

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.

SENIOR FAIRBOARD

May 8, 2012

President John Fifer called the May director's meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm. 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	X	Jerry Sanders	X
Yvonne Blosser	X	Dave Fine	X	Francis Schindler	X
Deb Cocke	E	Earl Klepper	X	Carol Sines	E
Brian Chittenden	X	Dennis Little	E	Joe Stotler	E
Rusty DeTray	X	Doug Moog	X	Mitch Troyer	X
Angie Etchen	X	Don Retcher	E	Charles Wann	X
Allen Fairchild	X X	Larry Retcher	X	Lavon Wiles	X
		Jeff Rohlf	X		

President Fifer called for the **Secretary's report**. Jerry Sanders made a motion to abstain from reading the report at this time. Doug Moog seconded motion which carried without opposition. There were two corrections noted at this time. Doug Moog was present at the April meeting, but had been marked as absent and Don Retcher was marked as present but should have been absent. Also the cost for Clear Channel to present the Idol program on Sunday evening is \$1200. This does not include the prize money which will be provided by the fair board.

GUESTS

Guests attending the meeting included Teresa Johnson, Defiance County OSU 4-H Educator, Brenda Griffith, Susan Wiley, Matthew Wiley, Lindsey Sutter, Vince Sutter, Nathan Rodman, Madelynn Rodman, and Mark Yenser. Also attending the meeting were Commissioners Otto Nicely, Tom Kime, and Jim Harris.

Commissioner Tom Kime commented that the fair board is working hard and wants them to keep up the good work. Commissioner Otto Nicely said the sheep barn roof is looking better. He also wondered how the electrical projects were coming along. Lavon reported Gustwiller Electric will be starting work next week and will hopefully have the projects completed in June. Commissioner Nicely suggested contacting Estle Chevrolet Cadillac in Defiance about the possible donation of parking lot lighting.

4-H educator Teresa Johnson asked when Kids' Day was going to be. Discussion concluded Kids' Day will again be Tuesday, August 21st which is also Senior Citizens' Day. Larry Retcher asked who was getting in free on Tuesday. Brian Chittenden made a motion to have children ages 9 - 18 pay regular price every day during the fair. This motion failed for a lack of a second. Rusty DeTray made a motion for ages 9 - 18 to pay \$1 per person from 7 am to 5 pm on Tuesday for Kids' Day with children under 9 to remain free admission. This motion was seconded by Charlie Wann. Motion failed. Jerry Sanders made a motion to leave the prices for children from ages 9 through 18 to remain the same price all week. This motion was seconded by Doug Moog. Motion passed without opposition.

Teresa reported the Tinora Young Farmers will be including adult class during their tractor pulls on Sunday August 19th. Also the sheep lead event will remain Sunday after the tractor pulls because the Mutton Busting event is Wednesday before the open class Sheep Show.

Teresa reported the Junior Fair board has raised \$750 toward the cost of new chicken pens in the poultry barn. The Strausbaugh arena will need awning for over the bleachers so people will not be sitting so close to the show area. Also stone will need to be place around the cement and leveled for the bleachers to be set on.

No representative from the Sheriffs' Department was present.

Mark Yenser was present representing the Boy Scouts. He talked about plans for the display cases the Boy Scouts will be making for the historical area in the Agriculture Hall. Plans are the cases will be 6 foot long and about 3 foot wide. They will use either tempered glass or plexiglass. Mr. Yenser is hoping to have a smaller version available at the next meeting.

Teresa Johnson asked if the equipment in the kitchen area of the multi-purpose had to stay in that area of the building during the fair. At this time the fair board does not have any other place to put it.

The next group of guests to speak was "Kids for the New Goat Barn". Lindsay Sutter spoke first providing information on how goats had impacted her life in the past several years, and how much she had learned taking care of her animals. Madelynn and Nathan Rodman, Matthew Wiley and Lindsay reported donations were coming along for the new barn. Currently the group needs about \$2200 before the new barn can be ordered, with approximately \$4000 more needed for permits, etc. to put up the barn. The fair board has been providing a tent for additional room for the goats for many years. Last year this tent had cost the fair board \$900. Jerry Sanders made a motion that the fair board donates \$3000 toward the new goat barn. This motion was seconded by Doug Moog and passed without opposition.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service. John Fifer was reimbursed \$600 for paint for the sheep barn roof. The budget should be ready for approval at the next meeting.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - President Fifer presented the Executive Committee report in the absent of Vice-President Carol Sines. Contract bids had been opened at the E-board meeting. There were not any bids for the cleaning contract. One bid was received for the ticket takers and ticket sellers. Hicksville class of 2016 proposed \$2500 for ticket sellers and \$2000 for ticket sellers. Larry Retcher volunteered to talk to Eric Crall (advisor of Hicksville's class of 2016) about the bids. Last year the class of 2012 had received \$3000 for selling gate tickets.

Two bids for electrical work during the fair were received. Dave Fine made a motion to accept the bid from Craig Vogel for \$5400. Doug Moog seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

Denver and Jackie Zeedyk has provided the fair with a petting zoo for many years. This year they are asking for the fair board to allow them a free campsite in exchange for their hard work in providing and manning the petting zoo during the fair. Jerry Sanders made a motion to allow the Zeedyks free camping as long as their goats and sheep have been properly tagged for scrapies. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

There has been considerable vandalism on the fair grounds. Discussion included suggestions of posting signs stating no one should be on the grounds from dusk to dawn and locking all the entrance gates except one. Charlie Wann made a motion to put up signs and lock all the gates except the Hicks Street entrance (by the blue barn) at night. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine. Show of hands was used to vote on this motion. Motion passed without opposition. Dave Fine wondered about locking the gate "Doc" Douglas Booneman uses for access to the track. Lavon Wiles volunteered to talk to him about this situation.

LIVESTOCK / SALE COMMITTEE - Jerry Sanders requested the fair board hire Dr. Pete Bowen, DVM, for fair veterinarian for the coming fair. Motion to accept Dr. Bowen was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition. Jerry also reported that money from the "Kiss the Queen" event will be used to paint the main show arena. Two bids were received to painting of both the inside and outside of the show arena. Doug Moog made a motion to accept the bid of Jim Speiser Jr. of Speiser Painting LLC of Edgerton, Ohio for \$5803. This motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and passed without opposition.

Earlier this year a quote had been received from Alliance Tax Service to provide assistance during the Livestock auction on Friday, August 24, 2012. The livestock / Sale committee had discussed the proposal. Several questions had surfaced regarding the work needing completed. On April 30th Teresa Johnson, Jerry Sanders, Yvonne Blosser and Angie Etchen met with Denise Sutter of Alliance Tax Service to discuss the proposal. The committee accepted the bid of \$1050 for Alliance Tax Service to assist with the sale.

TICKETS - Larry Retcher asked about the price of tickets for the 2012 fair. Will the price remain the same as last year? The discussion also included where early tickets will be available for sale. Angie Etchen made a motion for the following prices: Demo Derby tickets will be \$8 for the grandstand and \$12 for infield and pit prices. Harness racing grandstand prices will be \$2; cheerleading event grandstand seating will be \$3 per person; Monday evening band event will be \$3 for grandstand seating with one-half the money going back to the schools that participate that

evening. This motion was seconded by Dave Fine and passed without opposition.

EVENT TICKETS - There will not be any pre-sale event tickets.

CHEERLEADING CONTEST - The committee would like to set up the whole floor on the track after building up the inside of the track so it will be level. The entry fee has been increased from \$25 per team to \$30 per team and mailings have been started to schools for entry information.

DEMO DERBY - The committee has included a small truck class for the 2012 fair. Rick Hendricks' fee will be \$1000 to run the event. Prize money total will be \$10,300. There will be a car Hockey event during the Derby. Motion to accept this for the Demo Derby was made by Brian Chittenden and seconded by Doug Moog. Motion passed without opposition.

GROUNDS - Lavon Wiles reported the new Goat Barn must be placed at least 20 feet from other structures. To do this the new barn might have to be placed across the road, at the end of the horse barn. Lavon and Yvonne will look into this.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Fine suggested the price of stall rent be raised to help cover the cost of electric. The cost of electricity has doubled. This was tabled for the E-Board to look into for the next meeting.

Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday June 16.

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

The next fairboard directors' meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm at the Secretary's office on the Fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio.