

Agricultural Society of Defiance County, Inc.

Senior Fairboard Meeting

October 10th, 2017

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

Guest attending the meeting Julie Wiles, Donia Anderson, Jerry Sheets, Bill Peters, Nicole Walters, Breanna Backhaus, Kayleigh Zolman, Ben Sandleben, and Kevin Fockler & Doug Engel with the Defiance County Sheriff's Office.

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Secretary's Report

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

Dave H. made a motion to approve the September minutes and Tracey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Julie reported that bills totaled \$20,448.32. That amount did not include the water bills because we did not have the information before the meeting. Still waiting for CMH to pay. There was bill from the Paulding Progress for \$760 for an article. Dave F. made a motion to pay the bills & premiums. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Deb made a motion to approve the financial report and Dave H. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Guests:

Donia Anderson – running in November for an At Large position on the board.

Jerry Sheets - running in November for an At Large position on the board.

Kayleigh Zolman - running in November for a Washington Township position on the board.

Ben Sandleben - running in November for a Defiance City position on the board.

Kevin did not have anything. Doug talked about how many hours were worked by the officers during fair week, which totaled over 1,450 hours. Which is roughly over \$18,500. Because we cannot legally contract with them, we do make a donation for their time and service.

Bill Peters – went over the racing expenses and income to help us understand some of the charges a little more. Also, he reminded us about the OHRC Banquet that will be held November 18th at the American Legion in Ridgeville Corners and the cost per person is \$20. He would like to see a few of us there if anyone can make it. Also, he was asking about the Horseman's Association having their Matinee on Memorial Weekend. He made a suggestion about having a flea market or garage sale under the grandstand. Deb asked Bill why we have high horse numbers compared to other fairs. He responded by saying that we have a good track, good stalls, this year we were the only fair racing that week, and we have great hospitality which makes those racers look forward to coming to our fair.

Correspondence:

Jerry received an email from a gentleman that was vague but he sounded disgruntled about our announcers for the truck pulls. Kate is to follow up with the person to see what exactly was the problem.

Committees:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Hicksville Senior Center – would like to use the multipurpose building on Oct 18th for a dance. They will clean up and take out the trash. Jeremy moved to allow them use of the building. Dave F. seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pie Pan repairs – the floor needs to be brought up to grade. Doors need to be replaced so they close properly and Mitch may have some to use.

Work Day was rescheduled to Oct 14th.

Gates – a few members got together to discuss ideas on how to improve gates & volunteers. Here are their recommendations:

- 1st Sat & Sun – All 6 gates open.
- Season passes only sell until Sunday
- Possibly eliminate gate 2 but leave option of opening when needed.
- Mary recommends making gate 3 a passes only gate in the AM during the week.
- Closing gate 6 during the week.

Golf Carts – need to get a credit.

Christmas Cruise Thru – will be presenting 4 contract options in January. Gary asked if there was a possibility to have them presented earlier. Jerry was going to check.

New Business:

Election will be held November 14th at the Sherwood Library starting with voting at 3pm. The 2 judges will be Dave F & Brian. The 3 clerks will be Mary, Desirae, & Jeff H. Nominating Committee consists of Jeremy Limber.

Werlor's got the contract to do the trash for Hicksville Village. They asked if they would be allowed to store the mighty tidies on the grounds until they can distribute them. Jeremy made a motion to allow them to store them on the grounds and Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jerry – Received information from our Insurance company. Do we want to add a disability benefit? This would cover us as board members if we were hurt on the grounds or while traveling for fair business. \$11 per board member for the year. Carol moves to add the \$11 to our member dues. Yvonne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Deb – received a call from KOI drag racing. They wanted to know if we wanted to use them again for next year so they can get their schedule ready. Tracey moves to secure KOI and Gary seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Everyone needs to think about whether they would like to go to Convention. It will be held January 4th to 7th this year in Columbus. Please know by the November meeting.

Lavon – while mowing a few weeks ago Joe Stottler passed out. He is okay but he did run into a few things with the mower.

Please bring a dish or snack to the election in November. Carol is bringing paper products & water.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Next meeting is November 14th @ the Sherwood Library following the Annual Meeting that starts around 7pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kate Chittenden, Secretary