

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.

SENIOR FAIR BOARD

October 9, 2012

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

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

GUESTS

Guests attending the meeting included Charles Fitzwater, Chris Clawson, Cory Maassel, Cheryl Brown, Paula Fairchild, Teresa Johnson, and Commissioners Otto Nicely, Tom Kime, and Jim Harris.

Commissioner Otto Nicely asked that the fair board set a priority list of things that need to be done on the fair grounds before the 2013 fair.

The issue of the locked gates was again brought up. Commissioner Nicely thought the more people using the grounds would help with the vandalism issues. The Commissioners suggested posting signs and/or putting up cameras. Discussion followed. Brian Chittenden made a motion to have signs posted saying the grounds will be open from dawn to dusk and also the small walk through gate on the south west corner of the fairgrounds will remain open. Don Retcher seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

The next issue the Commissioners brought up was the restriction of carrying concealed

weapons on the fairgrounds. According to the opinion of the Ohio Attorney General concealed weapons can be carried on the grounds but not in the buildings as long as the buildings are posted.

OSU 4-H educator Teresa Johnson passed out information about the junior fair board programs and some of the things they help provide for the fair. The last work day was held September 29. They finished cleaning out the barns and put things away for the winter.

The next junior fair board meeting will be Saturday Nov 10. It will be the last one for the year.

Teresa wanted to order ribbons from Fair Publishing before the end of October so she could take advantage of the 15% discount which would save about \$400. Senior fair board also needs to order ribbons for the coming fairs. Dennis Little made a motion to allow Teresa to order ribbons for junior fair in October. That motion was seconded by Yvonne Blosser and carried without opposition.

There will be a tack auction on Nov 17 at the Ney Legion. The 4-H Endowment craft show is also Nov 17th at the K of C in Defiance. The Volunteer Banquet is Sunday Nov 4 where Lavon Wiles will be awarded the 4-H Community service award and Jerry Sanders will be recognized for 30 years as a 4-H advisor. Premium checks have been written and will go out Friday. The livestock committee meeting will be Oct 16th at the Farmer Fire Department.

Cheryl Brown was present representing the Ball Fest event that was held in July. There is one year left on their contract. Cheryl asked if the Ball Fest could use the benches and picnic tables for their event. Carol Sines made a motion to allow the Ball Fest event to use the benches and picnic tables for the 2013 event. Dennis Little seconded the motion which passed without opposition. The loader will not be used because of it's delicate condition. Cheryl said some of their volunteers expressed concern about having to clean the restrooms and mow some of the yard before the event.

The next concern was the cement for the handicapped parking that the Ball Fest event is helping with. Cheryl wanted to just issue a check for \$5000 (\$2500 each for 2011 & 2012) and have the fair board do the work. Dennis Little made a motion to accept the money which will be put into a designated account for cement in the handicapped parking area. That motion was seconded by Dave Fine and carried without opposition.

The fair board having heard from all the guests moved into executive session at 8:10 pm.

The fair board returned from executive session at 8:46 pm.

Dennis Little submitted his resignation to the fair board. Rusty DeTray made a motion to accept Dennis Little's resignation and Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from Foundation of the Community Memorial Hospital. They are not holding a heritage festival on the fairgrounds in 2013.

Thank you have been received from Children Choosing Christ for allowing them to

present a program during the fair.

A thank you has also been received from the Fair Foundation for our \$6500 donation.

Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service. 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 report was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Mitch Troyer. Motion carried without opposition.

The audit will officially begin Oct 17 with an approximate end date of Nov 30. The estimated cost is about \$8000.

Stall contract are being revised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - Vice-President Carol Sines presented a short summary from the last e-board meeting concerning the audit.

Dave Fine has been working to get a comedian for the 2013 Fair. Dave might have a sponsor to help with the expenses. We will need online ticket sales. Some work will need to be done to the stage before the event. The comedian is available for Saturday August 17.

Brian Chittenden made a motion to further check into online ticket sales. Doug Moog seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Brian Chittenden made another motion to proceed with investigation into booking the comedian. Doug Moog seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

Brian Chittenden mentioned how dark the other side of the fair grounds is at night. He wondered if another light needs put up.

Lavon Wiles wondered if he could proceed with putting spouting on the multipurpose building. Estimated cost is \$2500. Carol Sines made a motion to allow spouting to be put on the multipurpose building. This motion was seconded by Doug Moog and passed without opposition.

Lavon wanted to put in an open ditch to help with our drainage problem. The Commissioners are okay with this at this time because if we put a tile in it will have to be torn up when we start phase 2 of the project. Doug Moog made a motion to proceed with the ditch for now. Dave Fine seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Estimated cost is \$6000 to \$7000.

The next thing on Lavon's list was a new roof on the Secretary's office. John said the roof was really getting bad. Estimated cost is \$3000 for a new metal roof. It was decided to table the decision about the new roof until after the ditch is done to see how much money is needed for the ditch.

The lawn mower pulls will be again tabled until next month because there are no representatives present at this time.

OFMA convention is Jan. 3 - 6, 2013. Larry Retcher made a motion to elect Lavon Wiles as our delegate to the OFMA convention and to attend the Sunday meeting. Dave Fine seconded the motion which carried without opposition. Carol Sines made a motion to nominate Jerry Sanders for the Director's award at the convention. Doug Moog seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Discussion of the suggested By-Law changes:

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Section 5.5 Eligibility (current)

Any qualified member of the society seeking to become a Director must submit a completed Ohio BCI background check, at their expense, prior to requesting a petition. The Ohio BCI report must be dated within the prior three years to be valid. They must then secure a petition from the Secretary of the Society, declare what opening on the Board they are seeking, and acquire the signature of ten (10) or more members of the Society. Current Directors only need to secure a petition from the Secretary of the Society and declare what opening on the Board they are seeking then acquire the signature of ten (10) or more members of the Society. The petition must be filed with the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the Annual Election is held. Anyone failing to meet these qualifications will not be eligible to become a director.

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Section 5.5 Eligibility (proposed)

Any qualified member of the society seeking to become a Director, or any current member seeking to be re-elected as a Director must secure a petition from the Secretary of the Society, declare what opening on the Board they are seeking, and acquire the signature of ten (10) or more members of the Society. Upon election, they are to acquire a BCI background check at their expense. They may be elected at any regular meeting of the board of directors.

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Section 6.6 Vacancies (current)

The Board may elect director(s) for any part of a year, subject to re-election at the annual meeting to fill a vacancy if one exists. Said Director to be elected by not less than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the voting Board of Directors. Election will be by written ballots.

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Section 6.6 Vacancies (proposed)

The Board may elect one (1) for any part of a year, subject to re-election at the annual meeting of the Society, as a Fair Board Director to fill a vacancy if one exists. Said Director to be elected by majority of those present a regular meeting. Said election will be by written ballots.

No motion was made to put the suggested changes on the upcoming ballot.

OFMA District meeting will be hosted by Defiance fair board on Saturday November 10 for lunch. We will need help getting ready and putting on the event. EVERYONE PLEASE PLAN ON BEING AVAILABLE THAT DAY. Door prizes are also needed.

Resignation has been received from Allen Fairchild. Motion to accept the resignation was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

The rest of the Purple Heart Quilts were delivered to the Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital. Pictures were taken. A picture was also received from the Horsemen association when our blanket was presented at the fair.

Nominating committee for the upcoming election is John Fifer and Carol Sines.

Judges for the election will be Lavon Wiles, Jeff Rohlf, and John Fifer. Clerks will be Earl Klepper and Francis Schindler. Carol Sines will be back-up. The Sherwood VFW has raised the rent for the hall to \$120 for the evening. A different location will be arranged for the 2013 election.

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

The next fair board directors' meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 2012 starting after the Annual meeting at the VFW in Sherwood, Ohio.