

Franklin County Agricultural Society Minutes for April 17, 2018 Meeting

President David Fleshman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The following members were present: Chuck Buck, Kathy McNutt, Emily Gabriel, Debbie Johnson, Rachel Bausch, Rita Bausch, Derek Vincent, Gary Fellure, Kevin Wiley, Dan Conkright, Jeff Karn, Andy Rice, Shirley Russell, Abby Bates, David Fleshman, and Denise Buerger. Rod Garnett, Fair Manager and Beth Boomershire, 4-H Educator.

Debbie Johnson led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the January 26, 2018, were reviewed. Kathy McNutt motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Kevin Wiley seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Emily Gabriel motioned to accept the report and send the Annual Report to ODA. Rachel Bausch seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Garnett presented the Fair Manager's Report. There were 27 events during the past four weeks, and the Burke Building is now open for rentals. Bates Brothers has agreed to move the Kids Tent closer to the rides and office. Tents are ordered and will be set up July 6. Twenty-eight camping applications have been received on the website. A public records request for the 2017 demolition derby contract was received and sent. The 501C3 tax exempt designation was sent. County Engineers office located the sanitary sewer in the Burke. Kevin motioned to accept this report and Abby Bates seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Junior Fair – Sponsorships have been received and are lower than last year. The craft show is scheduled for 12/15/2018. The Advisor update is 4/18/2018.

Livestock – The open hog show is moved to Sunday at 5:00 PM. The open lamb show is Sunday at 12:00 PM.

Entertainment – Vets/Special Needs will use therapy horses to ride in with flags for the Monster Truck event. There would like a 5 x5' booth to sell sweatshirts. Woody's Towing will bring in cars for the Monster Truck event and tow cars on the grounds and at the derby. Kevin motioned to blanket approve all zero contracts and Emily seconded. Motion passed.

Contracts – Chuck Buck motioned to approve the following contracts and Dan seconded: Veterinary Contract (\$2500); Karaoke on the Go (\$700); Central Ohio Beekeepers (\$0). Motion passed.

Gates – Emily contacted Verizon for devices and a plan to accept credit cards. They will supply four devices and a flex plan for about \$200.08 per month. The Square device is \$125 per device through Heartland Bank. Abby Bates motioned to accept the plan and Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

Finance/Land – Chuck left the meeting at 8:11 PM while discussion about the property occurred. Some board members met with Norwich Township and Chief Warren. Norwich Township would like to build a storage facility and 78 parking spaces. Part of the agreement would be lifetime use of the lot for fairground activities. A meeting will be arranged with the Franklin County Commissioners to discuss the forty acres. Chuck returned to the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Old Business

Horse barn contract - Gary motioned to accept the proposal for grandfathering in the existing four renters. All new renters will have a five stall minimum for rental. All established rules will be in effect. Rachel seconded. Dan Conkright abstained. Motion passed.

Military Appreciation Day – Chuck and Andy Rice will meet Les Proper and have the Military Veteran’s Resource Center plan the day.

Farm to Table Taste Off – The event will have micro-breweries and restaurants provide samples to fair goers who pay a fee to participate.

4th of July parade – Registration is required or highly encouraged to participate in the parade. Participants will come in and out of Gate 5 and end at Hilliard United Methodist Church.

Finance/Land – Chuck Buck left the meeting at 8:07 PM. Gary, Stan, and Kevin met with Norwich Township. We would like \$290,000 for the property and use of the parking lot. The Township will review and respond in seven days.

New Business

Radios – Kevin received a quote to buy three Motorola radios and get one free for \$249 each. Abby motioned to buy 12 radios and get 4 free for about \$3000. Dan seconded and motion passed.

Cream of the Crop Nominations – due to Kelly

Dan made the motion to adjourn, and Rachel seconded. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Buerger, Secretary