

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
September 13th, 2023

President, Bill Locker, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Bill Locker, George Maier
Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Russ Thorn,
Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Robert Shahan

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Ron Chambers (approved), Ron Neff (approved), Rebecca Reed (approved), Dave Swartz (approved)

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from August 9, 23 & Fair Week board meetings were presented.

Motion 23-193: Jill S motioned to approve the minutes from 8/9/23 with corrections.

Debbie T seconded with 14 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-194: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from 8/23/23 as presented.

Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-195: Kevin K motioned to approve the minutes from 8/29/23 as presented.

Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-196: Kevin K motioned to approve the minutes from 8/30/23 as presented.

Dan F seconded with 14 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-197: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from 8/31/23 as presented.

Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-198: Jill S motioned to approve the minutes from 9/1/23 as presented.

Danny S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-199: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from 9/2/23 as presented.

Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-200: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from 9/3/23 as presented.

Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-201: Kevin K motioned to approve the minutes from 9/4/23 as presented.

Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's report from August was presented.

Motion 23-202: Dan F motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bob S seconded with all voting yes.

Office Report:

- Complaints with the Exhibit Hall this year: Not enough vendors selling items, mixing politics with vendors, people changing spots on their own. Had 1 vendor leave early.

- Office hours need addressed next year. It is hard to do anything but sell tickets after 4PM. The office gets too busy.

- Ticket printers along with the Tixr App helped tremendously with ticket sales.
- Registration is open for the OFMA convention in January.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- A verbal report for Jr Fair and Auction results was given.
- The golf cart curfew was very helpful.
- Feed Mill & Milkshake stand report was given.
- Ice Report: went very well Tyler Parker ran it: sold 1,764 bags of ice
- Campground issues with keeping gates closed.

Old Business:

- 4H Advisor Banquet

Motion 23-203: Kevin King motion to donate \$500 to the Stark County 4H Advisor Banquet. Dan F seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Sherry McCracken Grievance:

Motion 23-204: Travis S motioned to deny the grievance filed by Sherry McCracken and the Sheep committee decision to remove her from the committee stands. Kevin K seconded with 15 voting yes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

Motion 23-205: Kevin K motioned to return grievance money filed by Sherry M & Kelly R. Earl R seconded with 15 voting yes and 1-abstain. Motion Passed.

- The board secretary is to send letter to both parties regarding the board's decision.

New Business:

- Jr Fair Sheep Committee and issues within the committee:

Motion 23-206: Travis S. motioned that all current members from the Sheep committee be removed immediately, with the ability to reapply at a future date. Future members will need to be approved by Jr Fair / Sr Fair Committee. Earl R seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion.

The board voted with 14 voting yes and 2 abstains. Motion passed.

- An official letter will be written up and signed by the board president. Each member of the committee will receive the letter by certified mail.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- Report from August 16 meeting was given.
- No rate change in storage pricing this year.
- Beaver is working in the parking lot, filling in rough areas.

- Commissioners asked B&G to secure 3 bids to redo all the electric on the fair grounds. We will reach out to engineering firm.

- The office bathrooms need painted, the treasurers lobby should be done at that time as well.

Motion 23-207: Cindi V motioned to purchase paint to paint in the Treasurer's foyer and Bathroom, Fairboard office restroom, 4H building Bathrooms not to exceed \$1,000. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes.

Capitol Campaign / Building Plans:

-Nothing to report

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Nothing to report

Entertainment & Programs:

- Next year will be our 175th Fair., would like to do something special for it.

- We are looking into working with local shop in Perry to have merchandise for sale.

- Working on next year's entertainment now and possibly have some options. The committee will be meeting to discuss them.

- High School Band Show: What can we do to get all the schools to play next year? Maybe find a sponsor for it? Have a competition? We asked those who participated this year for their thoughts as well.

Human Resources:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- Discussed earlier.

PR & Advertising:

- Nothing to report.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Speed Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Superintendent Reports

4H Building:

- Nothing to report.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Nothing to report.

Art Hall:

- Reported comments from volunteers.
- Operation Fostering Freedom: has it run its course? We didn't get many quilts this year. Open to suggestions on other ways to honor our Veterans.

Background Checks:

- One person that needs to be refunded for his BCI.

Beef Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Commissary:

- The electric will need to be fixed before next year.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Draft Horses:

- We had a great show this year and are looking into what it takes to get it to be a "sanctioned" show.

Exhibition Hall:

- Quite a few comments this year regarding the hall: Not enough traffic, too empty, too political etc...

Fairbook:

- Start looking it over now.

Gates:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- The committee is looking into new gates. The number of entries has been growing every year.

Golf Cart:

- Went very well this year.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Overall went very well.

Grange:

- Had some people reach out about purchasing memorial benches.

Jr Fair Camping:

- As of tonights meeting, there are 2 campers left in the campground.
- We had volunteers that helped with parking the campers, moving them and with mowing.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Nothing to report.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Nothing to report.

Outside Food & Games:

- Let the vendors know what the theme is for the fair next year in plenty of time so they can decorate their trailer.

Parking

- Went well for as many cars as we had come through.

Police:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Changing some classes for next year.

Poultry:

- Nothing to report.

Rabbits:

- Nothing to report.

Rides:

- We do not need to receive other bids from other ride companies.

Motion 23-208: Jill S motioned to enter into a new contract with Kissel Amusements for the next 5 years. Bryan G seconded.

Discussion on the motion

The board voted with 14 voting yes and 2 abstains. Motion passed

Sheep:

- Nothing to report.

Shuttles:

- We need to remember to put the signs out for next year.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Nothing to report.

Swine:

- Nothing to report.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Truck & Tractor Pull:

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Building:

- Nothing to report.

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

-Fall Newsletter: please have anything you want in the letter by the next meeting. Would like to get it sent out by the holidays.

Motion 23-209: Kevin King motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Maier seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 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.