

**Stark County Agricultural Society  
Senior Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024**

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Bill Locker.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Ron Chambers, Justin Durkin, Mikayala Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin,  
Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Travis Secrest, Bob Shahan,  
Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn,  
Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Danny Schmucker (approved), Kevin King (approved)

Guest: Gavin Milosevich (Jr. Fair Board), Tricia Durkin, Julie Bailor

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday board meeting was presented.

**Motion 24-22:** Russ T motioned to approve the minutes from 1/10/24 with corrections. Dave Sw seconded, the board voted with 15 Yes and 2 Abstains. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurers report was presented to the board.

**Motion 24-23:** Travis S motioned to approve the January Treasurer's report as presented. Bob S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Report on State Audit

**Motion 24-24:** Cindi V motioned to approve the corrected Annual Reports from the years 2022 & 2023 and file them with the ODA and the State Auditor. Jill M seconded, with the board voting 16 Yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-25:** Cindi V motioned to appoint William Locker and Cynthia Vickers as signers for the Beaver account and the Line of Credit at Consumers National Bank and remove any other signers. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-26:** Cindi V motioned to update Citizens Bank signers for the year 2024 to: William Locker, David Swartz, Russell Thorn, Bryan Griffin and Cynthia Vickers and to remove all other signers. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed

Office Report:

- District 5 & 9 Spring Meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Ribbons orders need turned in.

-Solar Eclipse Event

**Motion 24-27:** Earl R motioned to purchase 2000 solar eclipse glasses and sell them for \$5. Travis S seconded. with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- McKinley Kennel Club inquired about using the board room during their event.

**Motion 24-28:** Travis S motioned that McKinley Kennel Club can use the board room during their event for \$200 a day. They will get half of the total amount returned after the event provided there is no damages. There is to be NO dogs allowed in the room. Ron C seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion. The Board voted with 15 Yes and 2 No. Motion Passed.

-AED device for office and event use. Table this discussion until next meeting.

#### Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Report on the Square Dance Fundraiser: they raised \$1,260.

- April 7th Sip & Paint

- Use board room on March 4th, for Goats meeting, multiple counties are coming

**Motion 24-29:** Jill M motioned to allow Jr Fair to use the board room on March 4th for their area county goat meeting. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

#### Old Business:

- Continuing the Jr Fair and Open Class horse rooming discussion. The Open class horse superintendent will reach out to Jr Fair to further discuss this and present it again at the next board meeting.

#### New Business:

- We should have people trained in Public Records with the Board President appointing a designee for Open records & Sunshine Law. *Bill Locker appointed Jill McNeil as the designee.*

### Committee Reports

#### Auditing:

- Was discussed earlier

#### Budget:

- Will be meeting tonight.

#### Building & Grounds:

- Minutes from Februarys meeting was presented.

**Motion 24-30:** Russ T motioned to contract with Southway Fence Company to install 620' of 6' high galvanized chain link fence, and 1 - 10' wide double swing gate and 1 - 20' wide double swing gate along the racetrack. Starting from the end of the 6' chain link fence at the North curve and stopping at the North end of the Parimutuel Building. At the quoted price of \$17,550 with \$8,775 being paid for from the OHHA (Ohio Harness Horsemen's Assoc.) Grant. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-31:** Russ T motioned to purchase 9 - 2" x 10" x 15' aluminum seat and foot boards along with 21 end caps from Granite Ind. to replace bent and missing bleacher parts for 9 bleacher

sections. Price for material is \$2,164.85, hauling provided by Fair Board at the cost of \$150.00 total costs being \$2,314.85. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-32:** Russ T motioned to order parts and contract a person or company to repair and replace damaged water hydrant and water valve in the JR Fair Campgrounds. One hydrant price \$1,200 plus materials and labor not to exceed \$2,000. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 24-33:** Russ T motioned to pay Kyle Wittel (Structural Engineer Historic Structures) to inspect the 4-H building's structural integrity and propose plans for needed repairs. Cost for inspection and repair plans not to exceed \$1,600. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- Wednesday Feb 28, ALL Committee meeting at 6:30PM

- Had a meeting last night and went over rules.

**Motion 24-34:** Jill M motioned to allow the Senior - Jr. Fair Committee to post the new rules once the committee approves them before they are approved by the whole Sr Fair Board. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed

**Motion 24-35:** Jill M motioned to approve Jr Fair volunteers pending background check. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

PR & Advertising

- Will be meeting with Project Live.

- Discussion on outside sources (Project Live) having access to our social media accounts.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- We are starting to reach out for the band show.

- Under budget so far.

- Stark County Library will have senior packets for senior day.

Speed Committee:

- Working on completing all the paperwork and contacting those needed for racing.

Ticket Committee:

- The committee would like to keep tickets prices the same for this year.

**Motion 24-36:** Jill M motioned to order all the needed tickets for the 2024 Fair and to keep all tickets and pass pricing the same as the previous year. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Human Resources:

- Nothing to report.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Working on fairbook.

Exhibition Hall:

- Working on getting contracts out.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Waiting to hear back from Elk Conservation

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

- Was contacted regarding benches, a family would like to donate money to purchase a memorial bench.

4H Building:

- Discussed earlier.

Wildlife Building:

- Reaching out to Stark County Federation.

Outside Food & Games:

- Nothing to report.

Commissary:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Discussion on Jr Fair Camping: Campers have gotten longer and wider over the years and rows need to be adjusted to fit them. Campers may need to be relocated to another spot due to size. Payment/ Contracts and Membership concerns will hopefully be resolved this year.

**Motion 24-37:** Dan F motioned to send a letter to those who camp in the Jr Fair Campground informing them of changes for the 2024 year. Those changes are to be: All campers will pay one price of \$250, regardless of size. The price still includes ONE SCAS membership. Campers may need to be relocated from previous years spots to accommodate fire marshal requirements. There will not be an online payment option for 2024. Payments will come to the Sr Fair office by either mailing a check / paying cash, credit card or check at the office / or by calling the office to pay by credit card over the phone. They can also drop payments off in the locked box outside the office. These changes will only be for the year 2024. Travis S. seconded. Discussion on the Motion. The board voted with 16 voting Yes and 1 Abstain. Motion passed.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Nothing

Beef Cattle:

- Having concrete donated.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Meeting tomorrow night.

Rabbits:

- Open has started on judges.

Sheep:

- Nothing to report.

Swine

- Nothing to report.

Gates:

- Nothing to report.

Parking

- Nothing to report.

Police:

- Nothing to report.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Need to get together with committee.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

-Superintendents should be working on completing their sections.

Golf Cart:

- Looked into other companies for cart rentals.

**Motion 24-38:** Earl R motioned to enter into a contract with Willandale Golf Carts for 2 years, not to exceed \$12,000 a year. Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- Theme for 2024 will be "Harvesting 175 Years of Memories" and colors will be black & gold.

Any Other Business for The Good of The Society or Fair:

- We should look into joining the Chamber of Commerce to reach out to potential sponsors.

**Motion 24-39:** Travis S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan F seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM

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William Locker

*Board President*

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Crystal Bean

*Board Secretary*

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

\* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2024 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.