

AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.

SENIOR FAIR BOARD

November 12, 2013

President John Fifer called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Jerry Sanders suggested that with the representation of the Junior Fair Board present we should also recite the 4-H pledge.

Attending the meeting were Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, Deb Cocke, Rusty DeTray, Angie Etchen, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Corey Maassel, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Francis Schindler, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Mitch Troyer, and Lavon Wiles. Excused were Ann Beach and Earl Klepper. Also attending the meeting were new directors Laura Grant, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, and Charlie Wann.

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

Jerry Sanders made a motion that the election of officers be moved from new business so the Crescent News photographer could take pictures for the paper and not have to wait until the end of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and passed by general consent with voices of aye.

Nominations for President:

Joe Stotler nominated John Fifer. John accepted the nomination.

Yvonne Blosser nominated Jerry Sanders. Jerry accepted the nomination.

Larry Retcher made a motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and passed without opposition. Paper ballots were used to cast the votes. Results were John Fifer had 9 votes and Jerry Sanders had 15 votes. Jerry Sanders will be the new President effective Dec 1, 2013.

Nominations for Vice-President:

Joe Stotler nominated Lavon Wiles. Lavon accepted the nomination.

Heaven Holtsberry nominated Jeff Holtsberry. Jeff accepted the nomination.
Dave Fine nominated Carol Sines. Carol declined the nomination.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Don Retcher and passed without opposition. Paper ballots were used to cast the votes. Results were Jeff Holtsberry had 8 votes and Lavon Wiles had 15 votes. Lavon Wiles will be the new Vice-President effective Dec 1, 2013.

Nominations for Secretary:

Yvonne Blosser nominated Mary Bishop. Mary declined the nomination.

Larry Retcher nominated Heaven Holtsberry. Heaven accepted the nomination.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Joe Stotler and passed without opposition. Jerry Sanders made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot. Don Retcher seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Heaven will be the new Secretary effective Dec 1, 2013.

GUESTS for the evening included Teresa Johnson, Sara Grant, Julie Ruppert, Maddi Price, Madison Skinner, Lindsey Skinner, Kaleb Holtsberry, Rose Mansel-Pleydell, and Burton Bassett.

Maddi Price spoke on behalf of the Junior Fair board. They were here wanting to work together with the Senior Fair board and the livestock committee on the schedule of shows and suggested livestock rule changes for the 2014 fair. The livestock committee had met earlier this evening and wanted to table this until they have had time to look over the changes and then will bring them to the December 2013 meeting.

Teresa Johnson suggested the Senior Fair board approve the advisors for the Junior Fair board for the coming year. Suggested advisors for a year term are Connie Higbea and Jeff Holtsberry. Auxiliary advisors suggested for a year term are Jill Speiser and Heaven Holtsberry.

Brian Chittenden made a motion for the Senior Fair board to go into executive session at this time. Jeff Rohlf seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to go out of executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson. Motion carried without opposition.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to vote on the nominated advisors for the Junior Fair board and Auxiliary individually. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to vote for Heaven Holtsberry. Motion was seconded by Corey Maassel and carried without opposition. Paper ballots were cast for or against Heaven being an advisor. For Heaven being an advisor 22 yes ballots and 2 no ballots. Heaven will be an advisor for 2014.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to vote for Jeff Holtsberry. Motion was seconded by Corey Maassel and carried without opposition. Paper ballots were cast for or against Jeff being an advisor. For Jeff being an advisor 22 yes ballots and 2 no ballots. Jeff will be an advisor for 2014.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to vote for Jill Speiser. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and carried without opposition. Paper ballots were cast for or against Jill being an advisor. For Jill being an advisor 21 yes ballots and 3 no ballots. Jill will be an advisor for 2014.

Jerry Sanders made a motion to vote for Connie Higbea. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and carried without opposition. Paper ballots were cast for or against Connie being an advisor. For Connie being an advisor 2 yes ballots and 20 no ballots. Connie will not be an advisor for 2014.

There was not any CORRESPONDENCE at this time.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Services. Motion to accept the report was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Jerry Sanders. Motion passed without opposition.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Doug Moog and seconded by Jerry Sanders. This motion passed without opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive committee – Carol Sines reported the committee had discussed issuing a gold card to Earl Klepper and Francis Schindler for their many years of service to the fair board. They should be allowed admission onto the grounds and into the grandstands for the retired directors and one guest as long as they remain in good standings. Jerry Sanders made a motion this should be done. Joe Stotler seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Next the e-committee had the discussed the suggested travel expenses for the upcoming OFMA convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio January 9 – 12, 2014. Suggested items are for the board to pay hotel, registration, required meals, mileage at 57 cents per mile round trip, food (with required receipts) up to \$40 per day. Youth going to the convention will receive up to \$15 for a meal and mileage for the drivers at 57 cents per mile round trip. Motion to accept these suggested travel expenses was made by Joe Stotler and seconded by Doug Moog. Motion carried without opposition.

The third item was the policy for usage of the checking account debit card. The card will remain at the treasurer's office until needed. It should be signed out and back in. The receipt must be turned in with the card or the person who used the card will be responsible for the expense. Any director or the Treasurer may use the card with the approval of the President, Vice-President or executive committee. Motion to set this policy for the debit card was made by Dave Fine and seconded by Rusty DeTray. Motion passed without opposition.

The last item from the Executive committee was the Fair Foundation would like the fair board to set up a 3 and/or 5 year plan of what is needed on the fair grounds. Direction is needed to determine what order improvements or new assets should be done so everyone is not asking the community for money for several different things at the same time. Better communication is needed between both groups. Motion was made by Jerry Sanders and seconded by Deb Cocke to set up a committee to work on a plan and work with the Fair Foundation. Motion carried without opposition.

Dave Fine reported on the Finance / Budget committee. The budget for 2014 needs better details.

Grounds chairman Lavon Wiles reported the office roof needs replaced. The insurance company strongly recommended this be replaced. Lavon has several estimates with the lowest being \$3500 from Johnny Schumacher. Motion to replace the office roof for \$3500 was made by Joe Stotler and seconded by Doug Moog. Motion passed without opposition.

The gates have been fixed except for the livestock area.

The fence in the campgrounds needs fixed.

Lavon reported that \$1000 of stones have been put on the race track.

The Ford loader needs repaired or sold. Discussion resulted in this being tabled until next month so more information can be available.

Entertainment committee – Dave Fine reported that he and John Fifer had met with Variety Entertainment. The discussion was about having a rock band for Saturday night. Current discussion was for Foghat for an estimated \$23,500. Sponsorship would be sought to reduce the expenses. They can use our current stage.

Other entertainment ideas for the 2014 fair include hot air balloons, helicopter rides, truck drags, a motorcycle event and others.

Discussion regarding a new stage and a 200 foot retaining wall resulted in Jerry Sanders making a motion to table the vote until more information has been obtained. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

The Christmas drive thru will be December 6, 7, and 8 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) and December 13, 14, and 15. There is lots of work that needs done before and during the event. Anyone who can help PLEASE let Denise know when you can help.

The boy scouts will be selling food and drinks during the Christmas drive-thru. Doug Moog made a motion that the Senior Fairboard pay for the food. Joe Stotler seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Without further business, Dave Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. That motion was seconded by Doug Moog. Motion carried with voices of aye and none opposing.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 at the EMA building in Defiance starting at 7:30pm.