



THE DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC  
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February 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

President John Fifer called the February director's meeting to order at approximately 7:30 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, Paula Fairchild, David Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Teresa, Johnson, Corey Maassel, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer and Lavon Wiles

**Not present:**

Debra Cocke (E), Angie Etchen (E), Earl Klepper (E), Jerry Sanders (E) and Francis Schindler (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 Don Retcher, all in favor.

**Guest attending meeting:**

**Teresa Johnson:** Passed out portfolio gifts for everyone.

Livestock committee: Teresa provided them with a list of livestock judges.

Teresa also provided Lavon with pictures of the donated shed that looks just like the livestock office. Teresa informed the committee that Becks hybrids would like to give every Jr. Fair livestock exhibitor a T-shirt for the start of Fair.

Motion was made to accept T-shirts by Brian Chittenden; second by Doug Moog. All in favor.

Bunny Boot camp: To be held at Fairgrounds. Don Retcher will get with Denise to see what dates are available.

Teresa would like to be at the Strausbaugh end for a practice horse show on June 22, no need of multipurpose building, but will need use of restrooms.

Currently Teresa is getting estimates for 100 new swine pens. Lavon suggested going with pen sizes of 4x6.

Lavon received an estimates cost of \$4,000 from ACE to tear down old ones and concrete is \$3 square foot.

Teresa informed the livestock committee there is a new animal lease for livestock that Jerry Sanders signed off on and this will be posted in the newsletter.

4-H will be completing one big theme for the Christmas light display at Fairgrounds in December and will need to know where they will they will be setting up. Teresa will need to contact Denise and Deb at Alliance Tax Services.

**Correspondence:**

Mark Moats sent a nice card of Thanks for letting them come to the Fair and for the special treatment they received.

**Treasure Report:**

Denise provided a hand-out of information regarding the Treasure report for John Fifer to review as they were unable to attend.

1. Amount of money we have in our accounts for operations is: \$79,835.29

2. Amount of Checks that I am requesting approval to pay amounts to: \$29,648.80

3. Amount remaining in operating account after these checks clear is: \$50,186.49

Total Balance in Operating Accounts and Designated Accounts (Money Market) is: \$84,207.51

\*\*Denise needs receipts for the OFMA Hotel rooms.

\*\*Sale committee: still needing the start up cash and any profits back from the tagging.

Motion was made to accept financial report

Motion was made by Doug Moog; second by Don Retcher, all in favor

Motion was made to pay bills

Motion made by Doug Moog; second by Don Retcher, all in favor

**Financial Report:** Budgets need to be approved. Fairboard members were provided a copy of a completed budget for their review and approval. A trending report of past budgets was utilized to set the current amounts. Several areas of the budgets in the past years were not completed, as this was an issue with our current audit. Keep in mind, the current completed budget can be adjusted at any time.

Motion was made to accept budget

Motion made by Corey Maassel; second by Doug Moog, all in favor

**E-Board Report:** It was the recommendation of the E-Board to allow Teresa to purchase wrist bands. Teresa will find out how much they are. E-board met with the Fair Foundation, they have a couple of fundraising events to share: Sept. 14, 2013 ATV Ride – 9-3pm, bring own 4-wheeler, \$30 to ride, go out in groups of 6. Carol said this is a lot of fun to attend.

June 29, 2013 – Auction

Their goal is to get everything paid off for the grandstands, all debts, before they begin to look into the restrooms. The Fair Foundation has been in the process of looking at all options for restrooms. After the donations from the Hornish brothers, Commissioners and pledges, they should only owe an estimated amount of \$6-7,000 at the end of the year. To clarify, they are not selling individual seating in grandstands to have your name put on; only for a section or row. Carol has a picture of the storage building that has been donated to set behind the horse show arena, if anyone would like to see. Need to get Lavon's approval before setting on grounds. Stone will need to be set and leveled before placed on the grounds. Building will then be property of the Fairboard.

Motion made for approval of building to be placed on grounds

Motion made by Brian Chittenden; second by Dave Ferguson

Travel policy: still reviewing, a copy will be sent out to everyone for their review.

Chamber: E-Board recommended joining the Defiance City Chamber of Commerce. Membership is \$130.00 a year. Some of the benefits we will receive: advertising on website, be included in mass emails of up to 600, many programs to attend and after hours meetings with local business/corporation managers.

Motion was made for Fairboard to join the Defiance City Chamber of Commerce

Motion made by Brian Chittenden; second by Corey Maassel

Paula will take care of Chamber paperwork.

Livestock committee to have an open beef show on April 13.

#### **Committee Reports:**

A request had been submitted for renting of the merchant building for an auction to be held on March 30; what should we charge. It was suggested we charge the same as we do for weddings at \$400.

Dave Fine made a motion that we go ahead and rent the building and at the price of \$400; second by Rusty Detray. All in favor

Lavon/grounds: Trees are all down. Several were issues brought up regarding some major repairs that are needed to water lines and changing/eliminating water meters (16 water meters needs to be replaced, 5 of the meters run from \$1500-2000). Lavon suggested they get a print out of all water lines from the engineers, this print out will help to assist on how when where they can begin to update. The broken water line has been repaired 3 times and the last repair bill was over \$4,000. Will also need permission from Commissioners. Will not be able to afford to repair all at once. Lavon is requesting from the committee, permission to contact the Engineers office for mapping/suggestions and receive bids for cost of repairs.

Motion was made by Brian Chittenden to proceed with getting bids and info from Engineers; second by Mary Bishop. All in favor

Horsemen Assoc: They are requesting permission to utilize the track for a Matinee on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made for use of the track on May 25<sup>th</sup> by Larry Retcher; second by Dave Fine. All in favor.

Lavon requested permission to get a load of stone for donated storage building.

Motion made to purchase stone by Brian Chittenden; second by Doug Moog. All in favor.

Larry Retcher has been working on the Fair Tab and provided each committee with a section for updates on prices and information. Tab will be submitted July 3<sup>rd</sup>, reprint for final review on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Suggestion was made to have Teresa bring in camera to update pictures of Fairboard members.

Dave Fine: Still working on sponsorships for the Gallagher, Rodeo and Timber show. Dave also provided a sponsorship packet that he put together for the committee to review.

John Fifer: Promedica confirmed they will provide EMS service for the fair. Tiffin and Delaware Fire Depts. both have confirmed they will also cover. Quilts: So far he has 15 quilts.

**Old Business:**

Stall contracts and track usage, will discuss at next E-board meeting

**New Business:**

John received a rebate of \$113 from the purchase of paint made last year. Discussed last year to use this rebate to purchase new tables.

March Fairboard meeting is being rescheduled. Several dates were discussed. John asked for a motion to change the meeting to Monday March 11, 2013, EMA building. There was a conflict of meetings brought up; Jewell Grain also has a meeting on March 11. John asked how many Fairboard members would be affected. According the EMA training calendar, the Fairboard has already been scheduled for March 11.

Motion was voted on the floor. Majority all in favor  
Opposed: Mary Bishop & Jeff Rohlf  
Motion carried, next meeting will be March 11, 2013

Next Fairboard Meeting: Monday March 11, 2013  
EMA Building 7:30

Paula will contact the Commissioners, Sheriff and place in the Crescent News.

John brought up issue of money still owed on stall rental and if the board should still pursue money that is owed for stall rentals per contract with due date of Feb 1. One renter still owes \$200 and the other is estimated at \$800. After much discussion a motion was made to drop it by Brian Chittenden; there was no second on the motion. The discussion continued; as this is a matter of principal and we should follow through as stated on the contract. John will get all information to Denise.

Motion was made to continue to pursue legal action by Doug Moog; second by Joe Stotler  
Opposed by Carol Sines & Brian Chittenden

John: There has been some discussion about purchasing a laptop computer for Fairboard/Secretary. Carol has an HP that is only 2 years; she can sell for \$350. Mary asked about the WINN program and if you can put on this computer. Carol stated that we may be looking for more computers for the office as they need to be updated also. Motion to purchase the laptop computer was made by Joe Stotler; second by Brian Chittenden

Mary made a motion to correct and update changes to the livestock committee  
Motion made by Dave Ferguson; second by Joe Stotler. All in favor

9:13 pm  
Motion to adjourn made by Doug Moog; second by Larry Retcher

Next Fairboard meeting: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
EMA Building @ 7:30 pm