

# Franklin County Agricultural Society

## Minutes for March 20, 2018 meeting

Vice President Gary Fellure called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The following members were present: Rachel Bausch, Andy Rice, Jeff Karn, Kelly Willis, Shirley Russell, Abby Bates, Kevin Wiley, Health Fleshman, Emily Gabriel, Debbie Johnson, Rita Bausch, Gary Fellure, Derek Vincent, Cameron Krebs, Chuck Buck, Rod Garnett-Fair Manager.

Health Fleshman led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the February 20, 2018 were reviewed. Shirley noted correction in the contract section, should be COTPC. Chuck Buck motioned to accept the minutes with the correction, Derek Vincent seconded. Motion passed.

Stan was not present but provided a balance sheet and year of year comparison reports for the board. Health motioned to accept the Treasurers report, Kevin Wiley seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Garnett presents the Fair Manager's report.

\* We hosted 23 events this past 4 weeks. Continue to negotiate building rental contracts. So far we have 100 tentative rentals set for 2019.

\* Have been working on editing events on our web page and adding new events. Developed a questionnaire for renters to get information for their event listings.

\* Have received all new parking permits, wrist bands and tickets for the 2018 Fair.

\* 15 applications for fair camping have been received via our web site.

\*Made a proto type skid on casters for stacking tables on edge rather than on top of each other to better care for our tables. Seems to be working fine.

\* Worked on cost estimates for materials for some maintenance projects.

\* Had a visit from the City of Columbus Water Division. They informed us that EPA regulations will eventually requires us to install a backflow preventer in our main water line.

\* More work completed on the Jr Fair Building skirting. Only back side remains to be completed.

\*Ordered 50 new key fobs for our outside parking. Have a waiting list for parking contracts until we can get the data base updated and we can activate the keys.

### **Committee Reports**

**Website** – Discussed who have publishing access to the website. If changes need made or event information added, contact Rod, Rachel, Abby, Shirley and Stephanie. Need to see if Chris Hickman can republish fair video with a date, currently shows 2015.

**Jr Fair Board** – No meeting in March.

**Livestock** – County deputy engineer believes they can connect barn 27 and wash racks to sanitary sewer in Burke building. Will know more details after April when winter storage has been removed.

**Entertainment** – Movie night is a go in the grand stand.

**Gates** – Emily will be meeting with Verizon to discuss wireless service to run credit cards. Moose contract still needs signed.

Discussed purchasing radios for fair communications. Twelve radios would be needed just for gates. Determined 24-26 radios would be needed for entire fair team.

**Finance** – Chuck left meeting at 7:31pm while discussion about the property occurred. Rod met with the County Commissioners administrator about creating a payment plan on the 40 acres. Should have a response around first part of April. Cameron has contacted Chief Warren with a timeline of when we would have a decision on property. Chuck returned to the meeting at 7:45pm.

### **Old Business**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade- will have a food truck in the infield instead of the board selling concessions. The parade route may change due to construction. The police chief wants board to change traffic flow so all traffic enters and exists on Northwest Parkway. Board will have a float in the parade displaying Entertainment, Junior Fair and Royalty.

### **New Business**

Rod presented a list of Maintenance projects for 2018. Painting Jr & Sr Fair offices, Roof on Restroom by Sr office, Paint doors and replace trim around garage doors on Burke building and repair bleachers so we are up to code. Health motioned to approve cost of projects and Abby seconded. Motion passed.

Discussed memorial for Tom McNutt. One possibility is to name the Jr Fair office after him. Other thoughts can be addressed to Chuck.

Discussion on Harness Racing Horse Boarding contact. Minor changes were discussed. Changes will be sent to lawyer to make the changes. Cameron motion to approve with changes to the contract, Health seconded. Motion passed.

Discussed having 2 work days to help improve fairgrounds. Rachel will work with Rod to determine best dates.

Gary mentioned he will be meeting with Wesbanco regarding possible new Insurance plan.

Health motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by Rachel Bausch