

Agricultural Society of Defiance County, Inc.

Senior Fairboard Meeting

January 10th, 2017

X	Gary Backhaus	A	Dave Ferguson	X	Jeff Rohlf
X	Tracey Backhaus	X	David Hartman	X	Jerry Sanders
X	Mary Bishop	Ex	Jeff Holtsberry	X	Carol Sines
X	Yvonne Blosser	X	Jeremy Limber	X	Mitch Troyer
X	Brian Chittenden	X	Desirae Mack	X	Lavon Wiles
X	Kate Chittenden	A	Tyler Reinhart		
X	Deb Cocke	X	Don Retcher		
Ex	Renae Cottrell	X	Larry Retcher		

Guest attending the meeting was Teresa Johnson, Doug Engel, Kevin Fockler, and Dana Phipps with the Defiance County Sheriff's Office.

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 moved to abstain the reading of the minutes. Don seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Tracey made a motion to approve the December minutes and Yvonne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Brian listed the bills to be paid including the convention expenses. Bills totaled \$7,075.39

Deb made a motion to pay the bills. Carol seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jeremy made a motion to approve the financial report and Don seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

District Meeting – Next meeting is March 25th in Findlay, OH. Need a representative to go and reservations are due by March 18th.

Guests: Doug Engel – asking about gate communication. Wanted to know if we were going to leave the gate by the office unlocked and open. It helps the sheriff's office to know for night patrol. Teresa offered to ask the commissioners about the gate by the office when she had a

meeting with them later in the week. As of right now the board has agreed to leave the gates unlocked by the office.

Committee Reports

Convention:

- Lavon – Mutton tent raised their prices 26%. He is getting quotes from other companies.
- Jerry – attended the meeting for Pres/VP. Meetings lasting until 10pm are ridiculous and the time needs to be cut down. Too much discussion on decisions is being made and making the meeting inefficient. Also, the meeting agenda needs to go out at least a week beforehand.
- Mary – attended the secretary/treasurers meeting.
- Dave H – Promotions meeting – having a chicken catch/calf halter contest for kids to participate in. Getting a department of aging to come for Senior's day. Having more free activities around the fair. Kid's free until 3pm.
- Tracey – Promotions/entertainment meeting – having more kids events, beard contest, and having a radio station sponsor an event.
- Carol – looked for entertainment ideas, get sponsors early, and possibly bring in a hospital for a women's day.
- Deb – event or daily insurance might be something to look into. Truck drags might be something to look at for rain insurance to help cover expenses incurred.
- Jeremy – insurance was a big thing such as having it for inclement weather but can take some time to get paid from insurance. Sponsorship – talk personally and when you go to ask be on a people level.

Executive Board: Recommending Julie Wiles. Lavon & Jerry will not participate in the vote. Mary made a motion to hire Julie Wiles as the Fairboard Bookkeeper for 1 year. Yvonne seconded the motion and the motion passed. The following persons will be allowed access to the bank accounts and to sign/deposit checks: Jerry Sanders, Lavon Wiles, Kate Chittenden, Brian Chittenden, and Julie Wiles.

Teresa Johnson – Word of the year is **lagniappe**. Which means something given or obtained gratuitously or by way of good measure. We all are going to practice! Need to go the extra mile! Junior Fairboard is having shirts made with this word on the back of their shirts this year. If you would like one Teresa will bring a list to sign up for. Cost is \$10. Next, she asked about putting historical type projects & displays for the Ag Hall. Lights – Thank you to whoever took them down and put them away. **Livestock Sale Committee meeting February 8th at 8pm at the Ney Legion.** Vet information for new rules is from 6pm to 8pm with the meeting following. Steers will be registered online this year with the ID and a photo.

Old Business

Water Repairs – Need to finish flushing the lines which will not take much longer. Need to get the paperwork finished for the grant.

Swine Pens – Teen Leaders gave \$10,000 towards the payment of the swine pens.

Ride Contract – 2 year contract was signed with Burton Brothers. Kate has received a copy of the contract. Jerry to check into the fuel surcharge portion of the contract and get more information on what that entails.

Entertainment Committee:

- Harness racing set for Tuesday & Friday evenings.
- Saturday & Sunday are open
 - Keep Truck Drags on Saturday. Talked to KOI about doing those for us again.
 - Sunday – having small cover bands. Looking at 2 bands to play that do not have additional costs for light/sound.
- One Man Band – midway entertainment. 3 to 4 shows per day, would possibly entertain between bands on Sunday. Saturday to Thursday - \$950 per day for 6 days. Flexible schedule.
- Other possibilities discussed were having a rodeo, circus (no animals, but multiple shows per day), Tigers (would start Monday/Tuesday, \$1,700/day).
- Laser Tag - \$345/day.

Carol made a motion to have Deb set up the Saturday (Truck Drags) & Sunday (2 bands) shows with the One Man Band rental. Mary seconded the motion. There was a written ballot vote with 6 No's and 10 Yes's. Motion passed.

New Business

None at this time.

Mitch moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave H seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Next meeting is February 14th @ the Brunersburg EMA Building @
7:30pm.**

*****Remember to submit any photos or information for the website to Jerry's sister at
koenig@nwoet.org *****

Respectfully submitted by Kate Chittenden, Secretary