



THE DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC
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April 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

President John Fifer called the April Director's meeting to order at approximately 7:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll call was taken, those present:

Ann Beach, Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, Rusty Detray, Angie Etchen, David Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Teresa Johnson, Earl Klepper, Corey Maassel, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, Lavon Wiles

Not present:

Paula Fairchild (E) and Debra Cocke (E)

Secretary's Report:

John Fifer called for the Secretary's Report. Larry Retcher made a motion to abstain from reading the report at this time; second by Doug Moog, all in favor.

Guest attending meeting:

Otto Nicely asked Lavon if the electrical work has been started. Lavon informed Commissioner Nicely they will begin the electrical work this weekend. John informed Commissioner Nicely the windows had been busted out of the barn that was partially roofed. The Sheriff's Department has been notified.

Teresa: Paula has the power to update the website and get your email. Dave Fine said all dates and prices on the home page looks good. On the home page Teresa has linked up Gallagher, the Car Show and the Rodeo so it will now take you to their website. Dave informed the committee that Big Commerce should be up and running by April 15 for online ticket sales through the website.

Will be forming a committee with the swine barn superintendents and Lavon to make the final push for the new swine barn. They are looking at a total of \$43,000 with \$15,000 secured right now. Cooper Family Foundation gave \$10,000 and Edons Farmers Co-op gave \$5,000.

Adding an open beef show for the kids on Wednesday. Approved two new classes for the Junior Fair, Alpaca and Guinea Fowl. Pig experience at fair, flyer was passed around.

Jr. Fairboard made \$800 from pizza sales and will be contacting those who ordered.

Dave Fine will be working with Teresa and the Jr. Fairboard to have a food drive on the opening day of the Fair.

Chuck Fitzwater, Sheriff's: Nothing

Kara from Mix 98.1 & The Bull 105.7:

Have worked with the fair in the past with spot runs; would like to take to a new level for this year in promoting. Looking at more marketing and advertising, a flyer was provided for review.

Would like to be present and broadcast the week of the fair. The Bull is planning on a huge array of events that will reach out into the community and then some. A proposal was presented to the Board in the amount of \$4200, with a total value of \$8200. The radio station will be working on the additional sponsorship to make up the difference.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to accept the radio stations proposal; second by Don Retcher, all in favor.

Correspondence:

Received email from Vicky Solly, she was going to rent the horse arena but decided to go with Paulding County.

Treasure Report:

Denise asked if everyone received her email of the end of the month reports.

Balance in account: \$ 91,656.73

\$ 55,505.00 Designated amount, can only touch with Board approval.

\$ 12,000.00 Needed to start the fair
\$ 12,802.00 Sale Balance
\$ 28,826.00 To use right now

Denise is asking the board to approve \$ 7,925.00 for checks. Included in this amount is the second installment for the tractor and the last installment to the Fair Foundation. Multipurpose building is holding its own. Merchant building is filling up and stall rental is doing great.

Denise asked for the board's approval to pay a total lump sum for the \$25 pay-out(s) for the winners of class and then return what is not used and she will deposit back into the account. This is approved and preferred by the auditors. She would write a check to Jerry Sanders for \$500 and then he would have cash to hand out \$25 to the winners of the classes.

Motion made by Doug Moog to give check to Jerry Sanders for payout out to winners of each class; second by Brian Chittenden, 1 opposed- Jerry Sanders.

Recently, Denise has been the website/ticket master. If you see a typo or something that needs to be changed, please give her a call.

Motion to accept finance report by Jerry Sanders; second by Joe Stotler. All in favor
Motion to pay bills by Doug Moog; second by Dave Fine. All in favor

E-Board:

Bid packet samples were provided for review of any changes. There are four different packets: Janitorial, Electrician, Plumbing and Gate/Tickets sellers. Hicksville High School would like to receive a packet for Gates/Tickets. It was requested to change the name/title on gate ticket sellers & takers. Other changes: ticket sellers must be a minimum of 21 years of age or older. Each gate will have a total of 3 workers; one adult and two students. It is also noted on the bid packet this year to have the gate at the campground covered. Motion was made by Jerry Sanders to make changes to bid packet; second by Joe Stotler, all in favor

Otto Nicely swore in Ann Beach.

Jerry Sanders left at 8:05

Committee Reports:

Dave Fine: Nothing to report on Finance Committee at this time.

Doug Moog: Would like to put a 4 inch drain on the inside infield of the track. Lavon would like have bigger tile from the catch basin. Lavon and Doug will obtain an estimate for this repair and bring to the E-Board meeting.

Lavon would like to know what they are going to do with Steve Moon; he still has items in the stall and has not paid. Dave Fine made a motion to lock up the stall and send him a certified letter to pay by the end of the month or we will sell items; second by Brian Chittenden, all in favor

Water line breakage by the office, should we proceed to get estimates to fix. Dave Ferguson made motion for Lavon to proceed to obtain estimates; second by Doug Moog, all in favor

Lavon is requesting to purchase a couple loads of stone to place over new tile. Motion was made by Brian Chittenden to purchase stone; second by Mitch Troyer, all in favor

Lavon is requesting permission to sell old mower, he will list on gov one as suggested by Otto Nicely. Joe Stotler made motion to sell old mower; second by Dave Fine, all in favor

Old Business:

Received a letter from the Defiance Chamber of Commerce, thanking us for joining. Also included was a coupon for some free advertising.

New Business:

Rusty Detray would like to see the fair put up a straw tunnel (maize) for handicap children. He may have someone who can take care of the tent, if there is any room. This would be free and would also need adult supervision. Rusty will get more information.

Don Retcher left at 8:35p.

8:37 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Ferguson; second by Ann Beach

Next Fairboard meeting: May 14, 2013
Secretary's Office @ 7:30 pm