

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 10 , 2023

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Ronald Chambers, Justin Durkin, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Ron Neff, Earl Rohn, Julie Nicholas, Travis Secrest, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Russ Thorn, Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Robert Shahan

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Dan Farnham (approved), George Maier (approved), Rebecca Reed (approved), Danny Schmucker (approved), Dave Swartz (approved),

Guests: Christina Wine (helps with Art Hall)

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday April 12th's board meeting was presented.

Motion 23-082: Jill McNeil motioned to approve the minutes from 4/12/23 as presented. Jill Sterling seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

-April's Treasurers report was presented to the board.

Motion 23-083: Jill Sterling motioned to approve April's Treasurers report as presented. Debra Tournoux seconded the motion with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-084: Jill Sterling motioned to suspend regular meeting for guests. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

-Christina Wine (helps with Art Hall): The fair should advertise in hobby shops and craft stores, entries for Grange and Art Hall. Put up flyers notifying people of stark county they can enter the fair. Also for those in Nursing Homes or Assisted living, many are on fixed income. Would they be able to enter as a youth (\$6) and participate in the fair?

The board thanked Christina for her time and her suggestions will be discussed later in the meeting.

Motion 23-085: Jill Sterling motioned to return to regular board meeting. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes.

Office Report:

-Ribbon orders and department heads need to okay their section of the Fairbook.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Saturday, we had a good turnout for the goat clinic and the Q&A.

-Buyer's dinner and the Meet & Greet are coming in June.

Old Business:

-Jill Sterling presented notes from the District 9 Spring Meeting.

-Cindi Vickers attended Buckeye Career Center for further education in QuickBooks.

Motion 23-086: Kevin King motioned to pay mileage for Cindi Vickers to attend the QuickBooks class at Buckeye Career Center. Debbie Tournoux seconded with all voting yes.

-We are still waiting to hear back from The Pro Football Hall of Fame regarding parking during the enshrinement event.

New Business:

-Danny Schmucker presented a request via letter due to his absence. This letter went into detail about the work Charlie Swartz put into the Truck & Tractor Pulls and during his time as a board member. Charlie passed away last year. In honor of his memory and work, he would like to name the pulls "The Charlies Swartz Memorial Truck & Tractor Pulls at The Stark County Fair."

Motion 23-087: Kevin King motioned to name the Stark County Fair Tractor Pull: "The Charlie Swartz Memorial Truck & Tractor Pulls at the Stark County Fair." Ron Chambers seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

-An updated Golf Cart policy was presented. This reflects the addition of fines and possible legal action for misuse/

Motion 23-088: Kevin King motioned to approve the Golf Cart contract after corrections are made. Jill Sterling seconded with all voting yes.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- A report of the May 3rd meeting was presented.

Motion 23-089: Travis Secrest motioned to approve the Building & Grounds May 3 committee meeting report with corrections and additions. Russ Thorn seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Capitol Campaign / Building Plans:

-Nothing to report

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Nothing to report

Junior Fair:

- Jill M gave a verbal report of the Jr Fair All Committee Meeting.

PR & Advertising:

- The possibility of getting yard signs this year was discussed.

Privilege:

- Good.

Entertainment & Programs:

- Tickets sales are going good, as of today we have sold 1,400 tickets for Styx and 400 for HomeFree.
- All pavilion entertainment has been secured.

Speed Committee:

- Good

Ticket Committee:

- All tickets and passes have been ordered.

Human Resources:

- New hire: Heather Wise (assistant secretary) started May 8.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Report from committee was presented: Met with Veteran's and have a tentative plan for Veteran's Day. Will honoring those from the "Gulf War Era".

Exhibition Hall:

- Vendors are sending in applications.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Will be meeting.

Agricultural Building:

- Nothing to report.

Grange:

- Perry Grange increased their donation to help purchase new display cases.
- Judges have been secured.
- There is a need to install WiFi in the building to use during the fair, for judges and exhibits.

Motion 23-090: Russ Thorn motioned to contract with Lightspeed Technologies to install Backhaul Radio, 16 port POE switch, mounting supports, and cables in the amount of \$1,815 in the Grange/Horticulture building. Cindi Vickers seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Looking good.

Commissary:

- Potatoes are coming out.

Jr Fair Camping:

- Contracts have been emailed out.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Nothing to report

Dairy Cattle:

- Beef & Dairy are going to work together to hook the wash rack up.

Goats:

- Committee is selling shirts to help pay for pens, they are \$20 each.
- Flyers for sponsoring a pen is available as well, it is \$380 to sponsor a pen.

Ponies:

Motion 23-091: Jill Sterling motioned to pay \$215 for the judge of the open class pony show. Kevin King seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Draft Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Poultry:

- Nothing to report

Rabbits:

- Waiting to hear back from judges.

Sheep:

- Will be having a clinic in July.

Swine

- Judges have been secured.
- We are having a tag-in June 3.

Gates:

- Nothing to report

Parking

- Nothing to report

Police:

- Nothing to report

Jr Fair Horses:

- Have a show on May 20.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing new to report aside from the motion from Danny. (See New Business).

Background Checks:

- Working on getting them completed.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- Nothing to report

Technology:

- If there are any areas where the internet is not working or is spotty, please let Travis know.
- Looking into our broadband size and when we have peak activity, we need to protect access and passwords. If we have too many people on it, it will reduce the internet speed. We should restrict access to the Wi-Fi during fair, especially during peak activity. If you have too many using it, it will reduce speeds.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Fair Book:

- Working on getting it completed.

Golf Cart:

- Discussed earlier under new business.

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

- Building and Grounds will be selecting contractors for work around the fair. These projects are ones the commissioners approved to fund.

Motion 23-092: Jill Sterling motioned for the Building & Grounds Committee to go forward with awarding bids for projects that have been approved by the commissioners. The project amount is to stay within the preapproved amount. Kevin King seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-093: Jill Sterling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Tournoux seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

William Locker

Board President

Crystal Bean

Board Secretary

Approved on _____

* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2023 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.