

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC. SENIOR FAIR BOARD November 13, 2012

President John Fifer called the November director’s meeting to order after the Annual meeting at approximately 7:50 pm. Roll call confirmed the following:

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

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

. New Directors who had been sworn in at the Annual Meeting included: Cory Maassel, Paula Fairchild, and Dave Ferguson.

President Fifer called for the **Secretary’s report**. Larry Retcher made a motion to abstain from reading the report at this time. Dave Fine seconded motion which carried without opposition. There were no corrections noted at this time.

GUESTS

Guests attending the meeting included Charles Fitzwater from Defiance County Sheriff’s Deputies and C. E. Taft from Buckeye Rodeo.

The first guest to speak was Mr. C. E Taft representing Buckeye Rodeo. He stated that rodeo will be starting their 25th year in business in 2013. They are from Holmes County Ohio and are member of the American Professional Rodeo Association and Mid-States Rodeo Association. They are interested in presenting a show at the Defiance County fair in August 2013. They will have a show approximately 2.5 hours long with 7 events. There will be 10 - 12 contestants in each event. Any overflow contestants will be allowed to compete after the show. The show will go rain or shine. The Rodeo will need a loader to help with set-up, places for contestants to park, a tractor to work the arena, and EMS & squad during the show in addition to payment and advertising. The board is thinking about having this event on Sunday evening.

OSU 4-H educator Teresa Johnson was unable to attend but had John Fifer present her report. Junior Fair day at the OFMA convention will be Saturday Jan 5, 2013. She currently has 8 - 10 youth interested in going.

The County Commissioner had reported there are 5 trees on the fair grounds that need cut down. The County Engineer's Office will arrange to have the trees taken down

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you was received for the memorial sent to Hospice for Sylvia Miller.

Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service during the Annual Meeting. A motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

The election of Officers for the 2013 fair board directors was next.

For secretary: Paula Fairchild was nominated by Dave Fine and seconded by Joe Stotler. Mary Bishop was nominated by Yvonne Blosser and seconded by Larry Retcher. Mary declined the nomination at this time.

Motion to close the nominations for secretary was made by Jerry Sanders and seconded by Doug Moog.

Motion to accept Paula Fairchild as Secretary for the 2013 year by unanimous verbal ballot was made by Larry Retcher and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

For Vice-President: Carol Sines was nominated by Joe Stotler and seconded by Larry Retcher. Motion to close the nomination for vice-president was made by Lavon Wiles and seconded by Dave Fine.

Motion to accept Carol Sines as Vice-President for the 2013 year by unanimous verbal ballot was made by Jerry Sanders and seconded by Larry Retcher. Motion carried without opposition.

For President: John Fifer was nominated by Larry Retcher and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion to close the nominations for president was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine.

Motion to accept John Fifer as President for the 2013 year by unanimous verbal ballot was made by Larry Retcher and seconded by Jerry Sanders. Motion carried without opposition.

For Treasurer: Doug Moog made a motion to rehire Alliance Tax Service for the 2013 year for the amount of \$8980 (\$7300 + \$1680 for audit) and no increase for the livestock sale. Motion was seconded by Jerry Sanders and passed without opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - Vice-President Carol Sines presented the recommendations for the committee. First to be considered is changing the garden tractor pulls to the last Saturday of the fair hopefully starting at 9 or 10 am. Jerry Sanders made the motion to change the garden tractor pulls to the last Saturday. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and passed without opposition.

The second recommendation was to man the campground gate for the whole week instead of just the first weekend. Motion was made by Larry Retcher and seconded by Deb Cocke to man the campground gate the whole week. Motion passed without opposition.

The next recommendation of the e-board was to set a flower policy for death of fair board members, both past and present, and their spouse and family. After a short discussion it was decided to maybe set-up a committee to make that decision. This idea will go back to the e-board to be further discussed and then returned to the fair board for a decision.

Larry Retcher had suggested that a first year board member not receive a free campsite. The e-board recommended that every board member be entitled to a free campsite, because when a member of the board is on the grounds during the fair they are on duty. Emergencies happen at all times of the day and night and people need to be on the grounds for that. Deb Cocke made a motion that every member of the board should be entitled to a free camp site during the fair. If they choice not to use it is up to them. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Jeff Peters has volunteered to build a new flag pole. All the materials and lighting will be donated. The only thing the board will need to provide is the cement. Discussion concluded further details need to be determined before a decision is made. We will probably need more than one pole before we are done with the area.

ENTERTAINMENT - Dave Fine wants to be able to have the contract sign with Gallagher to secure his appearance the first Saturday of the 2013 fair. Joe Stotler made a motion to proceed with securing Gallagher to appear at the fair. Doug Moog seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Dave Fine also had information on getting numbered tags for the reserved bench seating. He had more information for online ticket sales and the equipment needed to proceed with setting this up. This is tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

Dave Fine provided with information about having a timber & lumberjack show for the midway at the 2013 fair. A four day show with three shows per day would cost approximately \$4887. This was also tabled until the next meeting to gather more information.

GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS - Lavon Wiles reported he had received estimates to complete awnings for the Strausbaugh arena for over the seating. Last year the board had rented tents to cover the seating, but had wanted a permanent covering for the area. The estimate is \$4800 per side, \$9600 total. So far \$6300 has been donated for this project. The fair board would need to provide \$3300. Yvonne Blosser made a motion for the fair board to proceed with the project for a cost to the board of \$3300. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and it passed without opposition.

Lavon also had estimates to complete a wall on the side of the race track. Carol wondered if the stage also needed to be made larger. Lavon will get estimates for enlarging the stage.

Lavon has an interested person who wants to help replace the roof on the old horse barn. More information is needed.

Dave Fine would like to proceed with securing Buckeye Rodeo to provide the entertainment for Sunday evening. Carol Sines made a motion to have Buckeye Rodeo provide the event for Sunday evening during the fair. Motion was seconded by Jerry Sanders and passed without opposition.

Mary Bishop reported shuttles and radios have been reserved for the 2013 fair.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Stotler made a motion to donate \$100 to Christmas for Kids. The motion was seconded by Doug Moog and carried without opposition.

Mutton Rental has 500 folding chairs for sale - the same 500 we rented last year. The cost is \$2.99 per chair. Lavon Wiles made a motion to purchase the chairs from Mutton's. Dave Fine seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

John Fifer suggested having a car show during the first Saturday of the fair on the infield. Dave Fine has sponsors for the show. Jerry Sanders made the motion to have the car show on the first Saturday of the fair. Dave Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Teresa Johnson wondered if the fair board would sponsor the Defiance County Queen to participate in the Queen event at the OFMA convention. Costs are \$100 for registration and \$121 per night for two nights at the hotel. Cost approximately \$350. Jerry Sanders made the motion to sponsor the Queen to participate at the OFMA convention. Yvonne Blosser seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Deb Cocke questioned the Fair Foundation intent to put restrooms on the grounds and where they will be placed.

Without further business, Joe Stotler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson. Motion carried without opposition. Meeting was adjourned.

The next fair board directors' meeting will be Tuesday, December 11 2012 at the EMA Building in Defiance, Ohio starting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Bishop, Secretary.