Agricultural Fair of Defiance County, Inc.
Senior Fairboard

January 12, 2016

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

Others attending the meeting were Commissioner Otto Nicely, OSU Educator Teresa Johnson, and Denise Sutter and Melissa Rodman from Alliance Tax Services.

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

Commissioner Otto Nicely swore in Scott Hicks and Tyler Reinhart through the oath of office for their term on the Fair board.

Guests included Dave Miller, Don Schooley, and Bryan Schroeder.

Secretary's Report

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

Motion to accept the minutes as sent was made by Charlie Wann and seconded by Tracey Backhaus. Motion was passed without opposition.

The Christmas Cruise-Thru raised $11,420.42 from donations given during their 17 day event for the Fair Board. Thank you to Denise and ALL her crew for the hard work.

Financial Report

Denise Sutter from Alliance Tax Services presented the financial report for the December 8, 2015 meeting. Carol Sines made a motion to accept the December 8th report. The motion was seconded by Dave Ferguson and approved by the board.

Denise then presented the financial report for January 2016. Bills to be paid totaled $13,072.53. Carol Sines made a motion to transfer money and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Don Retcher and approved by the Board.

Carol Sines made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. David Hartman seconded the motion which was approved by the board.

Lots of good comments were received about the Christmas Cruise-Thru and the fireworks held the end of November and during December 2015.

Brian Shroeder presented information to the board about having an open Haul-In Lamb Show. Classes include Light, Medium and Heavy weight animals. Hopefully there will be sponsorship available for this event. The event would be Wednesday Aug 24 in the small arena starting in the afternoon.

Also proposed was to divide the Junior Fair project show into three weigh sections. Carol Sines made a motion that if Lavon is okay with this show that we precede with having this open event with Brian Shroeder named as Show Chair. Motion was seconded by Larry Retcher and approved by the board.

Commissioner Otto Nicely had an announcement that the Fair Foundation has looked at our capital improvement list and may at an upcoming meeting.

Jerry explained details to Otto about the grant from the meeting that way held in Columbus during the convention.

Dave Miller and Don Schooley from the Farmer Fire Department were here to discuss the beer sales from the last fair. The Firemen put in more than 1000 hours during the week and received $884 with an average income of $.84 per hour. They would like to make some improvements for the coming year. Carol Sines made comments about their success. The Beer committee is Charlie Wann (chair) and Jerry Sanders. Further discussion needs to be done with the Beer committee and Farmer Fire Department.

Dan Bower from the HorsePower Holiday would like a tentative date reserved for the coming year to hold September 9 – 11, 2016 for their event. Dan would like to have a National event with points. Carol Sines made a motion to hold the dates of September 9, 10, & 11, 2016 for the HorsePower Holiday Weekend at the Defiance County fairgrounds. Motion was seconded by Charlie Wann and was approved by the board. The multi-purpose building is not rented for that weekend.

Committee Reports

Livestock/Sale – ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEED TO READ AND FOLLOW THE RULES AND THERE WILL BE A QUIZ AT TAGGING.

Jeff Holtsberry received a grant and a van to take Junior Fair board officers and members to the OFMA convention.

Brian Chittenden will be doing QA for horses. Dates need to be set.

Special Events - Jeremy Limber discussed the upcoming gun raffle. The reverse raffle will not be held for the Fairboard in 2016. (1:28) If all the tickets are sold the income would be all profit. Charlie Wann made a motion to proceed with the gun raffle. The motion was seconded by Tyler Reinhart and approved by the board. Carol Sines made a motion that the money from the gun raffle be earmarked for capital improvements. Kate seconded the motion which was approved by the Board.

Entertainment – Heaven and Larry told about some of the entertainment they had talked to at the convention. Talked to Tribute Bands, Rodeos, and Truck drag company, and others. The committee needs to meet and get their information ready to make a recommendation. Seniors Day and Veterans Day will be Wednesday. Kids Day is Thursday. Dave Ferguson and Larry Retcher are checking into the car show.

Executive Committee – The job description for the accountant needs worked on soon.

Finance Committee – Brian Chittenden reported they had a meeting the previous evening. Brian would like to see the monthly financial report only show the business for the last month. He is concerned about the designated accounts have a balance greater than the balance of the money market. Entertainment committee has a budget of $15,000 for 2016. Wristbands are used to allow directors and their families so we don't have to account for tickets. Brian also was concerned with the accounting of sponsors' gifts. He read a list of ideas for the job description of the accountant. Discussion of the accountant's job description with the board and the livestock sale and if it is two jobs or not.

OLD BUSINESS

St. John Lutheran of Defiance would like to be reimbursed for gate prices from the last fair when their tickets were not in the ticket box and they had to pay. Brian Chittenden made a motion to reimburse them for their ticket expense. That motion was seconded by Tyler Reinhart and approved by the board.

KOI has reserved the first Saturday of the fair for the Truck Drag event. They need a $500 deposit.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Larry Retcher. Motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Bishop, Secretary.