

Agricultural Fair of Defiance County Inc.

December 10, 2013

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:28. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Attending this meeting were: Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brain Chittenden, Rusty DeTray, Angie Etchen, Dave Ferguson, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, Charlie Wann, Lavon Wiles, Teresa Johnson, and Otto Nicely. Guests attending this meeting were Francis Schlinder and Andrea Etchen.

Larry Retcher moved to abstain from reading the November 2013 Secretary's report. This motion was seconded by Don Retcher and passed by a general consent with voices of aye.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Heaven Holtsberry in absence of Denise Stutter from Alliance Tax Services. It was reported that there was 10,205.57 in the checking account, 90,069.71 in the money market account and 12,587.10 in the sale account.

Heaven also reported that Denise Stutter requested to pay 16,517.74 in checks. Doug Moog moved to pay the bills of 16,517.74. This motion was seconded by Dave Fine and passed by a general consent with voices of aye.

Otto Nicely stated that the fair was successful this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grounds- Lavon Wiles- water lines are the main priority now.

Entertainment- Dave Fine-Sunday show Pete Schlegel at 5:30pm then truck drags at 7:30

Saturday night show is coming together have a potential \$50,500.00 gross if we complete sell out the show

Auto show we have a sponsor already. A man from Auburn, Indiana is going to run the show. We will have the same band that played last year play this year also.

Discussion about the Saturday night show. Larry Retcher asked if we get to vote on it. Carol Sines agreed that we should be able to vote on it since it is going to be one of the big nights of the fair. Dave Fine mentioned that 18,500 + 3,500 for a total of 23,500. If we get sponsors of at least 10,000 then we would only have to pay the 8,500 + 3,500. Also, Bennett will be able to do the sound and lighting. There is an additional cost of 1,200 for Back lights which is the cost from drums and a keyboard. Tickets will be \$20 on the track and \$12 in the grandstand.

Brian Chittenden commented that he doesn't think that the prices sound terrible.

Dave commented again that Joe Stykemain would be one of the main sponsors.

Dave also said that there was a 16 page contract that needs to be reviewed. Don Retcher then brought up the question of a rain date. Dave said they would perform rain or shine as long as the stage is covered. Dave also brought up the idea of checking out different insurances at the convention in January. Otto Nicely suggested that we have an attorney look over the contract before we sign anything.

Art department- Carol Sines commented that she has some different ideas for a couple of people from different schools brining in art by students.

Bands- Angie said she won't be sending out anything to the schools until March. Mary Bishop brought up the idea of putting Brian Chittenden on this committee as well since he is in charge of Antique Tractor pulls.

Campground- Larry stated campground is full and there are 10 in the waiting list.

Cheerleading- Dave stated he does not want to be on the committee but is able to get some outside help.

Concessions-/Rides- Carol said everything will go out at the first of the year and they already have some people from last year.

DEMO- Joe brought up that everyone's name is on the committee list. He thinks that everyone needs to get a sponsorship.

Tickets- Dave said he is going to do the same thing as last year, but wants to do presale tickets on the website in hopes to sell more tickets early.

E-board- Lavon reported that all the committees were assigned.

Fair tab- Nothing to report but Jerry said that it is going to get a lot better and everyone needs to get all items in early so the fair tab can be looked over before it is published

Grandstand- reported that they are getting numbers for seats. They are going to setup times to install all of the numbers. Joe motioned to approve approximately \$400 for the vinyl and to purchase the stainless steel rivets. The motion was seconded by Brian and passed with a general consent of aye.

Jr. Fair- Teresa reported that the livestock and sale committee purchased bleachers for the Strausbaugh arena. They were purchased from Granit Industry. Joe Stotler questioned whether the bottoms of the bleachers were enclosed or not. There was discussion about whether or not they had to be enclosed or not.

Teresa also said she needs the financial report so she can post it on the website.

Radios- Dave said there is a place in Blakeslee that would match the cost that we spend on the other radios. Discussion about them being local and we would save on postage.

Shuttles- We need more for sale day and we also need drivers that are willing to drive.

Jerry then talked about the committees how some are not functioning. To help this every committee will have a binder. This binder will have all the information about this committee. Examples: how many tables and chairs they need, long term short term goals, any needs that they will need at the fair. Doesn't want to take your job just wants it to function well.

Jeff Rohlf commented that the chairs of the committees need to communicate to all members of the committee.

Then Jerry commented saying we need to get Larry Retcher all of the information for the fair tab way before the deadline to ensure that it is correct and completed.

Carol Sines had an idea about asking family members to drives a shift for shuttles. Mary asked if we wanted more than 2-6 passenger shuttles. Dave Fine asked about why we can't have shuttles like Williams County. Brain, Carol, Jerry, and Larry all agreed it is a safety issue.

OFMA-

Going- Carol, Mitch, Lavon and Marla, Denise, Mary, Joe and Cathy, Melissa, Shannon, Laura, Heaven, Jerry and Laura.

Yvonne, Angie, and Jeff H are going for Jr. Fair day

Carol commented saying a basket of goods needs to be made to take down with us.

Otto nicely commented saying that there might be a March primary so we may have to move things out of the Multipurpose building. Lavon said he is aware

Joe said they started to put the new roof on the pie pan. Lavon commented saying they are now using 2x4's instead of 1x4's

New Business

Pete Schlegel will be there on the night of the truck drags. \$8 for the grandstand tickets and \$10 for track seats for the concert. Also those that purchase those tickets will be able to stay for truck drags. Discussion about the chairs staying on the track. Dave said the race horse people will be fine they can manage not being able to go around the whole track for the day. Dave also said he is not doing upgrade seating. Carol Sines moved to have Pete perform. Don seconded the motion and passed with general consent of aye.

Dave Fine asked for Great Lakes Timber Show to come back. Costs approximately \$4850.00. Joe moved to let the entertainment committee get them again for this coming year. Carol seconded the motion and is passed with general consent of aye.

The Christmas Drive thru was brought up, in the first weekend they already took in more than Paulding. Approximately 500.00 on Friday, 1400.00 on Saturday, and 480.00 on Sunday. Heard from many people that they were very impressed with the show.

Yvonne Blosser read the 2014 Jr Fair recommendations. These are attached at the end of the minutes.

Jeff Holtsberry moved to accept the Junior Fair 2014 Recommendations of change. Mitch seconded it and passed with general consent of aye.

Discussion about the ford loader; Lavon said nothing has been done with it.

Discussion about Charlie Wann not turning in his fingerprints. He was told to get them ASAP and by the next meeting.

Brian Chittenden asked about cutting hay in the summer where the campers sit. Discussion ended after they said it would cause issues.

Doug Moog moved to adjourn the meeting Dave Fine seconded it. Motion passed with general consent of aye.

Junior Fair 2014

Recommendations for Changes

Approved December 10, 2014

Skillathon – changes for 2014

- Station 1:** Meat Cuts, Feed ID, Medication Label/Insert
- Station 2:** Species Specific Rules Test which will also include General Livestock Guidelines. Tests will be randomized within each species and member must score a minimum of 85%.
- Station 3:** Member will present livestock pen card to the Barn Supervisor for review. The Barn Supervisor will check for accuracy, number of pens needed, correct breed information listed, etc.
- Station 4:** Livestock Interview

General Livestock

- Clarification of livestock pen clean-up at the end of fair. **Exhibitor must wait until animal has been loaded to start cleaning pens.** This does not apply to the horse barn exhibitors.
- The Family Tag rule has been eliminated for 2014. Updated Tagging Rule will now state: **Exhibitors may tag one extra animal for each market entry. NO FAMILY TAG PERMITTED.**
- **State Fair Animals:** Exhibitors planning to exhibit at the *State Fair ONLY* and not at the county fair are required to have animal tagged with a Defiance County tag at the January Steer Tagging and/or June Central Tagging to verify possession. State Fair admission will be denied for non-compliance.
- **Rate of Gain Award** has been dropped for all species.

Livestock Shows – change of day or time

- Showmanship Sweepstakes time moved to 2:00 pm on Thursday. Will begin at the Main Show arena and conclude at the Strausbaugh Arena.
- NW Showdown Beef Open Pull-in show at 6:30 pm on Thursday.
- Sheep Show – New time of 11:00 am on Tuesday
- Dairy Show- moved to 9:00 am on Wednesday

Minimum and Maximum Weights – Effective 2014

- ALL Underweight and Overweight Animals will be sent home on day of weigh-in. There will be NO option to stay at the Fair for any open class shows.

Species * indicates a change for 2014	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
* Beef and Dairy Steers	1000 pounds (new)	None
* Swine	180 pounds	310 pounds (new)
* Market Goats	50 pounds	110 pounds (new)
Feeder Calves	280 pounds	650 pounds
Sheep	90 pounds	None
Chickens (meat pens)	Fryers total pen not to exceed 12 lbs. Broilers total pen is 12 lbs – 16 lbs	
Rabbits (roasters)	5 pounds	8 pounds
Rabbits (meat pens)	Weight of each rabbit for a meat pen is 3 – 5 pounds	

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Updated 11/26/13

Horses

- Photos: The livestock committee will designate times on Wednesday and Thursday evening and a location for photos. The committee will also secure a photographer.
- A practice time for driving will be added to the schedule

Poultry

- Pullorum free paperwork must be attached to the exhibitor's livestock pen card entry form and presented to the Barn Supervisor for review at the appropriate Skillathon station.
- Pullorum testing will be July 31st, 2014 at the Extension Office from 6:00-8:00 pm

Rabbits

- Rabbit meat pen will no longer be tattooed at Skillathon. All rabbit meat pens will be tattooed on July 31st, 2014 at the Extension Office between 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Dairy

- Classes will be updated to align with the Ohio State Fair list of classes.

Beef

- Rate of Gain will be dropped for 2014. Exhibitors may still weigh their animals at the January tagging.

Goat

- The Goat Fun classes that were held on Sunday will be moved to the Monday show.