

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 10th, 2015 – Covered Arena - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The August 10th, 2015 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Doug Wildt at 7:00 pm in the Covered Arena at the Fairgrounds.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vic Parker.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present: Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Tom Carr, Susan Baldwin, Amanda Shreve, Steven Benham, Nick Collier, Hope Horton, Vic Parker, Vic Potter, Shirland Redfield.

Secretary's report of the July 20, 2015 minutes was given. Additional information was provided regarding a question raised by Shirland Redfield at the July meeting. Redfield asked in July if purchases by auction buyers were considered tax free. Megan Harvey clarified at this Board meeting that all funds go through CCAIS. Since CCAIS is a 501C(3) organization, payments to CCAIS are considered tax free. Motion was made by Vic Potter, seconded by Jim Olds to file the minutes as presented. Vote was all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Shreve provided the Treasurer's report. Shreve shared the cash in and cash out report. Current funds on hand are \$122,707. She also indicated that the next Finance Committee meeting was being moved to Sept 9 due to the Labor Day holiday. Vic Potter moved to accept and put on record the treasurer's report as presented. Nick Collier seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

None.

New Business:

- 1. ByLaws** – Susan Baldwin provided an update of the work of the ByLaws Committee. She thanked Committee members: Bonnie Rocco, Russ Clutter, Amanda Shreve and Shirland Redfield. A draft of the current proposed revisions was shared with meeting attendees. The Committee is looking for

feedback and comments and will be reviewing the Bylaws for any final suggested changes. Any comments are requested by September 11.

- 2. Fairbook Amendment** – Doug Wildt explained that an issue has come up regarding participation by a youth in another county fair who would also like to show a sheep in the Calhoun County Fair. The youth participated in a cloverbud level show in the other county, where her animal was not eligible for the youth auction. The age limits vary between the counties. The Board is proposing a change in the Fairbook to address this issue. Page 64 of the Calhoun County Fairbook, rule 11, currently reads: “Youth exhibitors will not be allowed to exhibit or show projects or livestock which has been exhibited in another County Fair during the current year.” Rule 12 currently reads: “Youth members who participate in another county fair are not allowed to show the same species/projects at Calhoun County for the current fair season. Any youth participant coming from another county who resides in another county coming to show will not be able to participate in the Youth Livestock Auction(s) as well as championship classes for two years.”

Hope Horton drafted language for the Board to consider to address this issue. The proposed language is: “Rule 11 - Non livestock Youth exhibitors will not be allowed to exhibit or show projects which have been exhibited in another County Fair during the current year. Rule 12 - Youth members who exhibit in a market livestock class in another county fair are not allowed to exhibit, show and/or sell the same market species at the Calhoun County Fair for the current fair season. Any youth participant coming from another county who resides in another county coming to show will not be able to participate in the Youth Livestock Auction(s) as well as championship classes for two years.”

Kathy Fischer noted that showing in Calhoun County may prevent a youth from participating in another fair, depending on their rules.

Vic Potter moved approval of the proposed changes in Rules 11 and 12, Nick Collier seconded. Motion was approved.

- 3. Fair Week Questions** – Doug Wildt asked if there were any last minute questions that had come up about the Fair. No issues were raised.

Events and Committee Reports:

- a. 4H Council – Kathy Fischer reported that 38 kids are participated in the Cloverbuds event. Cornwell’s Adventure was a great success. MSU did a workshop with Sprout Urban Farms to build interest in gardening for urban youth. 772 kids have registered for the Calhoun County Fair. Branch County had a few more kids, there were less than 400 youth participants in Kalamazoo.
- b. FFA Report – no report
- c. Floral Hall Building – John Taylor – reported that the Hall is ready for the fair.
- d. Houston School – Bonnie Rocco – The school is ready and volunteers are set.
- e. Maple Grove Church – Margaret Taylor reported that the Church is ready. Programs are set for Sunday through Thursday. Friday evening there will be a marriage vow renewal ceremony.
- f. Grounds – Phil Smith stated that the new primary electric line is installed and should be energized soon. The new set up is going well.
- g. Marketing Committee – Hope Horton reported that the Fair is being advertised all over the county. She reported on placemat, newspaper and flyer distribution.
- h. Sponsorships – Megan Harvey reported that sponsorships are up to \$106,000 committed – she is still hoping to reach \$108,000. She is looking for a few more Miracle of Life volunteers. Also needs volunteers to pass out Kellogg products on Kids Day. All of the exhibitor spots for Kids Day are full.
- i. Operation Committee – Vic Parker reported that most of the fencing is up. The rain put a hold on things for the day.
- j. Cruise the Fountain – Leslie Parker wanted to thank several people for helping with the Cruise event: Amanda Shreve for entering data, Nick Collier and Tire City for the burnout contest sponsor. Also thanks to Phil Smith, the Taylors and Bud Moe for all of their help. Also thanks to Greg Smith and Shannon Flyn for handling registrations. Net profit was \$15,708.

- k. Fundraisers/Golf Outing – no report
- l. Fair Museum – JoAnne McKeever reported that all volunteers are set.
- m. Five Year/Master Plan – Vic Potter reminded folks that the Master Plan Committee is on hold until after the fair.
- n. Small/Large Animal Committee – Steve Benham reported that the system is all wired up and ready to go for the auctions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

There were no public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Shirland Redfield stated that he would like to see the blacktop fixed for the Relay for Life event. It would be much easier for the event participants to walk on.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Vic Potter, seconded by Nick Collier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary