

**AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, INC.**  
**SENIOR FAIRBOARD**  
September 10, 2013

President John Fifer called the September director's meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Roll call revealed the following members in attendance: Ann Beach, Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, 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, Mitch Troyer, and Lavon Wiles. Absent were Deb Cocke and Earl Klepper. Excused were Paula Fairchild, and Joe Stotler.

President Fifer called for the Secretary's report. Paula did not have the minutes available.

GUESTS included Teresa Johnson, Connie Higbea, Kelli Etchison, and Heaven Holtsberry.

Connie Higbea expressed concern about the timing for the Monday evening events. Suggestions were made for Teresa, Angie and others to meet and set-up a corrected time schedule and planning for that evening. Also suggested was to increase gate prices and provide free grandstand events during the fair.

Carol Sines made a motion for the senior fair board to pay for the hand sanitizer in the amount of \$600. Motion was seconded by Don Retcher. Motion carried.

Teresa Johnson presented information to the fair board regarding what Junior Fair Board does for the fair. She also provided information to the Senior Fair Board about the Livestock Sale totals and the Junior Fair report and premiums to be paid.

Motion was made by Jerry Sanders to pay the 2013 Junior Fair premiums. Motion was seconded by Don Retcher and passed without opposition.

Motion to allow Denise to transfer enough money to cover the livestock sale checks until all the money has been received was made by Jerry Sanders. That motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson and passed without opposition. It was decided checks would be prepared and dated so they would be sent out around September 16, 2013.

The dates for the next fair will be August 16 – 23, 2014.

Carol Sines made a motion to attach a memorandum of understanding for the junior fair. Motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson and carried without opposition.

A bylaw meeting was set for Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:30pm in the multipurpose building. Carol will arrange for the notice to be published in newspaper.

This meeting will be open to all Agriculture Society members and any other interested persons.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Thank you was received from Trine University for the \$200 donation for judging the Extreme Cheerleading.

Thank you from the Jerry Bailey family who attended our fair. We were number 72 on their list of fairs they have visited during the summer. They enjoyed the fair.

**Treasurer's report** – Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Service was not available to attend the meeting. She left a report to be looked at by the board.

Motion was made by Doug Moog to make the final payment of \$6500 for our pledge to the Fair Foundation for the Grandstand. This motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson and carried without opposition.

Dave Ferguson made a motion to remove an outstanding debt for stall rental from Friend and Moon from our books. Motion was seconded by Carol Sines and carried without opposition.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

E-BOARD – Vice-President Carol Sines reported the recommendation regarding the rental fee for the Ball Fest. It is suggested they are charged \$2500 per year for the next 3 year contract for rental of the fair ground. Jerry Sanders made a motion to charge \$2500 per year for the 3 year contract. Motion was seconded by Don Retcher and passed without opposition.

Next item was if a concessioner wanted their deposit returned if they did not want to come to the fair should we do that. Contracts state deposits are nonrefundable. Jerry Sanders made a motion that deposits should not be refunded. Angie Etchen seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

It is recommended that the Fair board have a debit or credit card to use. The Treasurer would hold the card. Motion was made by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Dave Fine that the fair board directors' have a card, either debit or credit. Motion passed without opposition.

For an excused absent, you must call an officer before the meeting.

OFMA convention will be January 9 – 11, 2014. If at all possible everyone should attend. Reservations for rooms will be made soon. Please let an officer know if you need a room or are interested in attending the convention soon.

Todd Bidlack is offering a \$500 donation if the Fairboard improves the permanent landscaping around the front entrance. Doug Moog made a motion to improve the landscaping around the front entrance. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine and carried without opposition.

The E-board recommends that the fair board donates \$3000 toward the new hog

barn project. Lavon Wiles made a motion which was seconded by Yvonne Blosser that the fair board donates \$3000 toward the new hog barn. Motion passed without opposition.

The number of tickets allowed per board members will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Executive Board recommends that every member be made aware that all directors must attend all board meetings unless they call an officer and ask to be excused from the meeting and state the reason they need to be excused; work, sick, etc. Three unexcused absents is cause for dismissal from the board.

Second - every board member must be at the fair every day unless excused by the President.

Third – every board member must be on committees and when their committees have an event during the fair they must be there unless excused by the President.

Dave Ferguson made a motion which was seconded by Brian Chittenden that it should be the responsibility of the Vice-President to inform new board members of their responsibilities on the board. New people should also be informed about the Red Book, the Constitution and Bylaws, code of conduct, and what is expected from them during the year and available perks. Motion carried with one opposition from Rusty DeTray.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE - Lavon Wiles has 3 estimates for new commercial lawn mowers. Heartland Energy has the lowest price of \$18,716 for two new mowers. Jerry Sanders made a motion to purchase two new mowers from Heartland Energy and try to sell the old ones. This motion was seconded by Rusty DeTray and passed without opposition.

The Ford front end loader needs repaired again. It currently is not running and needs brakes. Suggestion was made to sell the front loader. This was tabled until the next meeting so further information could be obtained about getting it fixed to sell or junk. Lavon is also checking on an old mower and red tractor to fix up or sell for junk.

The next item on Lavon's list is the roof on the Pie Pan building. To roof the building with a metal roof estimated cost is \$2500. Jerry Sanders made a motion to roof the Pie Pan and increase the rent accordingly. Mitch Troyer seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

The Secretary's office also needs reroofed. Lavon will check into estimates.

The multipurpose building needs different floors in the restrooms. Jerry Sanders made a motion to put in a poured floor in the restrooms and new blow dryers. Motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson and carried without opposition. The campground restrooms also need work but that will be later.

Carol Sines made a motion to purchase tile and gravel to make a road for the golf carts behind the goat and horse barns. Rusty DeTray seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

Lavon would like 2 loads of stone to fill in holes around the grounds. Carol Sines made the motion to buy 2 loads of stone to fix holes. Motion was seconded by Rusty DeTray and passed without opposition.

The showers in the blacksmith shop needs a raised floor to keep the water from running in and the restroom needs improvements. Dave Ferguson made a motion to fix up the showers and restrooms in the blacksmith shop. Motion was seconded by Jerry Sanders and passed without opposition.

RADIOS – A list was passed out so everyone could look it over before the radios are ordered for next year.

SHUTTLES & GOLF CART – current list is passed out and discussed. Motion was made by Carol Sines to return the Junior Fairboard check for the golf cart to Teresa. Motion was seconded by Mitch Troyer and carried without opposition.

ANTIQUUE TRACTORS – They are running out of room in that area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Livestock/Sale Committee meeting is October 15, 2013 at the Farmer Fire house.

Paula Fairchild submitted her resignation from the Secretary's position effective September 30, 2013.

Worker's passes are only for admission at the gates. They are not for any grandstand events. A list needs to be submitted and need to be approved before they are handed out.

REMINDER – If you want to go to OFMA Convention Jan 9-11, 2014, please let John or Carol know so we can reserve enough rooms at the hotel. Fair board pays for rooms, registration fees, and some money for food. It is a great event.

Without further business at 9:44 pm, Dave Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Fine. Motion carried without opposition.

*The next fair board directors' meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Secretary's office on the*

*fairgrounds.*