

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Board Meeting – BE Henry Building

February 16, 2022 – 7pm

**Call to order:** H Dawson called the meeting to order at 7pm

**Roll Call-** Secretary H Horton called the roll. Present: Steve Benham, Harmony Dawson, Cynthia Newsome, Hope Horton, Lisa Sands, Dewey Murphy, Tyler Avery, Tommy Miller and Todd Landis. Excused: Doug Wildt. Arriving Late: Teri Letts.

**Pledge:** Led by V President S Benham

**Approval of the Agenda:** H Horton moved to amend the agenda, adding Open Class Antiques and Youth Dairy Starter Fair book changes, supported by T Miller. Vote was taken, motion carried. Motion made by T Miller supported by S Benham to add plumbing to action item. Vote was taken, motion carried. Motion made by S Benham to add Sponsorship as action items, supported by C Newsome, vote was taken, motion carried. Motion made by H Horton to add Motorcycle Rally to action items, supported by S Benham. Vote was taken, motion carried. A motion was made by C Newsome to approve the agenda, supported by S Benham. Vote was taken, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** H Horton motioned to approve the Oct 20, 2021 minutes presented by T Letts, supported by L Sands. Vote was taken, motion carried. Motion to approve January 19, 2022 minutes made by H Horton, supported by S Benham was rescinded following discussion regarding Department 90 by D Murphy. H Horton motioned to table the minutes, supported by C Newsome. Vote was taken, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** C Newsome presented the balance sheet, profit/loss statement and several grant opportunities. The finance committee along with C Combs worked on the budget. Merry Mile funds being used to refurbish lights, several projects being planned with the funds from Calhoun County. C Newsome asked for a motion to approve the finance report, H Horton motioned, T Miller supported. Discussion on SAS account and Non Livestock Auction account. Vote was taken, motion carried.

**Manager's Report:** C Combs stated the office is busy with planning events, fair book changes, and ordering things for fair. A Motorcycle Rally is being planned May 21<sup>st</sup>, will include corn hole, antique display, food vendors, looking for volunteers.

**Members of the Audience Comments (Agenda items only):** none

**Discussion Items:**

- a. Livestock Judging Committee- C Boring & K Love presented a flowchart and budget for hiring livestock judges. Would change process in hiring livestock judges for non show events: feed records, interviews, photography ect. The committee would manage the paperwork and spreadsheet for the office and payroll. An increased budget allows for some areas to pay a bit more. Discussion, would like to get the spreadsheet sooner for checks to be cut. Thanked both for their effort and commitment.

**Action**

**Items:**

- a. Livestock Committee, fair book changes – R Fry
  - a. Poultry changes submitted by superintendent K Hamaker, recommended by the livestock committee. Discussion on consistency, dates, reserve cages, and handling issues if they arise. H Horton motioned to accept the changed presented with the following exceptions: June 1, cage reservations due. Rule 16, sent home at the discession of the superintendent and the livestock committee. Supported by T Miller. Vote was taken, motion carried.
  - b. Dairy Starter changes – Superintendent K Murphy requested to change the time of the show, supported by the livestock committee. Discussion, allows youth showing other species (sheep) an opportunity to

show a large and small animal. T Miller motioned to start the dairy starter show 1 hour after the conclusion of the dairy show. Motion supported by T Avery. Vote was taken, motion carried.

- b. Dates & Deadlines, H Horton. H Horton motioned that the deadline for yearly Code of Conduct and Entry Form will be July, 8, 2022. Supported by T Miller. Discussion on Participation forms, DNA paperwork, and Recognized Youth Club Rosters being May 15<sup>th</sup> as noted in the fair book. ShoWorks entries must be paid in full at July 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. Vote was taken, motion carried.
- c. Gates & Passes – C Combs & S Redfield discussed the difficulty last year with parking fee and entrance fees, the additional work for the gates and those counting money. Motion made by H Horton, supported by T Avery to set gate fees at \$10 per person (10 and over) 9 and under free. CCAIS Member week fair pass \$25, non member week fair pass \$50. All tickets will be numbered for accountability. Vote was taken, motion passed.
- d. King & Queen – H Dawson & C Newsome discussed the scholarship not being funded, many not redeemed after 5 years. The finance committee discussed getting funding and offering higher premiums 1<sup>st</sup> \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250. Motion made by T Letts to table, supported by T Miller. Vote was taken, motion carried.
- e. Non livestock fair book changes – T Letts motioned to change- dates, contact numbers, layout of fair book. Supported by Benham. Discussion on changing ages, T Letts stated the committee was opposed, it doesn't effect non livestock youth. Vote taken, motion carried. H Horton motioned that the age divisions be changed to match the livestock ages 6-7 beg, 8-11 Jr, 12-15 Int, 16-21 Sr. Supported by C Newsome. Discussion, online entry won't recognize, office staff stated it would confuse exhibitors. Consistency and fairness to exhibitors. Vote taken, motion carried.
- f. Budget 2022 – C Newsome; our bylaws state the budget is to be set. The fair manager and finance committee worked together, set budget based on 3 yr reports, C Newsome is confident it's valid. Discussion, it's a fluid document, can be amended. It's overdue and getting it passed helps us move forward. Will do better to set the 2023 budget this fall. Motion made by S Benham, supported by L Sands to approve. Vote taken, motion carried.
- g. Plumbing contracts – J Olds & H Dawson what they received wasn't apples to apples. Will get bids, attach a punch list, set deadline of the March board meeting. Discussion, use local contractors, obtain new bids.
- h. Sponsorship Committee – H Dawson, reinstate the committee. Need people to get the ball rolling. Still looking for a sponsorship person, will hand off duties when that person is hired. H Dawson will chair committee.
- i. Motorcycle Rally – Calhoun County Youth fundraiser to help pay premiums. H Dawson and T Miller will help, need volunteers to help day of event. Motion made by H Horton, supported by C Newsome to host the event May 22, 2022. Vote taken, motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- a. Operations Committee – J Olds, water line & meter damaged Jan15th, its shut off. Will need to replace in spring. Maintenance in fall, have city turn off at street. Warren St Camping, city moved road, eliminates camping spots. H Dawson, new quotes on Merchant's building roof.
- b. Granary Project Committee– T Avery, contacted electricians, getting quotes.
- c. Finance Committee – C Newsome, Merchants building roof and post. New CPA needed. Quick books and non profit skills.
- d. Livestock Committee – R Fry, open position available, send letter on interest. Barn improvements, fair book review.
- e. Livestock Auction Committee – S Benham, vacancy on committee, club checks will be sent soon.
- f. Livestock Judging Committee – Reported earlier
- g. Non livestock Committee – T Letts, Meeting March 2nd
- h. Non livestock Auction Committee – T Letts, na
- i. Non livestock Judging Committee – T Letts, na
- j. Fair King & Queen Committee – T Letts, discussed earlier
- k. Grandstand Committee – C Combs, moving ahead, working on events

- l. Membership Committee – H Horton, CCAIS memberships available for 2022. Please stop by the office. Board Members if you haven't paid you need to according to the bylaws.
- m. Cruise at the Fountain – C Combs, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, working with the city to shut down main street. Expect 300 cars, vintage campers, craft sale, food vendors, entertainment by Earth Angels. Will offer online entries again, as well as, tshirts. Sponsor opportunities, need help with gates.
- n. Golf Outing Committee – L Sands, selecting a date.
- o. Merry Mile Committee- H Dawson, \$30,000 profit. Will have the 12 days of Christmas, working to get front of livestock barns spruced up. Formed capital improvements, hold off on recommendation to spend. Wrap up meeting, covered special days and events.
- p. Fair Week Camping Committee – Contracts were sent for the main camping. Holding off on Warren St and infield until assessments can be made.

**Events & Community Reports:**

- a. 4-H Council – K Fischer, activities are going well, 47 people went bowling. Coming up; ice skating, tractor operator, ag ideas and programming. A kids cookie and canvas event and event at Hit em Here.
- b. FFA Report – weather delays for events. State competition coming up
- c. Floral Hall – leaking roof, operations committee will look into
- d. Houston School – na
- e. Old Maple Grove Church – na
- f. Fair Museum – na

**Public Comment:** none

**Board Member Comment:** H Horton, has a fair theme been set? C Combs, Make it, Bake it, Grow it @ the Calhoun County Fair. T Letts, would like to see credit card payment at auction. S Benham, purchase additional Clover devices.

**Adjourned-** H Dawson, supported by T Letts 8:58

Respectfully,

Hope Horton, Secretary.