

Franklin County Agricultural Society
Minutes for September 18, 2018, Meeting

President Chuck Buck called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The following members were present: Denise Buerger, Chuck Buck, Gary Fellure, Cameron Krebs, Andy Rice, Derek Vincent, David Hickman, David Fleshman, Abby Bates, Emily Gabriel, Debbie Johnson, Kathy McNutt, and Kevin Wiley. Rod Garnett, Fair Manager, Beth Boomershine, 4-H Educator, and Brent from Heartland Bank were also present

Derek Vincent led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Emily Gabriel motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Debbie Johnson seconded. Motion passed to accept the minutes.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Rod Garnett presented the Fair Manager's report. Sixteen events were hosted on the grounds during the past month. Painting on the outside of the Burke garage doors was completed, several manure pits were cleaned out, 35 race horse stalls have been rented as of 9/1/2018, and utility posed was replaced near Burke. The bleacher project will begin the first week of October. Derek made the motion to accept this report, and David Hickman seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Livestock – Committee recommends sending a letter to the Shorthorn Association indicating we can no longer support this show. Derek motioned to send the letter, and Cameron Krebs seconded. Motion passed. They want to have an open goat show. They will begin fundraising to raise funds for big fans for the hog barn. Obtaining large livestock scales will be the responsibility of the Sale Committee. There will be a meeting on 9/27/2018 at 5:30 to look at the old gates and pens.

Jr. Fair – Craft Show is December 15 and there are 18 vendors so far. Kathy has made arrangements for new name badges and shirts with new logo: badges - \$5.53 with pin back; \$10 to add new logo to old shirts; \$25-29 new shirts with new logo (up to 4X)

Grounds – Recommendations from walk-through was shared. Kathy motioned accept list, and Kevin seconded. Motion passed to accept list of recommendations.

Sponsorships – Andy shared costs from Vaughn Industries to extend and cover grandstand ~\$689,410. Brainstorming ideas for sponsorships to cover cost.

Entertainment – Gary is talking with Dustin Lynch or Dillon Scott for Wednesday night entertainment in grandstand. Stage and sound will be arranged.

Old Business

Budget recommendation was shared. David Hickman motioned to approved proposed budget, and Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Simply Put PR proposal was reviewed. Cameron Krebs made the motion to accept the proposal and Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Garnett recommended a new standardized judge contract will be used for all judges and everything will be invoiced for deposits and receipting for better tracking. Also, committee chairs will keep financial records for their committees and will submit this information to Rod quarterly. Cameron motioned to adopt these recommendations, and Denise Buerger seconded. Motion passed.

Staff salaries – Rod does not want a raise, but would like to maintain the same salaries as last year in order to hire another seasonal employee. David Hickman motioned to accept the recommendation, and Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

First newsletter was presented and received well.

Emily made the motion to apply for Ohio Fair Funds, and Derek seconded. Motion passed.

Ken Jewell, ASE Feed and Supply; Cornell Robertson, Fr. Co. Engineer; and Neal Distelhorst were nominated for Outstanding Fair Supporter.

State Fair Horse show is the same week as our fair horse show. Fair board members will attend next Horse Advisory meeting to discuss possible solutions of allowing more young people participate in both venues.

OFMA Convention - Kevin made the motion for Fair Board to pay for each board member's OFMA registration, and Emily seconded. Motion passed.

Beth Boomershine shared that 4-H Recognition is 10/29/2018.

Derek made the motion to adjourn, and Cameron seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Buerger, Secretary.