

Agricultural Fair of Defiance County, Inc. Senior Fairboard

December 8, 2015

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| X | Gary Backhaus | X | Dave Ferguson | X | Don Retcher |
| E | Tracey Backhaus | X | David Hartman | X | Larry Retcher |
| X | Mary Bishop | X | Scott Hicks | ES | Jeff Rohlf |
| X | Yvonne Blosser | X | Heaven Holtsberry | X | Jerry Sanders |
| L | Brian Chittenden | X | Jeff Holtsberry | X | Carol Sines |
| X | Kate Chittenden | X | Jeremy Limber | X | Mitch Troyer |
| EW | Deb Cocke | X | Corey Maassel | X | Charlie Wann |
| X | Rena Cottrell | X | Tyler Reinhart | X | Lavon Wiles |

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Larry Retcher made a motion to abstain from the reading of the minutes which was seconded by Don Retcher. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes as sent was made by Gary Backhaus and seconded by Kate Chittenden. Motion was passed without opposition.

Financial Report

No financial report was presented at this meeting.

Motion was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Dave Ferguson to designate the signors on the bank accounts to be as follows:

- the general checking account, the Money Market account and the HHW account will be signed by President Jerry Sanders, Vice-President Lavon Wiles, Treasurer Brian Chittenden or Secretary Mary Bishop.

- the Sale account will be signed by President Jerry Sanders, Vice-President Lavon Wiles, co-chairs of the sale committee Yvonne Blosser and Jeremy Limber.

The Executive and the Finance committees need to meet to work on the job description for the accountant. This meeting will be held at the Extension office on Tuesday Jan. 5, 2016 at 6:30pm.

The Livestock/Sale committee voted online to approve Denise Sutter and Alliance Tax Service to do the livestock sales during the 2016 fair. Motion to approve this by

the Fair Board was made by Don Retcher and seconded by Dave Ferguson. Motion passed.

The Annual Report was presented for approval. There are a few corrections that need to be made. Motion was made by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Corey Maassel to accept the Annual Report after the corrections have been made so it can be submitted to the State Auditors' office and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Motion passed

Correspondence

The Fall District 1 meeting was held on Saturday December 5 in Oak Harbor. Mary Bishop attended the required meeting. Bill Peters gave a report on the harness racing for the coming year. Some counties received a refund from AEP for their electrical bills. Some counties have filed for their individual 501(c)3 status instead of being included in the blanket status from the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Guests

No guests at this meeting.

Committee Reports

The Committee assignments were passed out. There are a couple of corrections to be made.

Junior Fair – 2016 Recommendations for changes were submitted to the Fair Board. Motion to approve the recommendations was made by Jeff Holtsberry and seconded by Don Retcher. Motion passed

Executive Committee – The Secretary would like some compensation for the extra work that is required for the position. Discussion followed with different possible ideas. Charlie Wann made a motion that different ideas be further investigated and reported at the January meeting. Motion was seconded by Larry Retcher and approved by the board.

Since committees have not met yet there were ideas discussed for entertainment at the 2016 fair including changing the day for the truck drags and truck pulls and have bands, etc. on Thursday evening. Senior Citizen Day will be combined with Veterans Day on Wednesday.

Charlie Wann had questions about the Horseshoe pitching event.

Other entertainment ideas were discussed. No contracts were to be signed at the convention. Recommendation was made for \$15,000 budget for entertainment committee. Ideas also included a wing fest, car show, band, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

The Horsemen Association submitted a proposal to the Fair Board to co-chair a reverse raffle in the spring. Charlie Wann made a motion to not accept the proposal. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Limber and approved by the board.

OFMA Convention – Delegate and alternate need to be submitted. Motion was made by Larry Retcher and Don Retcher for Lavon Wiles to be the Delegate. Motion for Mary Bishop to be the Alternate was made by Larry Retcher and seconded by Heaven Holtsberry. Motion was approved.

Attending the convention will be Lavon & Marla Wiles, Jerry Sanders, Mary Bishop, Carol Sines, Dave Ferguson, Jeremy Limber, Heaven Holtsberry, Larry & Phyllis Retcher, and Deb Cocke.

Carol Sines reported on having a reverse raffle. Discussion followed with no decision made yet about having a reverse raffle.

The Executive Committee had worked on the Top Ten list of needed improvements.

Discussion followed ranking the list. The list is as follows:

1. Campground showers & restrooms
2. Grandstand restrooms sewer & drainage
3. Blue Barn & old show arena – replaced rotted posts
4. 6 inch water line through midway to horse barn
5. Multi-purpose building heating & AC
6. Grandstand stage – electrical & improvements
7. Multi-purpose building – restrooms
8. Swine barn wash rack
9. Infield Bleacher
10. Ag Hall floor & structural repairs

Horseman Association wants to have a third set of races during the fair. They are looking at Sunday afternoon. Their proposal was already considered and voted down.

Website – needs work. Motion was made by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Brian Chittenden to see if we could get the website back from the current designer or cut our losses and get another website. Motion passed. Charlie Wann will talk to the current designer.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Retcher made a motion to get the bids out earlier in January for the services needed during the fair. Motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and approved by the board.

The gun raffle has all the tickets sold. Drawing was held. The winner of the gun is Tony Denstepd from Montpelier, OH. The winner of the \$100 second prize is Larry Mick. The money will be recounted and receipted. Lavon will take it to Denise tomorrow.

The pens in the hog barn need straightened up and put inside for the winter.

The Fair Board has received a donation for \$426.74 for the hog pens from Herb & Faye Retcher and the Jewell Grain Company.

The Frontier phone company has a program to reduce the cost of the office phone and internet. By signing up for a two year program we could keep the bill to approximately \$68 per month plus fees and taxes. Motion to accept this program was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Carol Sines. Motion was approved.

Carol made a motion to have another gun raffle starting in January. Lavon Wiles seconded the motion which was approved by the board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Lavon Wiles. Motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Bishop, Secretary.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the EMA building just off St Rt 15 & 18 on the northwest edge of Defiance (Brunersburg) starting at 7:30pm.