

The Agricultural Fair of Defiance County INC.

May 13, 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, Deb Cocke, Rusty DeTray, Angie Etchen, Dave Ferguson, John Fifer, Dave Fine, Heaven Holtsberry, Jeff Holtsberry, Corey Maassel, Doug Moog, Don Retcher, Larry Retcher, Jeff Rohlf, Jerry Sanders, Carol Sines, Joe Stotler, Charlie Wann, Lavon Wiles

GUEST: Bill Peters, Ed Mendez, Otto Nicely, Mark Galliers, Lonnie Graber, Brady Galliers, Less Musser, Shawn Musser, Charles Bakle, John Tonjes Jr, Matt Sanders, Ed Hissong, Melissa Rodman and Kathy Stotler

Larry Retcher moved to sustain from reading the April minutes. John Fifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Peters with the Ohio Horsemen Harness racing talked about fair funds and the money that the horsemen bring into the fair. He asked if they could get the difference of 5,200.00 could be paid back to the Horsemen that is given by the state.

Joe Stotler asked if there could be any way that the horsemen take care of their own checks. Bill said he would look into this.

Joe Stotler moved to pay the difference of 5,200.00 back to the horsemen once we receive the money. Carol Sines seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ed Mendez asked if the horseshoe pitching group could have a sanctioned horseshoe pitching tournament at the fairgrounds. He stated the liability insurance is taken care of.

Carol Sines moved to let the horseshoe pitching group have 1 sanctioned and 1 non sanctioned horseshoe pitching tournament. Dave Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

At this time the horsemen went around the room and introduced themselves. Mark Galliers spoke for the group. The group asked for their privileges back at the fairgrounds. He stated that they provide security for the grounds; they keep the barns looking good, and take care of the track. Don Retcher then asked for a recap of the situation. Jerry explained what was happening. There was a suggestion of putting an information board up at the barns so everybody is informed of the rules with the race horse barns.

Bill Peters then stood and suggested that the people that are stabled at the fairgrounds need to be members of the horseman's association.

Dave Fine moved to go into executive session at 8:15pm. Rusty DeTray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John Fifer moved to exit from executive session at 8:47pm. Rusty DeTray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dave Fine moved to rescind the previous motion to evict the people that were stabled in the race horse barns. Rusty DeTray seconded the motion. Motion passed with one in opposition.

Dave Fine moved to have new contracts written for all of the people that are stabled in the barn and that are paid current with their rent; Bill Peters will be a liaison between the horsemen and the Sr. Fairboard; Lavon Wiles will complete a count of horses every month and Denise will handle all transactions. Carol Sines seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Peters also stated that we are a Blue Ribbon Fair for the Horsemen, and that we are the only one in the United States this year.

Joe Stotler asked Chris Clawson if he could handle getting the contract around for the security at the fair.
Correspondence- Greater Ohio Showman's Association book, its \$100.00 for our fair to be advertised in the book for dairy shows across the state of Ohio.

Financial Report given by Melissa Rodman from Alliance Tax Service.

Requesting check approval for 13,970.66.

If the checks are approved the balance will be 113,052.29. Accounts payable is 24,489.20.

2013 – 2014 recap was handed out.

Joe Stotler asked about the State Audit.

Denise requested that the mail be delivered Tuesday-Friday now until the fair.

John Fifer received a phone call from Mr. Pence about his golf cart. He said that he paid for his golf cart. He would also like to come back to the fair.

Doug Moog moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Joe Stotler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lavon Wiles asked where the money that he collected for the demo derby went. Melissa Rodman is checking into this.

Denise sent a Thank You note for the flowers that she was sent by the Fairboard.

Teresa Johnson- Talked with Greg Johnson with Bill's Locker Room.

Need a livestock meeting. ASAP

Jr. Fairboard update- 5 advisors, 23 auxiliary members and 30 regular members.

Teresa requested for Ryan Johnston to be the poultry barn assistant.

John Fifer moved to allow Ryan Johnston to be the poultry barn assistant. Joe Stotler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jerry confirmed the hog show is on Tuesday night.

Committee reports

Corey Maassell- Mini rods and truck pull

Max amount to put out \$11,000 includes track work, tech fees, sled, scales and the purse. There will be 3 classes with a minimum 43 pullers and then the truck pull after the mini rod show. We can charge \$15.00 flat entry fee for a seat anywhere. There is a possibility of getting a sponsorship if it is approved at this meeting.

Date would be September 14, 2014

Charlie Wann moved to have the Mini Rod and Truck pull show on September 14, 2014. Brian Chittenden seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John Fifer- A lot of the same spots as last year are full but there are about 10 in the merchants building that are empty.

Brian has a sponsor for the trophy, but hasn't been in contact with him to get the check.

Joe took care of security tonight

John Fifer said ProMedica is definitely coming to the fair and that he would check with Hicksville EMT to see if they would come too.

Angie Etchen- Band and cheerleading information was sent out.

Larry Retcher- June 10 is the last day to add anything

Yvonne Blosser Cement in front of the old goat barn needs to be fixed.

Doug Moog talked to Carol about face painting and balloons cost about \$200 and there is a sponsorship for that. John Fifer asked Doug to create a letter to get another box of Dum Dums donated from Spangler Candy Company.

Lavon Wiles- Stoves for the multipurpose building. At Menards they are \$269.00. John Fifer moved to purchase the 2 stoves at the quoted price that are needed in the multipurpose building. Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Midway needs holes filled. Lavon is asking to purchase 2 loads of millrun stone to fix the holes around the fairgrounds. Carol moved to purchase 2 loads of stone to fix the grounds. Joe Stotler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Asking for permission to get bids for the water lines. Mary Bishop moved to allow Lavon to get bids for the water lines. Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lavon is asking to put two 200 amp box in by the donut stand and Bair's Concession, 700 dollars donated for one box. Deb Cocke moved to put in a new 200amp box by the donut stand, seconded by John Fifer. Motion passed.

Mr. Bair sent boxes over just need to put the new boxes in. Carol moved to get the electrician to put the boxes in. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed

Jennifer Carpenter is willing to pay us 900 dollars for back rent but allow Scott Christner to pay the late fees. Joe Stotler moved to allow Jennifer Carpenter to pay 900 dollars for back rent, make Scott Christner pay the late fees and subtract the 900 dollars from the total amount that Scott owes. Dave Fine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mary asked if this would affect anything with Scott that was happening with the courts.

Joe and Lavon talked to Rick Hendricks about the Demo Derby. Dave Fine moved to set the grandstand ticket prices to \$9 and pit passes tickets to \$15, go from a 10,400 pay out to a 13,500 payout, add the truck classes and the kid's power wheels class. John Fifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fog Hat stage- it will cost the same amount to rent a stage as it will to tear ours apart. We will save money on the stage lights because it will come with the stage. Fog Hat is okay with the stage. Brian moved to rent the staged for \$2600.00. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe Stotler moved to pay the 260.00 deposit for the stage. Doug Moog seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Restrooms-Commissioners would like to have the restrooms portable for 1 year to see about the placement. A map was passed around and there was discussion on placement.1 option 1 – 32 foot and a handy cap by the pari-mutuel building, 1 handy cap by the secretary office and 32 foot down by the senior citizen tent on the midway.

Mary asked about bid packets and when they were being sent out. Bid packets are done.

Foundation wants permission to put a memorial sign up for Justin F. Corressel on the back of the press box. Mary Bishop moved to let the Foundation put up a memorial sign up and allow them to do the stepping stones. John Fifer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe Stotler asked about Scott Christner getting out of the barn on the 15 of May. Jerry is talking to Ryan to see what can be done with his property.

New Business-

Dave Fine

Kid's Day donation \$500 sponsorship from Community Memorial Hospital received by Heaven Holtsberry

Fog Hat- grandstand seats 1851 left of 1880 track seats 1291 left of the 1400, about \$1700 in revenue

WIOT Rock 104 radio station wants us to give them gate tickets in exchange dollar for dollar for advertising money

Carol moves to give WIOT Rock 104 2000 tickets at \$5 per ticket.

Discussion on pricing for printing tickets, and tracking the tickets.

Carol moved to amend her motion to 200 tickets instead of 2000 tickets.

Motion died from a lack of a second.

Rock Auto is sending 23,000 wrist bands

Mini fliers will come out the first part of June. He got sponsorship to print those.

Online registration for cheerleading and Demo Derby.

Not doing the \$100 add in the Greater Ohio Showman's Association book

Lavon Wiles

Wall in front of the stage. Miller quoted 10,800 before and Schumucker quoted 12,200 to complete the wall.

Carol Sines moved that as long as Miller's price is still good or cheaper to go with him to complete the wall project.

Williams County wants their trailer back. Thursday May 15 meet at the fairgrounds to clean out the trailer at 7pm.

Dave Fine moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Stotler seconded the motion. Motion passed.