

The Agricultural Fair of Defiance County INC.

April 8, 2014 at 7:30pm

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call

Attendance: Ann Beach, Mary Bishop, Yvonne Blosser, Brian Chittenden, Rusty DeTray, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Doug Moog, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Mitch Troyer, Charlie Wann, Lavon Wiles

Guest: Mike Cline, Alexis Zeedyk, Johnny Tonjes, Al Lucas, Ryan Mack, Scott Wirth, Dan Bowers, Chris Clawson, Charlie Fitzwater

John Fifer moved to sustain from reading the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff Holtsberry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Guests:

Ryan Mack a candidate running for Defiance County Commissioner, he just wanted to introduce himself to the board and state why he is running for commissioner.

Scott Wirth is with the fire department. They are planning to tear down the current building they have at the fair grounds for the donuts and replacing it with a new building. They would like to have the new building up by the first part of June. He asked the board if it was okay to have a red roof instead of a green roof. Carol Sines moved to let them choose which color of roof they wanted, Corey Massell seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Dan Bower talked about the mini modified tractor pullers out of Central Ohio. He explained the group that he is with and wants to know if they are able to have a special event on September 13, 2014. He suggested a start time of noon. John Fifer moved to have the special events and pull committee meet to discuss having this special event at the grounds. Dave Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Clawson with the Defiance County Sheriff's Department updated us on the issues with the stall renters. He also explained the process of taking possession of the horses. It's not an easy process but it is doable. It would be a civil execution.

Committees

E-board- Lavon Wiles

Talked about the Scott Christner and Richard Flemming is late on payment also.

The horsemen get \$11,279.77 from the state.

Water Lines were measured and taken to the commissioners to take a look at.

Lavon also turned in the amount to the commissioners for the grant money on 4/8/2014.

Demo Derby- Adding a couple more classes (full size trucks) and possibly increasing the purse. Talk about increasing prices for grandstand and pit passes. Brain Chittenden moved to send all the information back to the Demo derby committee to find out all the specifics. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Carol Sines-recommended that the horsemen take care of their own money when it comes to the horse races at the fair instead of us writing their checks. Nothing was decided. Bill Peter is coming to the May meeting.

Treasurers Report

Denise reported that the current balance in the checking, money market, and sale account is 116,355.67. The total amount in checks to be paid is 7,360.20 plus addition that came in today excavating \$880.00. Bair's paid \$2,000.00. We got our money from ODA 11,286.57, this went direct deposit. Dave Fine moved to pay all of the bills and approve the treasurer's report. Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed. Check for Collin Starry cleared.

Jr. Fairboard

Teresa Johnson reported on the new swine virus. At central tagging no Jr. Fairboard or Sr. Fairboard that will be able to enter the livestock trailer only the owners or whoever brings the animals to get tagged will be able to enter the trailer. We will be sending tags to the large farms. All tags are now the 840 tag and if the state fair decides to go all electronic then it will double the price. Issues with pheasants being 16-18 weeks. There is a rabbit clinic May 17, 2014 at Defiance TSC. Jr. Fair board's fundraiser will go towards the swine barn pins. Jerry and Teresa are setting a meeting with a 4-H family regarding Jr. Fair guidelines. Jr. Fairboard did pay for last year's Strausbaugh arena pledge, sent a check in the mail. Teresa also asked if the contract for the Saddle Slingers is okay. Contract is okay.

Jerry sent Laura Grant a letter telling her she is not eligible to be on Sr. Fairboard anymore.

Old Business

Dave Fine-Website list of info needed

Kid's Day, Senior Day, Veterans Day, Demo Derby-sponsorship and rules, Pictures of bands, cheerleaders, schools, etc.

Mary asked if we can set up registration for the Agricultural Hall. Dave Fine said this is possible.

Larry is getting the information for the fair tab that he needs.

Late stall rents. Dave moved to go into executive session at 8:45pm. Lavon seconded. Motion passed. Exited executive session at 9:10pm

Charlie Wann moved to take legal action against Scott Christner and recoup our debt. John Fifer seconded the motion. Carol Sines asked how far we are going to go with the legal action. Chris Clawson suggested that we start with an eviction notice. Motion passed.

New Business

Toy Tractor Club is not coming back because they are disbanding. They have 4 glass cases for \$150 and Rusty DeTray would pay \$75 towards them. Carol Sines moved to buy the glass cases to use in the Ag Hall. Seconded by Dave Ferguson. Motion passed

The Horseshoe people would like to have more events at the fairgrounds because they are sanctioned. Are they using any buildings or just the area for pitching? Doug will get more info and bring it back to the next meeting.

Lavon brought up the cement wall in front of the stage. How does the Fairboard feel about the wall? We have 51 feet but only needed a total 48 feet for the track. Dave Fine said the wall will help with the demo derby. It is approximately \$11,000.00 and we already have approximately \$7,500.00 ear marked towards that. The stage won't be a problem for the entertainment. If we use the existing stage we have to have a backdrop and something on the top of the stage for lighting. Dave Fine talked about removing the canopy and having a company put up a different stage with lighting and backdrop. Dave Fine moved to put the wall in this year. Charlie Wann seconded. Motion passed. With one opposing.

Jerry said the commissioners need a signed lease agreement. Carol Sines moved to keep the same lease that we have with the commissioners. Jeff Holtsberry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A family wants to rent the Jr. Fair Sheep building for a lamb sale on April 19, 2014. Jeff Holtsberry moved to allow the family to rent the Jr. Fair Sheep barn for April 19, 2014. Yvonne Blosser seconded. Motion passed.

The race horses want to have a horse matinée on May 24, 2014 with a rain date of May 26, 2014. Doug Moog moved to let the horsemen have the horse matinée. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Denise asked for clarification of what she should do with the April rent from Scott Christner. Denise talked about giving him a 1099-c, if we give him one of these then the IRS will be on him for the remainder of the money owed. Discussion about who has signed a contract and who hasn't. Dave Fine moved to give the people with horses in the race horse barns a thirty day eviction notice. Rusty DeTray seconded the motion. Motion passed. 30 days will start when the notice is given. Denise was told not to deposit the April rent from Scott Christner.

Doug Moog moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.