

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.

SENIOR FAIR BOARD

September 13, 2012

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

President Fifer called for the **Secretary's report**. Jerry Sanders 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 Sam Garrigus and Trent Czarteski, Cory Maassel, Doug Bruinsma, Charles Fitzwater, Brenda Griffith, Paula Fairchild, Teresa Johnson, and Commissioners Otto Nicely, and Jim Harris.

Sam Garrigus and Trent Czarteski are representatives from the Fairview FFA. They expressed their concern about having the garden tractor pulls on Wednesday afternoon which is usually the 4-H pig show. Discussion about changing the garden tractor pulls to either Thursday or the last Saturday afternoon followed. Sam and Trent thought they needed to take the idea back to their organization to make sure that was feasible. Jerry Sanders made a motion to table the discussion until the October meeting so the FFA had time to discuss the idea. Don Retcher seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

The next guest to speak was Cory Maassel. He was considering running for a

position on the fair board. He was in the junior fair program and has helped with a truck pulling and garden tractor pulling at other fairs. Discussion concluded he should get his BCI&I so he can obtain a petition.

The third guest was Doug Bruinsma, who owns the red barn and the land to the south of the fair grounds. He was concerned about using the race track to train his horses and the locked gate. The board had suggested he pay \$100 to use the track. Mr. Bruinsma agreed. A contract will be signed.

Brenda Griffith said everything went well at the fair, and the board did a great job.

Commissioner Otto Nicely asked about the ditch project and when the next phase was going to be started. The board also needs a priority list for the next year's projects so the commissioners can see what they can help with before their budget is set in December. Commissioner Jim Harris commented on the good job done by the board during the fair.

OSU 4-H educator Teresa Johnson passed out information about the junior fair premiums to be paid. Numbers are similar to last year. Approximate premiums will be \$6329. Jerry Sanders made a motion to pay the premiums after the amount has been finalized. This motion was seconded by Dennis Little and passed without opposition. Total for the livestock sale were down because of the processors support price but the buyers prices were up. The check offs have been paid.

Junior fair board last work day will be September 29 with a bon fire in the evening.

The next livestock committee meeting will be October 16 (Tuesday) at 6:30 pm at the Farmer fire hall. If you can not be there please give Jerry Sanders your suggestions and list of barn improvements for next year.

Sheriff's department had nothing at this time. Denise asked about the camp ground gate and the lack of coverage on that gate after the ticket takers quit selling tickets back there. Everyone knows that gate is open without coverage and they can drive right in without paying. Something needs to be done about having someone at that gate during the fair. This was sent to the executive committee to see if any suggestions could be found before bids went out for the 2013 fair.

After the fair was over in August Mr. King stopped on Sunday afternoon to talk to John Fifer about the signs which had been posted about carrying guns on the fairground. John had spoken with the Commissioners about this and further investigations will be completed before the signs are put up next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from AEP. They will be changing the meters on the fair grounds in the near future.

OFMA convention information is out and reservations are being accepted starting Sept 10th. There is lots of valuable information available during this time and it is strongly suggested everyone should attend. The convention will be Thursday Jan 3 - Sunday Jan 6, 2013.

A thank you was received from Mary Slattery for use of the multi-purpose building during the Linus Slattery Memorial event held earlier this year.

A thank you was also received from Aniyah Sajuan for the bicycle that was won during Kids' Day at the fair. Doug Moog noted that was the first thank you from a child who had won a bicycle at the fair.

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.

Gate people did an outstanding job during the fair. Denise suggested the fair board pay an additional \$250 to the gate people for their help during the demo derby. Motion was made by Dave Fine and seconded by Jerry Sanders to pay the additional \$250 to the gate people. Motion passed with one opposition by Brian Chittenden.

Chad Vetter from the Fairview Young Farmers is curious about the rental for their space on the grounds. Discussion included all the other events they help with and a motion was made by Dennis Little and seconded by Carol Sines that the fair board does not charge the Fairview Young Farmers for the space. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Lavon Wiles. Motion carried without opposition.

The audit has begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-BOARD COMMITTEE - Vice-President Carol Sines presented a summary from the contracts from Durant's and Burton Brothers' ride companies. The e-board recommends the fair continue with Durant's ride company for the fair in 2013. Motion was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Carol Sines that we continue with Durant's for the 2013 fair. Motion passed without opposition.

The next question from the e-board committee was concerning a refund from Mutton's tent rentals for the return of the jumpy house. We could not use it in the state of Ohio without the proper inspection and license. Mutton has \$500 and they wanted to know if they should return it or keep it for a deposit on next year's tent rentals. Motion was made by Joe Stotler and seconded by Jeff Rohlf to have the \$500 returned to the fair board. Motion passed without opposition.

Discussion included charging vendors and merchants for tents they use during the

fair.

Carol wanted to thank everyone for getting along and everyone was excellent to work with during the fair.

Dennis Little also wanted to thank everyone for all their help during the fair.

Carol would like to start getting donations for about 25 new picnic tables for next year. Carol would also like to try to get a business to do a family picnic on the grounds during the fair. Todd Bidlack had suggested this to try and increase business during the fair.

John received information about a vendor who makes ice cream and would like to come back to the fair in 2013.

Lavon talked to a lady who would like to have a new roof on the old horse barn. Lavon will get an estimate for the new roof and see if the lady wants to finance the project.

Lavon would also like to get stone for the track before the ground freezes. Joe Stotler made a motion to allow Lavon to order stone for the race track. Jerry Sanders seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Joe Stotler would like the trash and wood picked up after the fair around the buildings. Also a pole in the campground needs an anchor.

Jerry Sanders said the hog barn has shifted and something needs done before a new roof is put on it. All the livestock buildings need repairs. The hog wash rack needs help with the drain. Four County welding classes can help with a new wash rack if we supply the materials. Jerry commended the goat barn people for their timely completion of the new barn.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestions for the By-Law changes need to be in for the Annual meeting in November. Joe Stotler has suggested changing

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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.

Auxiliary members are also discussed again.

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.

Motion was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Brian Chittenden to have the 2013 fair from August 17 through August 24. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion was made by Brian Chittenden and seconded by Doug Moog to pay the Fair Foundation \$6500. Motion carried with one opposition from Brian Chittenden.

Motion was made by Dennis Little to allow the RE-STORE business in Defiance to set up one Saturday a month on the fair grounds to pick up furniture, building supplies, etc. from the west end of the county. The fairgrounds will not be a drop off site. This motion was seconded by Joe Stotler and passed without opposition.

Larry Retcher suggested that new directors pay for their campsite during their first year.

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 at 9:21 pm.

The next fair board directors' meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012 starting at 7:30 pm at the Secretary's office on the Fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio.