

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Board Meeting – Covered Arena

July 20, 2022 – 7pm

**Call to order:** S Benham called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and transferred the meeting to Harmony Dawson

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

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** H Horton motioned to amend the agenda, adding King & Queen Committee to discussion items, supported by S Benham. Voted and approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by H Horton to table the June minutes, supported by T Miller, voted and approved. Fair entry deadline in July, 8, 2022. Discussed membership, exhibitor forms, open class liability,

**Treasurer's Report:** C Newsome discussed balances, profit/loss statements and payroll. Expenses for the Comfort Center, Fair Office air conditioner, infrastructure and roofing jobs were discussed. L Sands questioned using money from the general fund, C Newsome stated it was repairs not improvements. T Landis questioned the expense of stainless-steel line and cover used in the Comfort Center; C Newsome stated it was under \$5,000. Motion to approve by S Benham, supported by H Horton, voted and approved.

**Manager's Report:** C Combs gave a report on the Comfort Center- painting prior to fair. Cruise had over 300 cars, crafts, music, and food. Planning 2023 already started. Bluegrass ground rental 7/22. Dog Show Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, changing dated for 2023. Fair 475 exhibitors, working on collecting payment and liability forms. Maintenance has been busy.

Sponsorship Report: M Allen. \$83,300 pledged, still working on more. \$15,000 invoiced and waiting on payment. Working on obtaining bike sponsors and grand stand sponsors. Discussion on past sponsors being contacted, H Newcomb discussed event expenses won't be covered. M Allen, expressed sponsorship list have not' been made available. C Newsome stated sponsorships are coming in, put into the general fund.

**Audience Comment:** K Fisher expressed concerns with a universal entry deadline for 2023.

**Discussion Items –**

- A. Security System, C Newsome recommended that the board look into a better security system for 2023. Fiber optic for gates, office, grounds, and buildings. T Letts, concerned with lighting at office.
- B. King & Queen Committee, T Letts has contacted the Marshall Community Foundation to set up a non-endowed fund account for donations to go to for scholarships. Explained that the office would contact the MCF for funds to be dispersed. Discussion on who obtains these funds and why the committee has not funded their event. T Letts discussed KCC and Meyer Chiropractic would donate if it is set up at MCF. H Dawson, stated with Merry Mile it was an action from the board to establish that fund.

**Action Items –**

- A. Livestock Committee, R Fry stated livestock participation forms were still being received. There are 6 youth participants, 1<sup>st</sup> year having never shown before.  
Motion made by H Horton to allow those 6 participants to show and auction at the 2022 Calhoun County Fair, supported by Miller, voted and approved.  
R Fry, The Livestock Committee seeks board approval to host a youth dance on Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm in the covered arena.  
Motion made by H Horton to allow the Livestock Committee to host a youth dance on Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 in the covered arena, supported by C Newsome, Discussion on youth behavior and keeping an eye on the time.

- B. Superintendent Passes – H Horton Motioned to allow each Superintendent to have 2 fair week passes. Supported by S Benham, discussion that after fair 2021, superintendents felt this was a way the fair could help them. Many have an assistant or spouse that helps them run their shows, weigh ins that would benefit from this pass. Voted and approved.
- C. Universal Fair Date- Motion made by H Horton, supported by C Newsome to set June 15<sup>th</sup> as the universal deadline for fair exhibit entries, camping, insurance forms, vendor commitments. Discussion- eliminate confusion in the office with exhibitors, open showworks sooner, have fairbook available sooner and get the word out through social media, website and membership. Voted and approved.

**Superintendent Reports:**

- a. Dairy, Beth Letts- expecting more animals
- b. Dairy Starter, Kristin Murphy- 60 kids, 5 clubs, moving showtime. Barn clean up Aug 11 6pm
- c. Beef Breeding, Kim Mowry- na
- d. Market Beef, Todd Landis-55 steers, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> barn clean up. Thurs before barn set up.
- e. Sheep, Ashley Adams- more kids. Funday on Wednesday
- f. Goats, Josh Darrow-na
- g. Swine, Danielle Swafford- 44 youth, sponsors. Barn clean up Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm
- h. Poultry, Kassie Hamaker- anticipating full barn, need waste dumpster. Barn clean up Aug 7th
- i. Rabbit, Ann Locke- na
- j. Mini horse & donkey, Johanna Wilson- same number, everything's good
- k. Open Draft Horse, Amy Cobb- na
- l. Youth Draft Horse, Randy Combs- small group, meet weekly to practice.
- m. Youth Pleasure Horses, Tracey Wilson- numbers up, 47 stalls, 600 class entries
- n. Youth Dog, Nancy Gallant- na
- o. Open Class Needlework, Jessica Ashby- na
- p. Open Class Culinary Arts, Jaimee Wudy-na
- q. Open Class Fine & Folk Art, Laura Volkmann- nothing to report
- r. Open Class Photography, Karen Dean-na
- s. Open Class Antiques, Denise Banfield- ready to go, an antique piece was donated to Floral Hall
- t. Open Class Agricultural, Melanie Piepkow- working on dates
- u. Open Class Floriculture, Melvin Banfield- we worry, but we fill up
- v. Open Class Horticulture, Suzette Little-na
- w. Youth Needlework, Andrea Boughton- numbers are good, style show is scheduled
- x. Youth Culinary Arts, Amy Jones- participation looks to be the same, fairbook changes for 2023
- y. Youth Fine Arts, LeeAnn Fischhaber- na
- z. Youth Folk Arts, LeeAnn Fischhaber-na
- aa. Youth Ceramics, Becky Hagaman- no report
- bb. Youth Photography, Nancy Sutherland- na
- cc. Youth Agriculture, Amanda Shreve- na
- dd. Youth Floriculture, Amanda Shreve- na
- ee. Youth Horticulture, Amanda Shreve- na
- ff. Youth Industrial Arts, Ted Densmore- na
- gg. Youth Safety, Ted Densmore-na
- hh. Youth Education, Leadership & family, Sandi Christie- first year, no report
- ii. Youth Barrel Decorating, Carlo Ciavatta- several barrels entered
- jj. Youth General Market, Laura McFadden- youth auction Sat Aug 20th
- kk. Youth Booth & Barn Decorating, Melinda Hautau- nothing to report
- ll. Youth Demonstration, Donna Zenker- nothing to report
- mm. Youth Clowning, Sandi Christie- nothing to report
- nn. Youth Natural Resources & Entomology, Suzette Little- na

#### **Committee Reports:**

- a. Operations Committee – na
- b. Granary Project Committee– progress, coupla is going up 7/21. Donations and grants are coming in. Will be sided after fair.
- c. Bylaw Committee- na
- d. Finance Committee – C Newsome, budget concerns as money is coming in.
- e. Livestock Committee – R Fry, stated a trailer will be on standby, transportation for fair week, is golf cart available.
- f. Livestock Auction Committee – S Benham, menu for both auctions set. Species will auction baskets.
- g. Livestock Judging Committee – Fulfilling judges' interviews, skillathon, fitting contest.

- h. Show of Champions – K Love working with superintendents. 2 shows small/large.
- i. Non livestock Committee – K Fisher, set up covered arena Friday at 4, need help. Improved signage.
- j. Non livestock Auction Committee – Sat Aug 20<sup>th</sup> in Covered Arena
- k. Non livestock Judging Committee – need a few more judges
- l. Fair King & Queen Committee – 7 contestants, sponsorships covered, judges set, interviews Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, event Aug 14<sup>th</sup>.
- m. Grandstand Committee – Mega passes available online, admission prices set, events scheduled, need a few more sponsors and teams for Big Machine Soccer. Fireworks on Saturday. Request 1 board member on stage each event, has 3 board members on committee.
- n. Membership Committee – H Horton, memberships available. Members will receive a reduced rate for fair pass with membership.
- o. Cruise at the Fountain – nothing to report
- p. Halloween Camping Committee – H Newcomb, reservations being taken, looking into corn hole tournament to cover expenses.

**Events & Community Reports:**

- a. 4-H Council – K Fischer, lemonade stand, 92 cloverbuds, engaging youth with activities, cloverbud camp.
- b. FFA Report – na
- c. Floral Hall - na
- d. Houston School – na
- e. Old Maple Grove Church – na
- f. Fair Museum – na

**Public Comment:**

A Boughton, Farm Bureau is looking to bring the Ag trailer, offer an educational experience. Will offer milk cards to exhibitors. Looking for ice cream trailer

C Combs, We will have the bingo tent, princess event and super heros this year.

**Board Member Comment:**

C Newsome, put Marshall Community Foundation on agenda for September.

L Sands, golf outing cancelled. Looking for another event.

T Miller, youth dance will be a fun night for kids.

T Letts, Action item for September, King & Queens.

**Adjourned-** H Dawson, supported by S Benham 8:27

Respectfully,

Hope Horton, Secretary.