

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 20th, 2015 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The July 20th , 2015 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Doug Wildt at 7:10 pm at Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vic Parker.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present: Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Tom Carr, Susan Baldwin, Amanda Shreve, Steven Benham, Nick Collier, Hope Horton, Vic Parker, Vic Potter, Shirland Redfield.

Secretary's report of the June 15, 2015 minutes was given. Two corrections to the minutes were offered – the reference to the Entry Fee Committee on page 1 was removed and the spelling of Rexine Cockroft's name was corrected on page 6. Motion was made by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Vic Potter to file the minutes as corrected. Vote was all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Shreve provided the Treasurer's report. Shreve shared the cash in and cash out report. Shreve reported that the Finance Committee discussed workers for the gates and grandstand. Shirland Redfield and Vic Potter will be in charge of the cash box operation. Shawn Green attended the Finance Committee meeting to report on the rabbit cages needed for Champion and Reserve Champion in light of the change in entries for this year. Some donations were raised but there is still a need for \$220 for the extra cages. Vic Potter moved to accept and put on record the treasurer's report as presented. Nick Collier seconded. Motion was approved. Motion was made by Shreve, seconded by Potter to approve the additional \$220 needed for the rabbit cages. Vote was all in favor.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

None.

New Business:

- 1. August CCAIS Regular Meeting** – due to Fair Week, the August regular monthly Board meeting will be moved to Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7 pm in the Covered Arena.
- 2. Small/Large Animal Committee Guidelines** – Vic Parker reported that new guidelines for the small and large animal auctions have been drafted. The language for the Large Animal Auction was reviewed by the Board. In the Large Animal Auction Guidelines, sections 14 and 15 are new. Parker reported that the same language has been added to the small animal guidelines as well. Commissions of \$35 will apply to all animals for the auctions, except for rabbits which will have a commission of \$30.

The Board then discussed the language and suggested clarifications and additions. Hope Horton suggested that item #2 needed additional language to be clear about Board member roles on the committee. Tom Carr agreed – Board members would be non-voting representatives.

The Board also discussed item #8 regarding voting ties. Each Committee member shall have one vote with a tie to be decided by the CCAIS Board as a whole.

Regarding item #3 – selling a fund-raising project, the Board reviewed the language from the small animal guidelines and decided to use the same language. “Each superintendent can sell one fund raising project with the pre-approval of the committee with all proceeds going to that superintendent for use for supplies (no percentage withheld for the commission.)”

Under item #4, the Board determined to delete the words “animal group.”

Following discussion of item #9, the Board decided to clarify the language as follows: “A change to the Large Animal Livestock Auction Committee Guidelines can be recommended with a majority vote with all committee members being notified before the vote. The amendment shall then be submitted to the CCAIS Board for final approval.”

After final discussion of the suggested changes to the Large and Small Animal Auction Committee Guidelines, Hope Horton moved approval of both sets of guidelines, seconded by Tom Carr. Motion was approved.

- 3. Concert Update** – Nick Collier provided an update on the concert program. He discussed the budget. Donations have been received for catering. Box seats were not included in the ticket count so they could be sold to sponsors. Have sold 260 tickets to date – the promoter says this is good for this far in front of the concert. The recent campaign on Facebook to promote the concert has received lots of clicks. Need to sell additional 1140 tickets to break even but the group is also still working on sponsorships. The concert committee will be looking for volunteers to help get the work out as the date gets closer. Backroads Saloon has been very supportive of the concert – they are having an event after the concert with the opening band performing.

Still looking at rain insurance for the event. Megan Harvey is getting quotes. The final decision can be made a bit closer to the concert.

Events and Committee Reports:

- a.** 4H Council – Kathy Fischer reported that everyone is very busy as the fair approaches. The 4-H adventure at Cornwells is coming up on July 23 – 25th. Cloverbud camp will hold its first event on July 28 at the BE Henry Building. Sprout Urban Farms in Battle Creek is holding a program on growing with community and healthy living. The Herdsmanship Program will be happening and will have a traveling trophy for the winning club. For Kids Day at the Fair, there will be 1000 books to give away.
- b.** FFA Report – Lora Finch reported that the Homer team took second in the State at MLE. Tyler Landis was first in livestock judging. The FFA programs have trips to Cedar Point and Washington DC planned. Amanda Shreve reported that the Marshall FFA chapter also had a team in Livestock Judging.
- c.** Floral Hall Building – John Taylor – the new sign is up. Hopefully the new lighting will be up shortly.
- d.** Houston School – Bonnie Rocco – The school will have a program during fair week.
- e.** Maple Grove Church – Margaret Taylor reported that Sunday night, New Maple Church will have an event for the Maple Grove Church. On August 7 a patriotic show is planned. On August 19, during the fair, there will be a program at the Church

- f.** Grounds – Phil Smith reported that installation of the new primary electrical line is going well. New electric boxes are up.
- g.** Marketing Committee – Hope Horton reported that the tri-fold flyers have been distributed across much of the county. There has been great response to the new design. Radio ads have been running on WIN 98 for the Fair. Posts are also showing up on Facebook. Placemats will be available soon. A lot have been requested in the eastern county. Many thanks to State Line for distribution
- h.** Sponsorships – Megan Harvey reported that sponsorships are up to \$106,000 committed. She is still looking for more bike and bull sponsors. The Home Tour festival is set. The demo Derby is in the works for October. The Bluegrass festival is coming up this weekend. And the recent dog show went well.
- i.** Operation Committee – Phil Smith introduced Gordon Smith – the new staff member.
- j.** Cruise the Fountain – Megan Harvey reported that 507 cars participated in the Cruise event. There was great weather for the weekend. All things went smoothly at the fairgrounds.
- k.** Fundraisers – Cindy Thomas shared the outcome for the golf outing. There was a ton of rain and the golfers could only play one nine but the folks who played had a great time. The Golf event netted \$10,563.13 revenue. Thomas suggested that, in accordance with the policy adopted for the golf outing proceeds, this total go toward the principal due on the mortgage with Chemical Bank. Nick Collier moved and Amanda Shreve seconded, that \$10,563.13 be paid on the mortgage. Motion was approved.

Cindy Thomas indicated that she will not be chairing the golf outing next year. The course has been reserved for June 25, 2016. She has been talking with Fredonia Township since they have been holding a golf event on the same day. The Township may shift their event next year. The current committee has been doing the outing for 5 years. New volunteers are needed. Hope Horton expressed many thanks to Cindy Thomas and her committee. Thomas suggested that the new chair should be in place by January.

- l. Fair Museum – JoAnne McKeever reported that a new wall has been built around the furnace. 25 to 30 new items have been donated to the museum. One of the donations was premium books from the 1870's fairs.
- m. Five Year/Master Plan – Vic Potter stated that the Master Plan Committee is on hold until after the fair.
- n. Small/Large Animal Committee - Tom Carr indicated there was nothing more to add to the earlier report.

General Superintendent Information – Hope Horton shared information that superintendents will need regarding show times, ribbons and the need for each superintendent to have a clerk. For Open Classes, superintendents should check for updates from the fair book. Will need to ensure that buildings and exhibits are monitored. For non-livestock classes, many of the classes will be judged outside of the display buildings to remove the necessity of exhibitors to move their items long distances across the fair.

- o. Beef Breeding – Kim Mowry – 50 to 60 head are registered. There will be a photo set up at the end of the barn. This should work well to the photos can be taken rain or shine. There will be some foliage and decorations. Other groups are welcome to use it.
- p. Beef – Greg Smith – the event is all set to go.
- q. Dairy - Nicki Sims– everything is set to go. There are 76 kids participating.
- r. Dairy Starter – Fred McMillen – no report
- s. Draft Horse – Ken Flanders – everything is going well.
- t. Companion/Dog – Nancy Gallant asked for clarification on judging.
- u. Goat – Hope Horton reported that 46 kids are participating, including 17 Cloverbud kids.
- v. Horse – Mark Cummings reported that all judges are in place.

- w. Mini-whinnies – Ken Flanders reported that all arrangements are going well.
- x. Poultry – Tonya Wagley reported that, due to the Avian flu situation, the kids will have their birds butchered and have carcasses judged. There will be life-like birds to use for showmanship. Participants can also create boards or posters on topics such as eggs and breeds.
- y. Rabbits – Shawn Green reported that he has about half of the funds collected for Championship sponsors.
- z. Sheep – Michelle Albrecht reported that there are 50 to 60 entries including many Cloverbuds.
- aa. Swine – Andrew Johnson – no report

Non-Livestock Superintendents

- bb. Youth Ceramics – no superintendent - no report
- cc. Youth Clothing – Andrea Boughton shared that there will be a style show at 4 pm after the judging.
- dd. Youth Clowing – Sandi Christie – no one has signed up yet for the class.
- ee. Youth Creative Arts/Craft – LeeAnn Fischhaber - no report
- ff. Youth Culinary Arts – Shelly Dinsmore - no report
- gg. Youth Agriculture & Horticulture – Amanda Shreve reported that they are still looking for a judge for agriculture. There is also a need for an Open Class judge.
- hh. Youth Leadership/Development – Lee Fischhaber – no report
- ii. Power Safety/Woodworking – Ted Densmore – no report
- jj. Youth Photography – Nancy Sutherland shared that there was an issue last year with a youth entering the class who had a professional photography business. They are fixing that issue for this year.

- kk.** General Market Projects – Kathy Philo reported that there is a new project sheet. She also reported one fair book change. Participants can take projects right to the display area.
- ll.** Antiques – Denise Banfield asked when the building would be open – wanted clarification for protection of items. She will follow up on this.
- mm.** Culinary Arts – no report
- nn.** Floriculture – Megan reported that there is no superintendent but volunteers have handled this class.
- oo.** Needlework – Marilyn Jones stated that knitting and quilting demonstrations have been scheduled.
- pp.** Antique Tractor Pulls – Allan Mowry – weather permitting, the event is planned for Saturday.
- qq.** Fine/Folk Arts – Edith Smith shared that there is a new process in place for youth entries.
- rr.** Photography – Karen Dean stated that they had a full page display.
- ss.** King & Queen Pageant – Megan Harvey reported that all entries are in. There are 2 guys and 7 gals participating.
- tt.** Truck Pulls – Vic Parker reported that the truck and tractor pulls will both be on Tuesday as the sled was only available to rent for that day. The Show will run for 4 hours, starting at 6 pm. A few low participation classes had to be cut.
- uu.** Demonstrations – Donna Zenker

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

Michelle VanSickle shared that the fireworks were well done and much appreciated.

Cindy Thomas asked about the status of the Bylaws. Susan Baldwin stated that the Committee is working on proposed changes and will have a draft ready to share during fair week.

Grant Myers said thank you for working on the broken barn.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Hope Horton stated that the entrance looks nice. She is glad that the dirt has been smoothed.

Nick Collier stated that they are still looking for bull sponsors for bull night. The cost is \$250 to sponsor a bull and receive name recognition.

Vic Potter wanted to thank all the volunteers for their hard work – it is really appreciated.

Shirland Redfield asked for clarification on whether the auction buyers are treated as tax free. Megan Harvey stated that all species but one fall under the Fair's 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Nick Collier, seconded by Jim Olds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary