes have been added in the wine section and the preserving area. The Purple Heart quilts will be displayed during the week in the Ag Hall with their presentation on Friday. Other quilts will be displayed in the Art Hall. The baked goods auction will be Saturday afternoon about 3 pm
- Antique Tractor Display - Allen not present.
- Art Department - new quilts will be displayed.
- Finance - The budget has been passed.
- Campground - Larry reported he thinks there are 12 on the waiting list.
- Cheerleading - Angie not here. Dave Fine would like to have a load of sand to level the track for the cheer floor. Jerry Sanders made a motion for Dave Fine to purchase a load of sand to be put on the track for Wednesday evening to set the cheer floor on. Motion was seconded by Dennis Little and passed without opposition.
- Concessions & Rides - our contract with Durant's is ending this year. We are accepting bids for rides for the coming years.
- Demo Derby - will be starting at 6 pm with the addition of a truck class.
- Fair Tab - Larry hopefully has everything for take to the printers. Teresa questioned about listing all the new 4-H goat classes. It was decided it did not need to be printed in the tab. If anyone is interested they could go to a website. Larry asked about the truck pulls, but Allen was not here. Larry questioned the prices but the board decided to leave it the same as last year.

- Horseshoe pitching - Doug Moog is not sure about the trophies yet.
- Livestock & Sale -The Strausbaugh arena need 2 (20 x 50) tents to put over the bleachers. Lavon will order them. The sale lunch will again be chaired by Cheryl Brown with IQ Meats supplying the meat.
- Kids' Day - Doug said it's good.
- Merchants' building - John said there were 6 spaces available yet. Carol said not to worry.
- Outside Ag display - They are coming in.
- Sanitation - Larry has ordered the paper products. Chemicals and cleaning supplies - someone needs to talk to the new cleaning crew to see how they want to get the supplies.
- Security - Joe will be contacting the fire departments and the Sheriff's Department soon.
- Senior's Day - Carol has a meeting with Tina and Dawn soon.
- Shuttles - need to set final number of carts needed. Directors will pay for the shipping of the carts.
- Veterans' Day - Bean Soup and someone will be donating beef & noodles. Purple Hearts ceremony will be 3 pm on Friday Aug 24 in the Grandstand. Purple Heart receiptants and spouse will get in free that day.
- Entertainment - MMA on Saturday Aug 18 starting at 8 pm with \$10 grandstand seating and \$15 trackside. Wrestling earlier on Saturday Aug 18th. The fair board will again be giving away free tickets in advance. IDOL on Sunday. Connor Rose & Rebecca will sing starting at 2 pm. Cost is \$5 per show or \$7 for both.

Without further business, Jerry Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Dennis Little. Motion carried without opposition. Meeting was adjourned.

The next fair board directors' meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm at the Secretary's office on the fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio.